

Good Friday
The Celebration of the Lord's Passion
The Ministry of the Word

Opening Hymn: There Is A Green Hill Far Away

1 There is a green hill far away,
outside a city wall,
where the dear Lord was crucified,
who died to save us all.

2 We may not know, we cannot tell
what pains He had to bear,
but we believe it was for us
He hung and suffered there.

3 He died that we might be forgiv'n,
He died to make us good,
that we might go at last to heav'n,
saved by His precious blood.

4 O dearly, dearly has He loved,
and we must love Him too,
and trust in His redeeming blood,
and try His works to do.

Celebrant All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned
everyone to his own way,
People **And the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.**

Celebrant Christ the Lord became obedient unto death,

People Even death on a cross.

Celebrant Almighty God,

People: our heavenly Father, we have sinned in thought and word and deed; we have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We pray you of your mercy, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you

Celebrant. Let us pray.

Almighty God, look graciously, we pray, on this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

Proclamation of the Word

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH 52:13-53:12

See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high. Just as there were many who were astonished at him - so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of mortals - so he shall startle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which had not been told them they shall see, and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate. Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account. Surely, he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his

mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the Lord shall prosper. Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

A Reading of Psalm 22

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? * and are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress? O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; by night as well, but I find no rest. Yet you are the Holy One, * enthroned

upon the praises of Israel Our forefathers put their trust in you; * they trusted, and you delivered them. They cried out to you and were delivered; * they trusted in you and were not put to shame. But as for me, I am a worm and no man, * scorned by all and despised by the people. All who see me laugh me to scorn; they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying, "He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him; * let him rescue him, if he delights in him" Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, * and kept me safe upon my mother's breast. I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; * you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb. Be not far from me, for trouble is near, * and there is none to help. Many young bulls encircle me; * strong bulls of Bashan surround me. They open wide their jaws at me, * like a ravening and a roaring lion. I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint; * my heart within my breast is melting wax. My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd; my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; * and you have laid me in the dust of the grave. Packs of dogs close me in, and gangs of evildoers circle around me; * they pierce my hands and my feet; I can count all my bones. They stare and gloat over me; * they divide my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing. Be not far away, O Lord; you are my strength; hasten to help me. Save me from the sword, * my life from the power of the dog. Save me from the lion's mouth, * my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls. I will declare your name to my brethren; * in the midst of the congregation

I will praise you. Praise the Lord, you that fear him; * stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory. For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither does he hide his face from them; * but when they cry to him he hears them. My praise is of him in the great assembly; * I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him. The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: "May your heart live forever!" All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, * and all the families of the nations shall bow before him. For kingship belongs to the Lord; * he rules over the nations. To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; * all who go down to the dust fall before him. My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; * they shall be known as the Lord's forever. They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn * the saving deeds that he has done.

Father, your tortured Son felt abandoned, and cried out in anguish from the cross, yet you delivered him. He overcame the bonds of death and rose in triumph from the grave. Do not hide your face from those who cry out to you: feed the hungry, strengthen the weak, and break the chains of the oppressed, that your people may rejoice in your saving deeds. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

A READING FROM THE LETTER TO THE HEBREWS 10:16-25

"This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds," he also adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn: Were You There

**1. Were you there when they crucified my Lord,
Were you there when they crucified my Lord,
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,
Were You There When They Crucified My Lord.**

2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree,
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree,
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree.

3. Were you there when they pierced him in the side,
Were you there when they pierced him in, the side,
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,
Were you there when they pierced him in the side.

4. Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

5. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb,
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb,
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb.

6. Were you there when he burst the bonds of death,
Were you there when he burst the bonds of death,
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,
Were you there when he burst the bonds of death.

The Gospel Reading - John 19:17-30

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

And carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, 'Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.' Many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, 'Do not write, "The King of the Jews", but, "This man said, I am King of the Jews."' Pilate answered, 'What I have written I have written.' When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. So they said to one another, 'Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it.' This was to fulfil what the scripture says, 'They divided my clothes among themselves and for my clothing they cast lots.' And that is what the soldiers did.

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home. After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfil the scripture), 'I am thirsty.' A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the wine, he said, 'It is finished.' Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Leader: *The Gospel of Christ.*

People: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon

Apostles' Creed:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Lord Jesus, when John the Baptist saw you, he said, "Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." You came to be the perfect sacrifice, to bear our sins in your body on the cross, to give up your life to save us. Jesus, Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
Have mercy on us, and hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, we give thanks for those who each day sacrifice so much for us: family members, those in the armed forces, first responders and so many more. Watch over them, and keep them in your care. Jesus, Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
Have mercy on us, and hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, we pray for those who are suffering through illness, pain or grief. Strengthen those who sacrifice their time to care for others. Give those who suffer and those who care for them the hope and comfort found in the promises of your Word. Open our eyes to see opportunities to serve and care for those in need. Jesus, Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
Have mercy on us, and hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, lead us to sacrifice our time, talents and treasures in service to you through our service to others. Help us to bear the cross and follow your path of sacrifice. Jesus, Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, **Have mercy on us, and hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, as we remember today your sacrifice on the cross, we look forward to Easter morning, when we will rejoice in your triumphant resurrection. Through your sacrificial death we are forgiven. In your resurrection, we have life, now and forever. Jesus, Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, **Have mercy on us, and hear our prayer.**

Amen.

Meditation on the Cross of Jesus

Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by? Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow which was brought upon me, which the Lord inflicted on the day of his fierce anger. **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal one, have mercy upon us.**

O my people, O my Church, What have I done to you, or in what have I offended you? Testify against me. I led you forth from the land of Egypt, and delivered you by the waters of baptism, but you have prepared a cross for your Saviour.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal one, have mercy upon us.

I led you through the desert forty years, and fed you with manna. I brought you through tribulation and penitence, and gave you my body, the bread of heaven, but you have prepared a cross for your Saviour.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal one, have mercy upon us.

What more could I have done for you that I have not done? I planted you, my chosen and fairest vineyard, I made you the branches of my vine; but when I was thirsty, you gave me vinegar to drink, and pierced with a spear the side of your Saviour.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal one, have mercy upon us.

I went before you in a pillar of cloud, and you have led me to the judgement hall of Pilate. I scourged your enemies and brought you to a land of freedom, but you have scourged, mocked, and beaten me. I gave you the water of salvation from the rock, but you have given me gall and left me to thirst.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal one, have mercy upon us.

I gave you a royal scepter, and bestowed the keys to the kingdom, but you have given me a crown of thorns. I raised you on high with great power, but you have hanged me on the cross.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal one, have mercy upon us.

My peace I gave, which the world cannot give, and washed your feet as a sign of my love, but you draw the sword to strike in my name, and seek high places in my kingdom. I offered you my body and blood, but you scatter and deny and abandon me.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal one, have mercy upon us.

I sent the Spirit of truth to guide you, and you close your hearts to the Counsellor. I pray that all may be as one in the Father and me, but you continue to quarrel and divide. I call you to go and bring forth fruit, but you cast lots for my clothing.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal one, have mercy upon us.

I grafted you into the tree of my chosen Israel, and you turned on them with persecution and mass murder. I made you joint heirs with them of my covenants, but you made them scapegoats for your own guilt.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal one, have mercy upon us.

I came to you as the least of your brothers and sisters; I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal one, have mercy upon us.

Offertory Hymn: When I Survey The Wonderous Cross

**1. When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the prince of glory died
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride**

**3. See from his head, his hands his feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown.**

The Holy Communion - Eucharistic Prayer 2 (BAS pg.196-197)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things. By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people. He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence. Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed

over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you." In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me." Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ. All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and forever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Officiant: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

All: God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.

The Blessing is spoken responsively by the pastor and the congregation:

Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all.

Amen.

Closing Hymn: Near The Cross

(1) Jesus keep me near the cross

There a precious fountain

Free to all a healing stream, flows from Calvary's fountain.

Chorus:

In the cross, In the cross be my glory ever,

Till my ransomed soul shall find,

Rest beyond the river.

**(2) Near the cross a trembling soul,
Love and mercy found me
There the bright and morning star, shed its beams around
me**

Chorus:

**In the cross, in the cross be my glory ever,
Till my ransomed soul shall find,
Rest beyond the river.**

**(3) Near the cross, oh lamb of God,
Bring its scenes before me
Help me walk from day to day, with its shadow o're me.**

Chorus:

**In the cross, In the cross be my glory ever,
Till my ransomed soul shall find,
Rest beyond the river.**

The Removal of the Christ Candle takes place to symbolize that our Savior hung in darkness for three God-forsaken hours before he died for the sins of the world.

- **The congregation exits silently.**