



# Good Friday

April 2, 2021 at 10.30 am

## Greeting and Opening Prayer

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

Minister      Christ the Lord became obedient unto death,  
**All              Even death on a cross.**

*Silence*

Minister      Almighty God,  
**All              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.**

## Collect of the Day

Minister      The Lord be with you.

**All              And also with you.**

Minister      Let us pray.

**All              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.**

## The First Reading: Isaiah 52.13-53.12

Reader        A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

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.

Reader            The word of the Lord.

**Response        Thanks be to God.**

**The Passion:** John 18:1-19:42

Sermon

The Rev'd Canon Dr Murray Henderson

### **The Solemn Intercessions**

Leader            Dear people of God, our heavenly Father sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved, that all who believe in him might be delivered from the power of sin and death and become heirs with him of eternal life.

Let us pray for the one holy catholic and apostolic Church of Christ throughout the world:

For its unity in witness and service, for all bishops and other ministers and the people whom they serve, for Andrew and Jenny our bishops, and all the people of this diocese, for all Christians in this community of St. Mary and St. Martha, that the Lord will confirm his Church in faith, increase it in love, and preserve it in peace.

O Saviour of the world, by your cross and precious blood you have redeemed us.

**All                Save us and help us, we humbly beseech you, O Lord.**

Leader            Let us pray for all nations and peoples of the earth, and for those in authority among them:

For Elizabeth our Queen and all the Royal Family, for Justin, the Prime Minister and for the governance of this country, for Doug, the Premier of this province and the members of the legislature, for John, the Mayor of this municipality and those who serve with him on the city council, for all who serve the common good, that by God's help they may seek justice and truth, and live in peace and concord.

O Saviour of the world, by your cross and precious blood you have redeemed us.

**All Save us and help us, we humbly beseech you, O Lord.**

Leader Let us pray for all who suffer and are afflicted in body or in mind: For the hungry and homeless, the destitute and the oppressed, for infants and the elderly, and all who suffer persecution or prejudice, for the sick, the wounded, and the unemployed, for those in loneliness, fear, anguish, and broken relationships, for those who face temptation, doubt and despair, for the sorrowful and grieving, for prisoners and captives, for our Armed Forces, and those in mortal danger, that God in his mercy will comfort and relieve them and grant them the knowledge of his love, and stir up in us the will and patience to minister to their needs.

O Saviour of the world, by your cross and precious blood you have redeemed us.

**All Save us and help us, we humbly beseech you, O Lord.**

Leader Let us pray for all who have not received the gospel of Christ: For all who have not heard the words of salvation, for all who have lost their faith, for all whose sin has made them indifferent to Christ, for all who actively oppose Christ by word or deed, for all who are enemies of the cross of Christ, and persecutors of his disciples, for all who in the name of Christ have persecuted others, that God will open their hearts to the truth, and lead them to faith and obedience.

O Saviour of the world, by your cross and precious blood you have redeemed us.

**All Save us and help us, we humbly beseech you, O Lord.**

Leader Let us commit ourselves to God, and pray for the grace of a holy life, that with all who have departed this life and have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to God alone, we may be counted worthy to enter into the fullness of the joy of our Lord, and receive the crown of life in the day of resurrection.

O Saviour of the world, by your cross and precious blood you have redeemed us.

**All Save us and help us, we humbly beseech you, O Lord.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

Minister 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.**

## **Closing Prayer**

Minister        Send down your abundant blessing, Lord, upon your people who have devoutly recalled the death of your Son in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection. Grant them pardon; bring them comfort. May their faith grow stronger and their eternal salvation be assured. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All                Amen.**

Minister        Christ became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**All                Amen.**

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