

Good Friday



The Liturgy of Good Friday

The sanctuary party enter in silence, all kneel if they are able.

Almighty Father, look with mercy on this your family for which our Lord Jesus Christ was content to be betrayed and given up into the hands of sinners and to suffer death upon the cross; who is alive and glorified with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

Old Testament Reading

A reading from the prophecy 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.

This is the word of the Lord.
All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?

All O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night, but find no rest.

Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

**All In you our ancestors trusted;
 they trusted, and you delivered them.**

To you they cried, and were saved; in you
they trusted, and were not put to shame.

**All But I am a worm, and not human;
 scorned by others, and despised by the
 people.**

All who see me mock at me; they make
mouths at me, they shake their heads;

**All ‘Commit your cause to the Lord; let him
 deliver— let him rescue the one in
 whom he delights!’**

Yet it was you who took me from the
womb; you kept me safe on my mother’s
breast.

**All On you I was cast from my birth, and
 since my mother bore me you have
 been my God.**

Do not be far from me, for trouble is near
and there is no one to help.

**All Many bulls encircle me,
 strong bulls of Bashan surround me;**

they open wide their mouths at me,
like a ravening and roaring lion.

**All I am poured out like water, and all my
bones are out of joint; my heart is like
wax; it is melted within my breast;**

my mouth is dried up like a potsherd,
and my tongue sticks to my jaws;
you lay me in the dust of death.

**All For dogs are all around me; a company
of evildoers encircles me. My hands and
feet have shrivelled;**

I can count all my bones. They stare and
gloat over me;

**All they divide my clothes among
themselves, and for my clothing they
cast lots.**

But you, O Lord, do not be far away!
O my help, come quickly to my aid!

**All Deliver my soul from the sword,
my life from the power of the dog!**

Save me from the mouth of the lion!

From the horns of the wild oxen you have rescued me.

All I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:

You who fear the Lord, praise him!
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;
stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

All For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him.

From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him

All The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord. May your hearts live for ever!

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

**All For dominion belongs to the Lord,
and he rules over the nations.**

To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.

**All Posterity will serve him; future
generations will be told about the Lord,**

and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.

New Testament Reading

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him,

This my sisters and brothers is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John.

After Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to a place where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples. So Judas brought a detachment of soldiers together with police from the chief priests and the Pharisees, and they came there with lanterns and torches and weapons. Then

Jesus, knowing all that was to happen to him,
came forward and asked them,

Jesus: 'For whom are you looking?'

All 'Jesus of Nazareth.'

Jesus: 'I am he.'

Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with
them. When Jesus said to them, 'I am he',
they stepped back and fell to the ground.
Again he asked them,

Jesus: 'For whom are you looking?'

And they said,

All 'Jesus of Nazareth.'

Jesus answered,

*Jesus: 'I told you that I am he. So if you are
looking for me, let these men go.'*

This was to fulfil the word that he had
spoken, 'I did not lose a single one of those
whom you gave me.' Then Simon Peter, who
had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest's
slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave's
name was Malchus. Jesus said to Peter,

Jesus: 'Put your sword back into its sheath. Am I not to drink the cup that the Father has given me?'

So the soldiers, their officer, and the Jewish police arrested Jesus and bound him. First they took him to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was better to have one person die for the people. Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, but Peter was standing outside at the gate. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in. The woman said to Peter,

Woman: 'You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?'

He said,

Peter: 'I am not.'

Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing round it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and warming himself. Then the high

priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching. Jesus answered,

Jesus: 'I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. Why do you ask me? Ask those who heard what I said to them; they know what I said.'

When he had said this, one of the police standing nearby struck Jesus on the face, saying,

Police: 'Is that how you answer the high priest?'

Jesus answered,

Jesus: 'If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong. But if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?'

Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest. Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They asked him,

All 'You are not also one of his disciples, are you?'

He denied it and said,

Peter: 'I am not.'

One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked,

Slave: 'Did I not see you in the garden with him?'

Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed. Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate's headquarters. It was early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the headquarters, so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the Passover. So Pilate went out to them and said,

Pilate: 'What accusation do you bring against this man?'

They answered,

All **'If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you.'**

Pilate said to them,

Pilate: 'Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law.'

The Jews replied,

All **'We are not permitted to put anyone to death.'**

(This was to fulfil what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.) Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him,

Pilate: 'Are you the King of the Jews?'

Jesus answered,

Jesus: 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?'

Pilate replied,

Pilate: 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?'

Jesus answered,

Jesus: 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.'

Pilate asked him,

Pilate: 'So you are a king?'

Jesus answered,

Jesus: 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

Pilate asked him,

Pilate: 'What is truth?'

After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them,

Pilate: 'I find no case against him. But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover. Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?'

They shouted in reply,

All 'Not this man, but Barabbas!'

Now Barabbas was a bandit. Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. They kept coming up to him, saying,

All 'Hail, King of the Jews!'

and striking him on the face. Pilate went out again and said to them,

Pilate: 'Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him.'

So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them,

Pilate: 'Here is the man!'

When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted,

All 'Crucify him! Crucify him!'

Pilate said to them,

Pilate: 'Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him.'

The Jews answered him,

All: 'We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God.'

Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus,

Pilate: 'Where are you from?'

But Jesus gave him no answer. Pilate therefore said to him,

Pilate: ‘Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?’

Jesus answered him,

Jesus: ‘You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin.’

From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the Jews cried out,

All ‘If you release this man, you are no friend of the emperor. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against the emperor.’

When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat on the judge’s bench at a place called The Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew Gabbatha. Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. He said to the Jews,

Pilate: ‘Here is your King!’

They cried out,

All ‘Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!’

Pilate asked them,

Pilate: ‘Shall I crucify your King?’

The chief priests answered,

All ‘We have no king but the emperor.’

Then he handed him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus; 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,

All ‘Do not write, “The King of the Jews”, but, “This man said, I am King of the Jews.” ’

Pilate answered,

Pilate: '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,

All '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,

Jesus: 'Woman, here is your son.'

Then he said to the disciple,

Jesus: '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),

Jesus: '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,

Jesus: 'It is finished.'

Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

All kneel if able, for silence, then stand.

This is the Passion of the Lord.

Sermon

The Proclamation of the Cross

This is the wood of the cross,
on which hung the Saviour of the world.

All Come, let us worship.

All are invited to make an act of devotion by touching the Cross or image of Christ on the cross.

Solemn Intercessions

All kneel if able.

God sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Therefore we pray to our heavenly Father for people everywhere according to their needs.

Let us pray for the Church of God throughout the world: for unity in faith, in witness and in service, for bishops and other Intercessors, and those whom they serve, for Sarah and Joanne, our bishops, and the people of this diocese, for all Christians in this place, for those to be baptised, for those who are mocked and persecuted for their faith, that God will confirm his Church in faith, increase it in love, and preserve it in peace. Lord, hear us.
All Lord, graciously hear us.

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

All Amen.

Let us pray for the nations of the world and their leaders: for Elizabeth our Queen and the Parliaments of this land, for those who adIntercessor the law and all who serve in public office, for all who strive for justice and reconciliation, that by God's help the world may live in peace and freedom. Lord, hear us.
All Lord, graciously hear us.

Most gracious God and Father, in whose will is our peace, turn our hearts and the hearts of all to yourself, that by the power of your Spirit the peace which is founded on justice may be established throughout the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Let us pray for God's ancient people, the Jews, the first to hear his word: for greater understanding between Christian and Jew, for the removal of our blindness and bitterness of heart, that God will grant us grace to be faithful to his covenant and to grow in the love of his name. Lord, hear us.
All Lord, graciously hear us.

Lord God of Abraham, bless the children of your covenant, both Jew and Christian; take from us all blindness and bitterness of heart, and hasten the coming of your kingdom, when the Gentiles shall be gathered in, all Israel shall be saved, and we shall dwell together in mutual love and peace under the one God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All Amen.

Let us pray for those who do not believe the gospel of Christ: for those who have not heard the message of salvation, for all who have lost faith, for the contemptuous and scornful, for those who are enemies of Christ and persecute those who follow him, for all who deny the faith of Christ crucified, that God will open their hearts to the truth and lead them to faith and obedience. Lord, hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

Merciful God, creator of all the people of the earth, have compassion on all who do not know you, and by the preaching of your gospel with grace and power, gather them into the one fold of the one Shepherd; Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Let us pray for all those who suffer: for those who are deprived and oppressed, for all who are sick, for those in darkness, in doubt and in despair, in loneliness and in fear, for prisoners, captives and refugees, for the victims of false accusations and violence, for all at the point of death and those who watch beside them, that God in his mercy will sustain them with the knowledge of his love. Lord, hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

Almighty and everlasting God, the comfort of the sad, the strength of those who suffer: hear the prayers of your children who cry out of any trouble, and to every distressed soul grant mercy, relief and refreshment, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Let us commend ourselves and all God's children to his unfailing love, and pray for the grace of a holy life, that, with all who have died in the peace of Christ, we may come to the fullness of eternal life and the joy of the resurrection. Lord, hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light, look favourably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery, and by the tranquil operation of your perpetual providence carry out the work of our salvation: and let the whole world feel and see that things which were cast down are being raised up and things which had grown old are being made new and that all things are returning to perfection through him from whom they took their origin, even Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

The Sacrament is carried from the altar of repose.

Lord's Prayer

Standing at the foot of the cross, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but

**deliver us from evil. For the kingdom,
the power, and the glory are yours now
and for ever. Amen.**

Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away
the sin of the world. Blessed are those
who are called to his supper.

**All Lord, I am not worth to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be
healed.**

*All who receive Communion in their home churches
are welcome to receive Communion. If you would like
to come forward for a blessing, please bring your
service sheet with you to the altar.*

Concluding Gospel (John 19.31 - 42)

Sung to the medieval 'Planctus' tone of lament.

The Jews therefore, because it was the
preparation, that the bodies should not remain
upon the cross on the sabbath day, (for that
sabbath day was an high day,) besought Pilate
that their legs might be broken, and that they
might be taken away. Then came the soldiers,
and brake the legs of the first, and of the
other which was crucified with him.

But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs: But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water. And he that saw it bare record, and his record is true: and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might believe. For these things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken. And again another scripture saith, They shall look on him whom they pierced. And after this Joseph of Arimathaea, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, besought Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus: and Pilate gave him leave. He came therefore, and took the body of Jesus. And there came also Nicodemus, which at the first came to Jesus by night, and brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about an hundred pound weight. Then took they the body of Jesus, and wound it in linen clothes with the spices, as the manner of the Jews is to bury. Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden; and in the garden a new sepulchre, wherein was never man yet laid. There laid they Jesus therefore because of the Jews' preparation day; for the sepulchre was nigh at hand.

All depart in silence.

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Holy Saturday

3pm Children's Service with Easter egg hunt

7.30pm Easter Vigil with Fizz Reception

Easter Day

10am Mass of Easter Day

Morning and Evening Prayer

Monday - Wednesday and Friday 8.30am and 5.30pm

20 minutes to pause and reflect at the start and end of the day.

Parish Eucharist

(with Noisy Church or children's area every Sunday)

Sundays at 10am