



The Anglican Church of
St John the Divine



Good Friday Liturgy

As people of God, we celebrate Christ in the heart of Victoria through joyful worship, building inclusive community, and putting faith into action.

St. John's acknowledges these ancestral lands
of the Lekwungen speaking people.

We are an inclusive and affirming parish; the sacraments of the church (baptism, communion and marriage) are available to all people on equal terms. Christ welcomes you, and so do we.

GOOD FRIDAY

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION

You are invited to join in the hymns, responses and prayers marked in **bold** print.

Presider: The Venerable Alastair McCollum

Deacon: The Reverend Patrick Sibley

Passion: Felix Butterfield, Kyla Fradette (MacRae Choral Scholars),
David Stratkauskas

Readers: Michael King, Karen Coverett

THE GATHERING

God is with you
All **And also with you**

The Coming – a poem by RS Thomas

And God held in his hand
A small globe. Look he said.
The son looked. Far off,
As through water, he saw
A scorched land of fierce
Colour. The light burned
There; crusted buildings
Cast their shadows: a bright
Serpent, A river
Uncoiled itself, radiant
With slime.

On a bare
Hill a bare tree saddened
The sky. many People
Held out their thin arms
To it, as though waiting
For a vanished April

To return to its crossed
Boughs. The son watched
Them. Let me go there, he said.

The Collect of the Day

Let us hold this moment open to the Spirit of God

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.

All **Amen**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Psalm

Psalm 22.1-17

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 potsherd; 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.

The Passion Reading

John 18 & 19

If you wish to follow along with the Passion Reading, the full text is available online: <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+18-19&version=NRSV>

Silence

THE MEDITATION ON THE CROSS OF JESUS

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

All **Come let us worship.**

Christ our Lord became obedient unto death.

All **Come let us worship.**

Anthems

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

All **We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, Because by your holy cross
you have redeemed the world.**

If we have died with him, we shall also live with him; if we endure, we
shall also reign with him.

All **We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, because by your holy cross
you have redeemed the world.**

INTERCESSION

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 church

That it may remain faithful, humble, and gracious
May it seek to welcome all, and to be a succour for the needy
A challenge to the powerful
And a community for all people.
May the life of Christ so fill your Church
That we may be known as people of faith, hope and love.

Silence

For nations and peoples of the earth,
and for those in authority among them:
for Elizabeth our Queen and all the Royal Family,
for our Prime Minister
and for the parliament of this country,
for the Premier of this province
and the members of the legislature,
for the mayors of our municipalities
and those who serve with them
on municipal councils,
for all who serve the common good,
particularly at this time of crisis and isolation
that by God's help
all may seek justice and truth,
the wellbeing of friends and neighbours
and live in peace and concord.

Silence

For those who are suffering,
The sick, anxious, afraid and lonely

The hungry, homeless, mentally ill,
And those suffering from substance difficulties
For those who are seeking to help the needy
And offering health and essential services.
That in the suffering of Christ
The may see and know a God
Who is alongside them in all adversity

All these prayers we offer in the name of the one who suffered and died
for love of all humanity.

All **Amen.**

All As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,
**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.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

All May Christ keep us steadfast in faith
Thanks be to God