



**April 2, 2021, 1pm**

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# **GOOD FRIDAY**

**Church of St. John the Divine**

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**St. John's acknowledges these ancestral lands of the  
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As people of God, we celebrate Christ in the heart of Victoria through joyful worship,  
building inclusive community, and putting faith into action.

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.

**Assisting with today's Liturgy**

**Officiants:** The Ven. Alastair Singh-McCollum and the Rev'd Patrick Sibley

**Music:** Choral and Organ Scholars of the Church of St. John the Divine

**Videographer:** Karen Coverett

## Good Friday

Am I a stone, and not a sheep,  
That I can stand, O Christ, beneath Thy cross,  
To number drop by drop Thy blood's slow loss,  
And yet not weep?

Not so those women loved  
Who with exceeding grief lamented Thee;  
Not so fallen Peter, weeping bitterly;  
Not so the thief was moved;

Not so the Sun and Moon  
Which hid their faces in a starless sky,  
A horror of great darkness at broad noon –  
I, only I.

Yet give not o'er,  
But seek Thy sheep, true Shepherd of the flock;  
Greater than Moses, turn and look once more  
And smite a rock.

*Christina Rossetti (1830-1894)*

# ORDER OF SERVICE

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## The Gathering

*Please stand as the ministers enter in silence.*

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.**

Christ the Lord became obedient unto death,

**All: Even death on a cross.**

*Silence is kept*

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 for 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

The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O Holy and Immortal One,  
hear us as we pray through Jesus, our high priest:  
heal all our divisions,  
reconcile all who are estranged,  
console all who suffer,  
and finally raise up to new life  
all that is bound by death.

**All: Amen.**

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# The Liturgy of the Word

## First Reading

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.

*No response is made. Silence is kept.*

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.

*A Note: The term "The Jews" in John's Gospel applies to particular individuals and not to the whole Jewish people. Insofar as we ourselves turn against Christ, we are responsible for his death.*

*Please remain seated for the first part of the Passion.*

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

At that time: 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, 'Whom are you looking for?' They answered, 'Jesus of Nazareth.' Jesus replied, '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, 'Whom are you looking for?' And they said, 'Jesus of Nazareth.' Jesus answered, '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, '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, 'You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?' He said, '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, '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, 'Is that how you answer the high priest?' Jesus answered, '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, 'You are not also one of his disciples, are you?' He denied it and said, 'I am not.' One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, '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, 'What accusation do you bring against this man?' They answered, 'If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you.' Pilate said to them, 'Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law.' The Jews replied, '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, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' Pilate replied, '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, '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, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, '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, 'What is truth?'

After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them, '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, '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, 'Hail, King of the Jews!' and striking him on the face. Pilate went out again and said to them, '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, 'Here is the man!' When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted, 'Crucify him! Crucify him!' Pilate said to them, 'Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him.' The Jews answered him, '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, 'Where are you from?' But Jesus gave him no answer. Pilate therefore said to him, '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, '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, '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, 'Here is your King!' They cried out, 'Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!' Pilate asked them, 'Shall I crucify your King?' The chief priests answered, 'We have no king but the emperor.' Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

*Please stand*

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, '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 Cleopas, 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.

*Please kneel or sit.*

Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the cross during the Sabbath, especially because that Sabbath was a day of great solemnity. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men broken and the bodies removed. Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. (He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth.) These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, 'None of his bones shall be broken.' And again another passage of scripture says, 'They will look on the one whom they have pierced.'

After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body. Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

*No response is made. Silence is kept.*

## Hymn (NEH 90)

PASSION CHORALE



**1. O sacred head, sore wounded,  
defiled and put to scorn;  
O kingly head surrounded  
with mocking crown of thorn:  
What sorrow mars thy grandeur?  
Can death thy bloom deflower?  
O countenance whose splendour  
the hosts of heaven adore!**

**2. In thy most bitter passion  
my heart to share doth cry,  
with thee for my salvation  
upon the cross to die.  
Ah, keep my heart thus movèd  
to stand thy cross beneath,  
to mourn thee, well-beloved,  
yet thank thee for thy death.**

**3. My days are few, O fail not,  
with thine immortal power,  
to hold me that I quail not  
in death's most fearful hour;  
that I may fight befriended,  
and see in my last strife  
to me thine arms extended  
upon the cross of life.**

Text: Paul Gerhardt (1607-1676), from a 14<sup>th</sup> century Latin hymn.  
Tr. Robert Bridges (1844-1930).

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# The Solemn Intercession

*Please kneel or stand*

Dear people of God,

our loving creator sent the 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 Anna our bishop,  
and all of the people of this diocese,  
for all in this community,  
that the Lord will confirm their Church in faith,  
increase it in love,  
and preserve it in peace.

*Silence*

Almighty and everlasting God,  
by your Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified.  
Receive our supplications and prayers  
which we offer before you  
for all members of your holy Church,  
that in our vocation and ministry  
we may truly and devoutly serve you;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

**All: Amen.**

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 government of this country,  
for John the premier of this province  
and the members of the legislature,

for Lisa the mayor of this municipality  
and those who serve with her on the city council,  
for all who serve the common good,  
particularly in this time of pandemic  
that by God's help  
they may seek justice and truth,  
and live in peace and concord.

*Silence*

Almighty God,  
kindle we pray, in every heart  
the true love of peace,  
and guide with your wisdom  
those who take counsel for the nations of the earth,  
that justice and peace may increase,  
until the earth is filled  
with the knowledge of your love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

Let us pray for all who suffer  
and are afflicted in body or in mind:  
for those who are hungry and homeless,  
those who are destitute and oppressed,  
and for all who suffer persecution or prejudice,  
for those who are sick, wounded, or of different abilities,  
for those in loneliness, fear, and anguish,  
for those who face temptation, doubt, and despair,  
for those who are sorrowful and bereaved,  
for prisoners and captives  
and those in mortal danger,  
for those who are bearing the weight of pandemic,  
and who risk themselves to care for others,  
frontline workers, essential staff, first responders,  
and staff in medical facilities and long-term care,  
that God will, in mercy, strengthen, comfort and relieve them,  
and grant them the knowledge of God's love,  
and stir up in us the will and patience  
to minister to their needs.

*Silence*

Gracious God,  
the comfort of all who sorrow,  
the strength of all who suffer,  
hear the cry of those in misery and need.

In their afflictions show them your mercy,  
and give us, we pray, the strength to serve them,  
for the sake of him who suffered for us,  
your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

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 accounted worthy  
to enter into the fullness of the joy of our Lord,  
and receive the crown of life in the day of resurrection.

*Silence*

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light,  
look favourably on your whole Church,  
that wonderful and sacred mystery.  
By the effectual working of your providence,  
carry out in tranquillity the plan of salvation.  
Let the whole world see and know  
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 being brought to their perfection  
by him through whom all things were made,  
your Son Jesus Christ our Lord;  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

**All: Amen.**

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# The Meditation on the Cross of Jesus

*A wooden cross is carried into the church.*

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.**

*The choir sings the anthem (Book of Alternative Services, p. 317), in the Latin setting by Thomas Tallis (1505-85).*

O Saviour of the world, by your cross and precious blood you have redeemed us.  
Save us and help us, we humbly beseech you, O Lord.

*Salvator mundi, salva nos, qui per crucem et sanguinem redemisti nos,  
auxiliare nobis, te deprecamur, Deus noster.*

*At the conclusion of the meditation, the following anthem (Book of Alternative Services p. 316) may also be said:*

We adore you, O Christ,

**All: and we bless you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

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

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

**Hymn** (CP 386)

ROCKINGHAM

**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.  
**2** Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast  
save in the death of Christ, my God!  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them through his blood.

**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?  
**4** Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were a present far too small.  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.

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## The Conclusion

As our Saviour taught us, let us 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.  
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.**

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.

*The service ends in silence*

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## **Easter Sunday, April 3rd**

**10:00 am – Easter Eucharist**

*A Service of Eucharist, gathering on Zoom, and also live-streamed at [stjohnthedivine.bc.ca/live](http://stjohnthedivine.bc.ca/live), including the lighting of our Paschal Candle and the Renewal of our Baptismal Covenant.*

*Presider: The Ven. Alastair Singh-McCollum. Preacher: Stephanie Wood.*

*Music: Members of the Choristers of St John*

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