

A NOTE ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

The church is bare, stripped of its ornaments. The apparent desolation of Calvary is brought home to us, not only by the appearance of the church, but also by the austerity of the Good Friday liturgy. Please don't feel that you have to pretend that Jesus is "dead." Jesus lives – one of the prime reasons that we receive Holy Communion on this day – and Easter is only hours away. Today we see Christ choosing the way of perfect and selfgiving love as we read the Passion according to St. John. Christ reigns on the cross, as we see when the cross is unveiled by the priest.

It is at this point that we are all invited to come to the communion rail and kneel for a moment at the foot of the cross. There you are invited to make a silent but active response to God's love for you. The reserved sacrament, consecrated bread and wine from last night's Eucharist, the Eucharist of the Upper Room, is brought to the altar. You may receive Holy Communion and realize that even death cannot separate us from the love and presence of God in the living Christ. And now we wait for the liturgy of Easter Eve when tomorrow night a light will break into the darkness and we will hear the most startling news – the news that became central in our Salvation History: "He is risen." It's a great time for people to come together and enjoy what we might call a "victory party" – a victory won by God in Christ.

GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 18TH 2025 11:00 A.M.

Today as we observe the crucifixion of Christ, a prayerful silence is appropriate. You are asked to keep this silence as you enter via zoom service.

Also, in keeping with the prayerful and solemn tone of the day, page numbers <u>will not</u> be announced. Please refer to this bulletin in following the Order of Service.

The service begins on Page 308 of the Book of Alternative Services (Green Prayer Book)

Procession in silence

(Please stand)

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

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Officiant:	All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way,
People:	And the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.
Officiant: People:	Christ the Lord became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.
	Silence may be kept
Officiant: All:	Almighty God, 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

Officiant:	The Lord be with you.
People:	And also with you.

Officiant: People:	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
	who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

(Please be seated)

1st Reading: Isaiah 52:13-53:12

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.All:Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22



Cantor: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? All: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

- Cantor: 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.
 - All: My God, my God why have you forsaken me?
- Cantor: 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: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
- Cantor: 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.

All: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Cantor: 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.

All: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Cantor: 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 evildoer's 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.

All: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Cantor: 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.

All: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Cantor: 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 for ever!"

All: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Cantor: 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.
All: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Cantor: My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him;

they shall be known as the Lord's for ever. They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn the saving deeds that he has done.

All: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

2nd Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

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.

Reader:The word of the Lord.All:Thanks be to God.

The reading of the Passion: John 18:1-19:42

(Please remain seated until the verse which announces Jesus' arrival at Golgotha – at which time please stand) **Note:** The customary Gospel responses are omitted at the Reading of the Passion.

Homily: Fr. Andrew Kaye

THE SOLEMN INTERCESSION

Officiant: 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.

(Please kneel or sit)

Let us pray for the holy catholic Church of Christ throughout the world; For all those who meet in homes on these holy days, For those isolated due to illness or age, that all your people might be one.

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. Amen. Let us pray for all nations and peoples of the earth, and for those to whom their care is entrusted; 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. **Amen.**

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, and all who suffer persecution or prejudice, for the sick, the wounded, and the handicapped, for those in loneliness, fear, and anguish, for those who face temptation, doubt, and despair, for the sorrowful and bereaved, for prisoners and captives 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.

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. **Amen.** 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.

Silence

Merciful God,

creator of the peoples of the earth and lover of souls, have compassion on all who do not know you as you are revealed in your Son Jesus Christ. Let your gospel be preached with grace and power to those who have not heard it, turn the hearts of those who resist it, and bring home to your fold those who have gone astray; that there may be one flock under one shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.

MEDITATION ON THE CROSS OF JESUS

Officiant:Let us kneel before the wood of the cross,
on which hung the Saviour of the world.People:Come let us worship.

During the hymn, a wooden cross is carried to the front. Worshippers are invited to kneel or sit prayerfully before the Cross.

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Officiant:	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,		
All:	which the Lord inflicted on the day of his fierce anger. Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one, have mercy upon us.		
Officiant:	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,		

All:	and delivered you by the waters of baptism, but you have prepared a cross for your Saviour. Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one, have mercy upon us.
Officiant:	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.
All:	Holy God, holy and mighty,
(CP 688)	holy immortal one, have mercy upon us.
Officiant:	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 immortal one, have mercy upon us.
Officiant:	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.
All:	Holy God, holy and mighty,
	Holy immortal one, have mercy upon us.
Officiant:	l gave you a royal sceptre,
	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.
	but you have hanged the off the closs.

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

Officiant: 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.

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

- Officiant: 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.
 - All: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one, have mercy upon us.
- Officiant: 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.
 - All: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one, have mercy upon us.
- Officiant: 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.
 - All: Holy God, holy and mighty, Holy immortal one, have mercy upon us.

- Officiant: We glory in your cross, O Lord,
 - All: And praise and glorify your holy resurrection; for by virtue of your cross joy has come to the whole world.
- Officiant: May God be merciful to us and bless us, show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
 - All: Let your ways be known upon the earth, your saving health among all nations.
- Officiant: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
 - All: We glory in your cross, O Lord, and praise and glorify your holy resurrection; for by virtue of your cross joy has come to the whole world.

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- All: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.
- Officiant:: 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.
- Officiant: 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. Silence is kept

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Hymn: Were You There

CP 192 (v1-3)

The Lord's Prayer

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

Agnus Dei

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Officiant:The gifts of God for the People of GodAll:Thanks to be God.

ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Communion Hymn: O Sacred Head, Surrounded

CP 198 (Please stand)

Prayer after Communion

Almighty and eternal God, you have restored us to life by the triumphant of death and resurrection of Christ. Continue this healing work within us. May we who partake of this mystery never cease to give you dedicated service. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Closing prayer:

Officiant: 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.

After the Priest has left, the community is invited to sit in silence and leave the church building in silence.

Participants in the liturgy:

Readers:	Marsene Maloney
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Intercessor:

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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, APRIL $19^{TH} - 7:00$ p.m.

Easter Vigil – Lighting of the new fire and the re-dressing of the altar and Holy Eucharist *Remember to bring your bells

SUNDAY, APRIL 20[™] - 10:00 A.M. Easter Sunday!



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PARISH PURPOSE

We are a united and renewed Christian community where each is respected, and all are encouraged to lovingly share their gifts, both with one another and with the larger world in which we serve. The community centres itself on biblical teaching, prayer and the ministry of healing. It stresses lay involvement and the family, and open communication.