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Good Friday: A Service of Song, Word and Prayer

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*Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. It is through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed as the people of God. One of the glories of the Anglican Church of Canada is its liturgical worship. Liturgy refers to the patterns, forms, words, and actions through which public worship is conducted.*

We are an affirming church, and we offer a warm welcome to people of all walks of life. This is a safe space for everyone as we are all created in the image of God.

We gratefully acknowledge that we are in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq people.

**Introit** *Go to Dark Gethsemane CP 190*

### **The Celebration of the Lord's Passion**

#### **The Ministry of the Word**

*When the congregation has assembled and the ministers, having entered in silence, are in their places, all shall stand.*

*Celebrant*     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.**

*Celebrant*     Christ the Lord became obedient unto death,

*People*            **Even death on a cross.**

## THE COLLECT

*Almighty God, look with loving mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.*

Opening Hymn: *O Sacred Head, Surrounded* CP 598

**FIRST READING:** Isaiah 52:13--53:12

## PSALM 22

Response (R) is: **My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**

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

**My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer; by night, but I find no rest.**

Yet you are the Holy One, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

**Our ancestors put their trust in you, they trusted, and you rescued them. R**

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 not human, scorned by all and despised by the people.**

All who see me laugh me to scorn; they curl their lips; they shake their heads.

**“Trust in the LORD; let the LORD deliver; let God rescue him if God so delights in him.” R**

Yet you are the one who drew me forth from the womb, and kept me safe on 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 no one to help.

**Many young bulls encircle me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me. R**

They open wide their jaws at me, like a slashing and roaring lion.

**I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint; my heart within my breast is melting wax.**

My strength is dried up like a potsherd; my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; and you have laid me in the dust of death.

**Packs of dogs close me in, a band of evildoers circles round me; they pierce my hands and my feet. R**

I can count all my bones while they stare at me and gloat.

**They divide my garments among them; for my clothing, they cast lots.**

But you, O LORD, be not far away; O my help, hasten to my aid.

**Deliver me from the sword, my life from the power of the dog.**

Save me from the lion's mouth! From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.

**I will declare your name to my people; in the midst of the assembly I will praise you. R**

You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory. Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel.

**For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD's face hidden from them; but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.**

From you comes my praise in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

**The poor shall eat and be satisfied, Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!**

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of nations shall bow before God.

**For dominion belongs to the LORD, who rules over the nations. R**

Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.

**Their descendants shall serve the LORD, whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.**

They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying to them, "The LORD has acted!" **R**

**SECOND READING:** Hebrews 10:16-25

Hymn: O Dearest Lord CP 197

A Dramatic Reading of the Holy Gospel according to John 18:1--19:42

*Silence for prayer and reflection follows the reading.*

## **BIDDING PRAYER**

Let us pray, dear friends, for the holy church throughout the world.

**The Sermon** The Rev. Kyle Wagner, Rector

*Silent prayer.*

Almighty and eternal God,  
you have shown your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ.  
By your Holy Spirit guide the church  
and gather it throughout the world.  
Help it to persevere in faith, proclaim your name,  
and bring the good news of salvation in Christ to all people.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for *Archbishop Justin Welby, Archbishop Fred Hiltz our Primate, Archbishop Ron Cutler our Diocesan and Metropolitan*, our bishops, and all servants of the church,  
and for all the people of God.

*Silent prayer.*

Almighty and eternal God,  
your Spirit guides the church and makes it holy.  
Strengthen and uphold our bishops, pastors,  
other ministers, and lay leaders.  
Keep them in health and safety for the good of the church,  
and help each of us in our various vocations  
to do faithfully the work to which you have called us.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for those preparing for baptism.

*Silent prayer.*

Almighty and eternal God, you continue to bless the church.  
Increase the faith and understanding of those preparing for baptism. Give them new birth as your children and keep them in the faith and communion of your holy church.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for our sisters and brothers who share our faith in Jesus Christ.

*Silent prayer.*

Almighty and eternal God, you give your church unity.  
Look with favor on all who follow Jesus your Son.  
Make all the baptized one in the fullness of faith,  
and keep us united in the fellowship of love.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ.

*Silent prayer.*

Almighty and eternal God, gather into your embrace  
all those who call out to you under different names.  
Bring an end to inter-religious strife,  
and make us more faithful witnesses  
of the love made known to us in your Son.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for those who do not believe in God.

*Silent prayer.*

Almighty and eternal God, you created humanity  
so that all may long to know you and find peace in you.  
Grant that all may recognize the signs of your love and grace  
in the world and in the lives of Christians,  
and gladly acknowledge you as the one true God.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for God's creation.

*Silent prayer.*

Almighty and eternal God,

you are the creator of a magnificent universe.

Hold all the worlds in the arms of your care  
and bring all things to fulfillment in you.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for those who serve in public office.

*Silent prayer.*

Almighty and eternal God,

you are the champion of the poor and oppressed.

In your goodness, give wisdom to those in authority,  
so that all people may enjoy justice, peace, freedom,  
and a share in the goodness of your creation.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for those in need.

*Silent prayer.*

Almighty and eternal God,

you give strength to the weary

and new courage to those who have lost heart.

Heal the sick, comfort the dying, give safety to travelers,  
free those unjustly deprived of liberty,

and deliver your world from falsehood, hunger, and disease.

Hear the prayers of all who call on you in any trouble,

that they may have the joy of receiving your help in their need.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask.

*All pray the Lord's Prayer.*

**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,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

Hymn: There is a Green Hill: CP 202

## **PROCESSION OF THE CROSS**

*A large cross is carried in procession through the church and placed before the assembly. The assembly stands and faces the cross as it is brought forward.*

*The following dialogue is said as the procession begins, the assembly echoing the leader.*

<i>Minister</i>	Behold the life-giving cross, on which was hung the Savior of the whole world.
<i>People</i>	<b>Oh, come, let us worship him.</b>

*The dialogue is said a second time at the midpoint of the procession.*

Minister Behold the life-giving cross, on which was hung the Savior of the whole world.

People **Oh, come, let us worship him.**

*The dialogue is said a third time at the end of the procession.*

Minister Behold the life-giving cross, on which was hung the Savior of the whole world.

People **Oh, come, let us worship him.**

*The assembly may be seated.*

*During this time, or at the end of the service, worshipers may come to the large cross to make a sign of reverence. Reverencing the cross may include actions such as pausing before the cross, bowing, kneeling before it for prayer, or touching it.*

Minister O my people, O my church, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me. I led you out of slavery into freedom, and delivered you through the waters of rebirth, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

People **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
have mercy on us.**

Minister O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. Forty years I led you through the desert, feeding you with manna on the way; I saved you from the time of trial and gave you my body, the bread of heaven, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

People **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
have mercy on us.**

*Minister* O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?  
Answer me. I led you on your way in a pillar of cloud and fire, but you led me to the judgment hall of Pilate; I guided you by the light of the Holy Spirit, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

*People* **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
have mercy on us.**

*Minister* O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?  
Answer me. I planted you as my fairest vineyard, but you brought forth bitter fruit; I made you branches of the vine and never left your side, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

*People* **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
have mercy on us.**

*Minister* O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?  
Answer me. I poured out saving water from the rock, but you gave me vinegar to drink; I poured out my life and gave you the new covenant in my blood, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

*People* **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
have mercy on us.**

*Minister* O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?  
Answer me. I gave you a royal scepter, but you gave me a crown of thorns; I gave you the kingdom and crowned you with eternal life, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

*People* **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
have mercy on us.**

*Minister* O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?  
Answer me. I struck down your enemies, but you struck my head with a

reed; I gave you my peace, but you draw the sword in my name, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

*People*           **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
have mercy on us.**

*Minister*       O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?  
Answer me. I opened the waters to lead you to the promised land, but  
you opened my side with a spear; I washed your feet as a sign of my  
love, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

*People*           **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
have mercy on us.**

*Minister*       O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?  
Answer me. I lifted you up to the heights, but you lifted me high on a  
cross; I raised you from death and prepared for you the tree of life, but  
you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

*People*           **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
have mercy on us.**

*Minister*       O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?  
Answer me. I grafted you into my people Israel, but you made them  
scapegoats for your own guilt, and you have prepared a cross for your  
Savior.

*People*           **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
have mercy on us.**

*Minister*       O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?  
Answer me. I came to you in the least of your brothers and sisters, but I  
was hungry and you gave me no food, thirsty and you gave me no  
drink, 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, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

*People*            **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
have mercy on us.**

*After a brief silence, the presiding minister continues.*

*Minister*            We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

*People*            **By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

**Solo:** Were You There? – John MacDonald

*All depart in silence. Or stay for further reflection.*

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