

GOOD FRIDAY
CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION
Friday, March 29, 2024

Presider The Right Reverend Dr. Susan Bell
Preacher The Very Reverend Dr. Tim Dobbin

Please sit or kneel in silence for prayer or meditation until the service begins. Please stand as clergy enter.

The Ministry of the Word

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way,
And the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Christ the Lord became obedient unto death,
Even death on a cross.

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

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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 and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.
Amen.

Choir Be not far from me, for trouble **is** near, *
and there is none to **help**.

All Many young bulls en-**cir**-cle me, *
strong bulls of Bashan sur-**round me**.

Cantor They open wide their **jaws** at me, *
like a ravening and a roaring **lion**.

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

Choir 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**.

All Packs of dogs close me in, and gangs of evildoers circle a-**round** me; *
they pierce my hands and my feet; I can count all my **bones**.

Cantor They stare and gloat **o**-ver me; *
they divide my garments among them; they cast lots for my **clothing**.

THE SECOND READING

Hebrews 4.14-16, 5.7-9

At the end of the reading.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

Go to Dark Gethsemane

CP#190

1 Go to dark Gethsemane,
ye that feel the tempter's power.
Your Redeemer's conflict see;
watch with him one bitter hour;
turn not from his griefs away;
learn of Jesus Christ to pray.

2 Follow to the judgement hall;
view the Lord of life arraigned.
Oh, the wormwood and the gall!
Oh, the grief his soul sustained!
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss;
learn of him to bear the cross.

3 Calvary's mournful mountain climb;
there, adoring at his feet,
mark that miracle of time—
God's own sacrifice complete.
"It is finished," hear him cry;
learn of Jesus Christ to die.

THE GOSPEL OF THE PASSION

John 18:1 - 19:42

Please sit for the singing of the Passion.

THE SERMON

The Very Reverend Dr. Tim Dobbin

The sermon directly follows the Gospel because it is to be grounded in the Scriptures. It illuminates the readings and relates them to daily life. After the sermon a period of silence is observed.

THE SOLEMN INTERCESSION

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Please sit. There will be periods of silence during the intercessions for personal prayer.

Meditation on the Cross of Jesus

HYMN

My Song Is Love Unknown

CP#184

During this hymn, a plain wooden cross will be brought to the chancel steps.

1 My song is love unknown,
my Saviour's love to me,
love to the loveless shown
that they might lovely be.
Oh who am I, that for my sake
my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?

2 He came from his blest throne
salvation to bestow,
but all made strange, and none
the longed-for Christ would know;
but O my friend, my friend indeed,
who at my need his life did spend.

3 Sometimes they strew his way,
and his sweet praises sing,
resounding all the day
hosannas to their King.
Then "Crucify!" is all their breath,
and for his death they thirst and cry.

4 Why, what has my Lord done?
What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run,
he gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries! Yet they at these
themselves displease, and 'gainst him rise.

5 They rise, and needs will have
my dear Lord made away;
a murderer they save,
the Prince of Life they slay.
Yet cheerful he to suffering goes,
that he his foes from thence might free.

6 Here might I stay and sing
no story so divine;
never was love, dear King,
never was grief like thine!
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend.

The Presider addresses the people.

This is the wood of the cross, on which hung the Saviour of the world.
Come, let us worship.

Those who wish to reverence the cross are invited to do so, while the choir sings the reproaches.

THE REPROACHES

Music by John Sanders

O my people, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me!

I led you out of Egypt from slavery to freedom; but you led your Saviour to the cross.

O my people, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me!

Holy is God! Holy and strong! Holy immortal One, have mercy on us.

For forty years I led you safely through the desert. I fed you with manna from heaven, and brought you to a land of plenty: but you led your Saviour to the Cross.

Holy is God! Holy and strong! Holy immortal One, have mercy on us.

What more could I have done for you? I planted you as my fairest vine, but you yielded only bitterness: When I was thirsty you gave me vinegar to drink, and you pierced your Saviour's side with a lance.

Holy is God! Holy and strong! Holy immortal One, have mercy on us.

I opened the sea before you, but you opened my side with a spear. I led you on your way in a pillar of cloud, but you led me to Pilate's court.

O my people, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me!

I bore you up with manna in the desert, but you struck me down and scourged me. I gave you saving water from the rock, but you gave me gall and vinegar to drink.

O my people, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me!

I gave you a royal sceptre, but you gave me a crown of thorns. I raised you to the height of majesty, but you have raised me high on a cross.

O my people, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me!

Silence is observed.

The Holy Communion

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

All are welcome to receive communion, which was consecrated last evening.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

O vos omnes

Tomás Luis de Victoria

All you who pass by along the road, look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow. Look, all you people, and see my sorrow.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God,

you have restored us to life by the triumphant 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

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. **Amen.**

At the conclusion of the liturgy please leave in silence, or remain for silent prayer or meditation. We continue the liturgy at 9:00pm tomorrow.