



*Thank you for joining us today. Special thank you to Karen M. and Chris V. who will be sharing a reflection*

## **Good Friday Solemn Prayers**

### ***Triduum: The Three Great Days***

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

**April 7th, 2023 10:00 a.m.**

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# Good Friday Solemn Liturgy

*The wooden cross is carried into the church and placed in front of the altar as a visible focus for our worship.*

**Proclamation Hymn CP 192** *Were You There* vs. 1-2 solo, vs. 3-5 congregation/choir  
Text: African-American spiritual. Music: Melody African-American spiritual; harm. C. Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

1 SOLO:

*Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord.*

2 SOLO:

*Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree.*

3 Please join in remaining verses:

*Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble  
Were you there when they pierced him in the side.*

4 *Were you there when the sun refused to shine?  
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble  
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?*

5 *Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb.*

## Welcome

## The Ministry of the Word

Officiant: All we, like sheep, have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way,

All: **And the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.**

Officiant: Christ the Lord became obedient unto death,

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

*Silence*

Officiant: 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 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: Almighty God,

People: **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.**

## The First Reading **Isaiah 52:13-53:12**

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

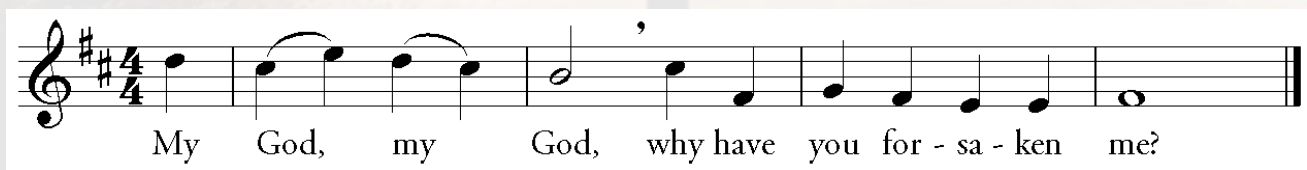
See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high. Just as there were many who were astonished at him <sup>2</sup> so marred was his appearance, beyond human

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 The Psalm verses & Refrain will be chanted.



- <sup>1</sup> My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? \*  
and are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress?
- <sup>2</sup> O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; \* by night as well, but I find no rest.
- <sup>3</sup> Yet you are the Holy One, \* enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
- <sup>4</sup> Our forefathers put their trust in you; \* they trusted, and you delivered them.
- <sup>5</sup> They cried out to you and were delivered; \* they trusted in you and were not put to shame. **Refrain**
- <sup>6</sup> But as for me, I am a worm and no man, \* scorned by all and despised by the people.
- <sup>7</sup> All who see me laugh me to scorn; \* they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,
- <sup>8</sup> "He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him; \* let him rescue him, if he delights in him."
- <sup>9</sup> Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, \* and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.
- <sup>10</sup> I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; \*  
you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb. **Refrain**

- <sup>11</sup> Be not far from me, for trouble is near, \* and there is none to help.  
<sup>12</sup> Many young bulls encircle me; \* strong bulls of Bashan surround me.  
<sup>13</sup> They open wide their jaws at me, \* like a ravening and a roaring lion.  
<sup>14</sup> I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint; \* my heart within my breast is melting wax  
<sup>15</sup> 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. **Refrain**
- <sup>16</sup> 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.  
<sup>17</sup> They stare and gloat over me; \*  
they divide my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing  
<sup>18</sup> Be not far away, O Lord; \* you are my strength; hasten to help me.  
<sup>19</sup> Save me from the sword, \* my life from the power of the dog.  
<sup>20</sup> Save me from the lion's mouth, \* my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls. **Refrain**
- <sup>21</sup> I will declare your name to my brethren; \* in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.  
<sup>22</sup> Praise the Lord, you that fear him; \*  
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory.  
<sup>23</sup> 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.  
<sup>24</sup> My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*  
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.  
<sup>25</sup> The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: \*  
"May your heart live for ever!" **Refrain**
- <sup>26</sup> All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, \*  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.  
<sup>27</sup> For kingship belongs to the Lord; \* he rules over the nations.  
<sup>28</sup> To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \*  
all who go down to the dust fall before him.  
<sup>29</sup> My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; \*  
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.  
<sup>30</sup> They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*  
the saving deeds that he has done. **Refrain**

## **The Second 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:

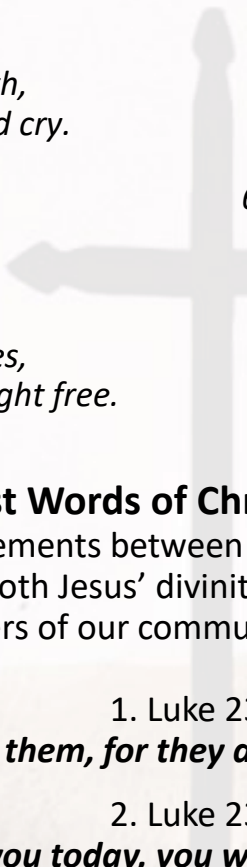
Thanks be to God

## Gradual Hymn: CP 184

## My Song is Love Unknown

vs. 1-3 before; 4-6 after

Text: Samuel Crossman (1624?-1683), alt. Music: John N. Ireland (1879-1962) © The John Ireland Trust

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- 1 *My song is love unknown,  
my Savior's love to me,  
love to the loveless shown  
that they might lovely be  
O 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.*

## Reflections on The Seven Last Words of Christ

Jesus Christ made seven last statements between the time he was hung on the cross until his death. These statements reveal both Jesus' divinity and Jesus' humanity. On this day, we are blessed to hear from two members of our community as they each reflect on one of "The Last Words."

1. Luke 23:34

***Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do.***

2. Luke 23:43

***Truly, I say to you today, you will be with me in paradise.***

3. John 19:26-27

***Woman, behold your son. Behold your mother.***

4. Matthew 27:46 & Mark 15:34

***My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?***

5. John 19:28

***I thirst.***

6. John 19:29-30

***It is finished.***

7. Luke 23:46

***Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.***

SILENT REFLECTION

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

## JOHN 18:1-19:42

### Dramatic Reading of the Passion Narrative According to John

*Please Note: In the Biblical text of John's Gospel, the term 'the Jews' is often used.*

*Heartbreakingly, John's negative use of the term has fueled anti-semitism and led to the erroneous blaming of a group of individuals for Jesus' crucifixion. Both Jesus and John were Jewish. Insofar as we ourselves turn against Christ, we are responsible for his death.*

*In today's Passion reading the term "the Jews" has been changed to "the people."*

John the Evangelist: Jane M.  
Jesus: Graeme G.  
Peter: Oliver G.  
a Woman / Police / Slave: Kathi D.  
Pilate: Claire le R.  
**Chief Priests & Soldiers: all those present**

John: Hear the passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

John: Jesus 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,

Jesus: Whom are you looking for?

**Soldiers: Jesus of Nazareth.**

Jesus: I am he.

John: 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,

Jesus: Whom are you looking for?

**Soldiers: Jesus of Nazareth.**

Jesus: I told you that I am he. So if you are looking for me, let these men go.

John: This was to fulfill 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,

Jesus: Put your sword back into its sheath. Am I not to drink the cup that the Father has given me?

John: 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 people 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,

a Woman: You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?

John: Peter said,

Peter: I am not.

John: Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing around 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,

Jesus: I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the people 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.

John: When he had said this, one of the police standing nearby struck Jesus on the face, saying,

Police: Is that how you answer the high priest?

Jesus: If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong. But if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?

John: Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest. Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They asked him,

**Soldiers: You are not also one of his disciples, are you?**

John: Peter denied it and said,

Peter: I am not.

John: One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked,

a Slave: Did I not see you in the garden with him?

John: 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,

Pilate: What accusation do you bring against this man?

**Chief Priests: If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you.**

John: Pilate said to them,

Pilate: Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law.

**Chief Priests: We are not permitted to put anyone to death.**

John: (This was to fulfill 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,

Pilate: Are you the King of the Jews?

Jesus: Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?

John: Pilate replied,

Pilate: 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: 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 people. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.

John: Pilate asked him,

Pilate: So you are a king?

Jesus: 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.

John: Pilate asked him,

Pilate: What is truth?

John: After Pilate had said this, he went out and told them,

Pilate: 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?

John: They shouted in reply,

**Chief Priests: Not this man, but Barabbas!**

John: 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,

**Soldiers: Hail, King of the Jews!**

John: and striking him on the face. Pilate went out again and said to them,

Pilate: Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him.

John: So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them,

Pilate: Here is the man!

John: When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted,

**Chief Priests and Soldiers: Crucify him! Crucify him!**

John: Pilate said to them,

Pilate: Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him.

John: The Jewish people answered him,

**Chief Priests: We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God.**

John: Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus,

Pilate: Where are you from?

John: But Jesus gave him no answer. Pilate therefore said to him,

Pilate: Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?

Jesus: 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.



John: From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the people cried out,  
**Chief Priests: If you release this man, you are no friend of the emperor. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against the emperor.**

John: 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. Pilate said to the people,

Pilate: Here is your King!

John: They cried out,  
**Chief Priests: Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!**

John: Pilate asked them,  
Pilate: Shall I crucify your King?  
John: The chief priests answered,  
**Chief Priests: We have no king but the emperor.**

John: Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

**Anthem:** *Ave Verum - Byrd* sung by the choir  
*Ave verum corpus, natum de Maria Virgine, vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine, cuius latus perforatum fluxit sanguine: esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine. O dulcis, O pie, O Jesu, fili Mariae. Miserere mei. Amen.*

*Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, who has truly suffered, was sacrificed on the cross for mortals, whose pierced side flowed with blood: Be for us a foretaste [of Heaven] in the final judgement. Oh sweet, oh pious, oh Jesus, son of Mary, Have mercy on me. Amen.*

**Please stand for the remainder of the Gospel Reading, as you are able.**

John: 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 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,

**Chief Priests: Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'**

John: Pilate answered,  
Pilate: What I have written I have written.

John: 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,

**Soldiers: Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it.**

John: This was to fulfill 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 Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother,

Jesus: Woman, here is your son.

John: Then he said to the disciple,

Jesus: Here is your mother.

John: 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 fulfill the scripture),

Jesus: I am thirsty.

John: 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,

Jesus: It is finished.

John: Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Since it was the day of Preparation, they 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, 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.

*Here ends the passion.*

## *Silent Reflection*

## Hymn: CP 202

## *There is a Green Hill Far Away*

*Text: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895) Music: William Horsley (1774-1858)*

- 1 *There is a green hill far away,  
outside a city wall,  
where the dear Lord was crucified  
who died to save us all.*
- 2 *We may not know, we cannot tell  
what pains he had to bear;  
but we believe it was for us  
he hung and suffered there.*
- 3 *He died that we might be forgiven,  
he died to make us good,  
that we might go at last to heaven,  
saved by his precious blood.*
- 4 *There was no other good enough  
to pay the price of sin;  
he only could unlock the gate  
of heaven, and let us in.*
- 5 *O dearly, dearly has he loved,  
and we must love him too,  
and trust in his redeeming blood,  
and try his works to do.*

## The Solemn Intercession

*Please stand, sit or kneel as is most comfortable for you.*

Intercessor: 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 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 Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Linda, Primate of Canada; Chris, National Indigenous Archbishop, Anne, Metropolitan of Ontario; Andrew, Bishop of Toronto; Kevin and Riscylla, Suffragan Bishops, Theadore, Archdeacon; and all the people of this diocese, for all Christians in this community, for those about to be baptized; that the Lord will confirm his Church in faith, increase it in love, and preserve it in peace.

*Silence*

**All: 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.**

Intercessor: Let us pray for all nations and peoples of the earth, and for those in authority among them: for Charles our King and all the Royal Family, for Justin our Prime Minister and for the government of our country, for Doug our Premier and the members of our legislature, for Jennifer our Deputy Mayor, and those who serve with her on our city council, for our police officers, for our firefighters and healthcare workers and for all who serve the common good, that by God's help they may seek justice and truth, and live in peace and concord.

*Silence*

**All: 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.**

Intercessor: Let us pray for all who suffer and are afflicted in body or in mind: for the hungry and homeless, the refugee and the enslaved, the destitute and the oppressed, and all who suffer persecution or prejudice, for the sick, the wounded, for those who face physical, mental or emotional challenges, for those affected by stress, 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*

**All: 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.**

Intercessor: Let us pray for all who have not received the gospel of Christ: for all who have not heard the words of God's love and 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*

**All: 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.**

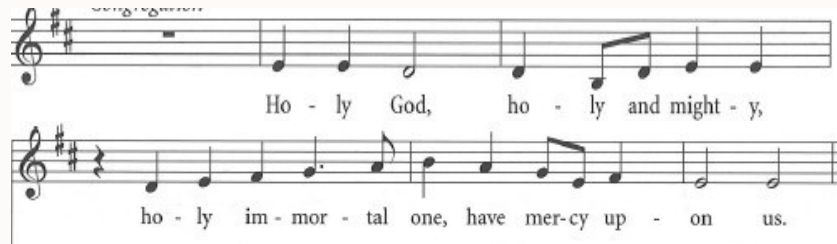
Intercessor: Let us commit ourselves to God, and pray for the grace of a holy life, that with all who have departed this life and have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to God alone, we may be accounted worthy to enter into the fullness of the joy of our Lord, and receive the crown of life in the day of resurrection.

*Silence*

**All: 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. Amen.**

## Meditation on the Cross of Jesus with a sung Trisagion – CP 693

*During the following meditation, you are invited to come forward to the sanctuary and place a rose at the foot of the cross. The rose, with both its beauty and thorns, represents all that we bring before God on this day and place at Jesus' feet—our thanksgivings, our brokenness, sin and grief. By placing the flower at the foot of the cross, we acknowledge how Jesus came into the world to bring us life, healing, forgiveness and wholeness.*



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

**All: Come, let us worship.**

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, 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.**

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, 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.**

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, holy and 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 and 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 and immortal one, have mercy upon us.**

Officiant: I 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.

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

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Officiant: And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say:

**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.**

### **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.**

## Hymn CP 386

## When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Text: Isaac Watts (1674-1748). Music: Melody Psalmody in Miniature, Second Supplement, 1780?; harm. Edward Miller (1731-1807); desc. David R. Riley (1947- ) ©

- 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 cross of Christ, my God;  
all the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to 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 an offering far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.*

*The service ends in silence.*

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*Alleluia! Christ is Risen!*

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this Easter and always.*

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