

Good Friday – April 2, 2021

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.

Silence

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

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.

Readings

Isaiah 52.13—53.12

Psalm 22:1-17

John 18.1—19.42

Song: When I Survey the Wonderous Cross

Reflection

The Solemn Intercession

(There are silences following each bidding)

Meditation on the Cross of Jesus

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

Come let us worship.

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.

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

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.

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

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.

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

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.

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

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.

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

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.

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

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.

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

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.

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

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.

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

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.

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

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You are invited to reflect on the cross while you listen to the hymn (words will not be shown)

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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.**

Concluding Prayer

(Reminder there is no blessing or dismissal as Maundy Thursday through Easter Vigil is considered one service).

Please join us for:

The Way of the Cross in the parking lot from 1 to 2:30pm today

Easter Vigil 7:30 pm – Light, stories and Renewal of Baptism

Easter Sunday 10 am