



*Church of St. John the Evangelist  
Elora, Ontario*

*April 15, 2022*

*11am*

*Good Friday*

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**Solemn Liturgy**

**Meditations and Passion Reading**

*This service is live-streamed from St. John's.  
Welcome to an in-person service at St. John's.  
Please keep your physical distance where possible.  
Wear a good fitting face mask.*

**Good Friday Anthems**

(sung by choir)

Behold the Lamb of God,  
which taketh away the sin of the world.     *St John 1.29*

He was wounded for our transgressions,  
he was bruised for our iniquities:  
The chastisement of our peace was upon him;  
and with his stripes we are healed.     *Isaiah 53.5*

Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us,  
and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.     *1 John 4.10*

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength,  
and honour, and glory, and blessing.     *Revelation 5.12*

**Opening Sentence**

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

- Isaiah 53.6

**Confession**

Minister:     Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

*(please kneel or sit)*

All:     **O Almighty Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we confess that we have  
sinned against thee in thought, word and deed. Have mercy upon us, O  
Lord, have mercy upon us after thy great goodness; according to the  
multitude of thy mercies, do away with thy offences, wash us thoroughly  
from our wickedness, and cleanse us from all our sing, for Jesus Christ's  
sake. Amen.**

**Reading**

**Isaiah 52.13-53.12**

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.

### **Psalm 22.1-21**

(sung by choir)

My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me,  
and art so far from my help, and from the words of my complaint?

O my God, I cry in the day-time, but thou hearest not;  
and in the night-season also I take no rest.

And thou continues holy,  
O thou worship of Israel.

Our fathers trusted in thee;  
they trusted in thee, and thou didst deliver them.

They called upon thee, and were saved;  
they put their trust in thee, and were not confounded.

But as for me, I am a worm and no man;  
a very scorn of men, and the outcast of the people.

All they that see me laugh me to scorn;  
they shoot out their lips, and shake their heads,

Saying, 'He trusted in God, that he would deliver him;  
let him deliver him, if he delighteth in him.'

But thou art he that took me from the womb;  
thou wast my hope, when I hanged yet upon my mother's breasts.

I have been left unto thee ever since I was born;  
thou art my God even from my mother's womb.

O go not from me, for trouble is hard at hand,  
and there is none to help me.

Many oxen are come about me;  
strong bulls of Bashan close me in on every side.

They gape upon me with their mouths,  
as it were a ramping and a roaring lion.

I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint;  
my heart also in the midst of my body is even like melting wax.

My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue cleaveth to my gums,  
and thou bringest me into the dust of death.

For many dogs are come about me,  
and the council of the wicked layeth siege against me.

They pierced my hands and my feet; I may count all my bones:  
they stand starting and looking upon me.

They part my garments among them,  
and cast lots upon my vesture.

But be not thou far from me, O Lord;  
Thou art my succour, haste thee to help me.

Deliver my soul from the sword,  
and my life from the power of the dog.

Save me from the lion's mouth;  
Thou hast heard me also from among the horns of the wild oxen.

## Reading

### Hebrews 4.14-16, 5.7-9

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,

## Passion      Passion According to St. Matthew

Zachary Wadsworth

*Evangelist:      Christina Stelmacovich*

*(A period of silence is observed)*

*Responses are sung.*

Minister:      The Lord be with you;

People:      **And with thy spirit.**

Minister.      Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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 them that trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.**

Minister:      O Lord, save thy servants;

People:      **That put their trust in thee.**

Minister:      Send unto them help from above;

People:      **And evermore mightily defend them.**

Minister:      Help us, O God our Saviour;

People:      **And for the glory of thy Name deliver us; be merciful unto us sinners, for thy Name's sake.**

Minister:      O Lord, hear our prayer;

People:      **And let our cry come unto thee.**

## Collects of the Day

Almighty God, we beseech thee graciously to behold this thy family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given up into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified; Receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before thee, that every member of thy holy church, in their vocation and ministry, may truly and godly serve thee, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## **Hymn 202      There is a Green Hill (vv 1,3,5)**

*There is a green hill far away,  
outside a city wall,  
where the dear Lord was crucified  
who died to save us all.*

*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.*

*O dearly, dearly has he loved,  
and we must love him too,  
and trust in his redeeming blood, and  
try his works to do.*

## **Homily      Rev'd Canon Paul Walker**

### **Meditation on the Cross – Sanders Reproaches**

*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...*

*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.*

*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...*

*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...*

*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.*

*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...*

## Prayer for Pardon through the Cross

ALMIGHTY Father, who of thy great love to us didst give the dearly beloved Son to die for us: Grant that through his Cross our sins may be put away, and remembered no more against us, and that, cleansed by his Blood, and mindful of his sufferings, we may take up our cross daily, and follow him in newness of life, until we come to his everlasting kingdom; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Hymn 139 O Sacred Head (vv 1,2,3)

*O Sacred head! Sore wounded,  
With grief and shame weighed down;  
O Kingly head! Surrounded  
With thorns, thine only crown;  
Once reigning in the highest  
In light and majesty,  
Here mocked and scorned thou diest, -  
And here I worship thee.*

*Be near when I am dying;  
O show thy Cross to me;  
Thy death, my hope supplying,  
From fear shall set me free.  
These eyes, new faith receiving,  
From thee shall never move;  
For he who dies believing  
Dies safely in thy love.*

*Thy grief and bitter Passion  
Were all for sinners' gain;  
Mine – mine was the transgression,  
But thine the cruel pain:  
Lo! here I fall, my Saviour,  
Turn not from me thy face,  
But look on me with favour,  
Vouchsafe to me thy grace.*

**You are invited to depart in silence from the church.**

Readers                      Ian Hornsby, Walter Langford  
Video Technician        Rod Murray

## Easter Sunday

8:00 a.m.                  Holy Communion (BCP)  
9:00 a.m.                  Holy Eucharist (BAS) with Volunteer Choir  
11:00 a.m.                 Choral Communion (BCP) with Parish Choir

## St. John's Four Areas of Ministry

*Proclaim the Love of Christ - Engage and Involve - Musical Outreach - Open Doors*

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