

Journey to the Cross



Notes About Today's Service...

The church is bare, stripped of its ornaments. The apparent desolation of Calvary is brought home to us, not only by the appearance of the church, but also by the austerity of the Good Friday liturgy.

Please don't feel that you have to pretend that Jesus is "dead." Jesus *lives* – one of the prime reasons that we receive Holy Communion on this day – and Easter is only hours away. Today we see Christ choosing the way of perfect and self-giving love as we read the Passion according to St. John.

Christ reigns on the cross, as we see when the cross is unveiled by the priest. It is at this point that we are all invited to come to the communion rail and kneel for a moment at the foot of the cross. There you are invited to make a silent but active response to God's love for you.

The reserved sacrament, consecrated bread and wine from last night's Eucharist, the Eucharist of the Upper Room, is brought to the altar. You may receive Holy Communion and realize that even death cannot separate us from the love and presence of God in the living Christ.

And now we wait for the liturgy of Easter Eve when tomorrow night a light will break into the darkness and we will hear the most startling news – the news that became central in our Salvation History: "He is risen."

It's a great time for people to come together and enjoy what we might call a "victory party" – a victory won by God in Christ. You are invited to come and celebrate in the parish hall immediately following tomorrow night's service.



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Good Friday

March 30, 2018

The Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields

Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday

The Clergy enter in silence. All kneel for silent prayer and then stand with the clergy to begin the service on page 308 (Green Book).

THE READINGS

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12

Psalm 22:1-17 (*see leaflet*)

Tone 8.3

New Testament Lesson: Hebrews 4:14-16 and 5:7-9

There are no acclamations today before or after the Gospel.

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John (see booklet)

The Congregation is requested to take its part with boldness.

Sermon: the Rev'd Canon Susan Bell

The Call to Solemn Prayer, page 309

The Solemn Intercession, page 310

MEDITATION ON THE CROSS OF JESUS

Motet: Crux Fidelis

Jamie Hudson

Faithful Cross; above all other, one and only noble Tree, none in foliage, none in blossom, none in fruit thy peer may be; sweetest wood, sweetest iron, sweetest weight is hung on Thee.

While remaining kneeling, please join the choir in singing the following hymn during the presentation and unveiling of the Cross.

Hymn: Faithful Cross

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1.

Faithful Cross! above all other,
One and only noble tree!
None in foliage, none in blossom,
None in fruit thy peer may be;
Sweetest wood and sweetest iron!
Sweetest weight is hung on thee

2.

Bend thy boughs, O Tree of Glory!
Thy relaxing sinews bend;
For awhile the ancient rigour
That thy birth bestowed, suspend,
And the King of heavenly beauty
On thy bosom gently tend!

3.

Thou alone was counted worthy
This world's ransom to uphold;
For a shipwreck'd race preparing
Harbour, like the Ark of old;
With the sacred Blood anointed
From the smitten Lamb that rolled.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Easter Vigil

Please bring a bell if you are attending the Easter Vigil on Saturday evening. It can be rung with all the other bells in the church during the singing of the Gloria. Everyone is invited to the Resurrection party that follows the liturgy. If you are able to contribute hot or cold finger foods (savory or sweet) for the party, please bring them to the kitchen before the Vigil begins. We would be grateful also for donations of wine or beer. Thank you.

Better Sight & Sound

Large print copies of the bulletin and hymn book are available from the sidespeople, as are ear pieces that provide enhanced hearing capability.

News for Children

On Easter Sunday there will be an Easter egg hunt after the 11 am service. Children are invited to gather after the service in the Sunday School rooms downstairs before the Hunt.

FaithWorks Campaign

Please help us reach our 2018 FaithWorks goal by returning your FaithWorks cheque (made out to St. Martin's, with "FaithWorks" on the memo line) on the collection plate or by mail to the church.

Saturday Service & Supper

Mark your calendar now for the next Saturday Service & Supper to be held on Saturday, April 14th at 5:30 p.m.

Collection of Eyeglasses and Hearing Aids

A box is available at the back of the church to receive donations of gently used and unbroken eyeglasses (including prescription sunglasses) and hearing aids.

Parish Gift for Mother Susan

Envelopes are available at the back of the church for those who would like to contribute to a parish gift for Canon Susan Bell as we give thanks for her 20 years of ministry at St. Martin's and pray for her new ministry as Co-adjutor Bishop of Niagara.

SERVICES DURING HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Good Friday, March 30

2:30 p.m. - Sacramental Confession (Reconciliation)

Easter Eve, March 31

8:30 p.m. - The Great Vigil of Easter
(followed by the 'Resurrection Party')

Easter Sunday, April 1

8:30 a.m. - Eucharist
11:00 a.m. - Procession and Festal Eucharist

Easter Monday, April 2

7:00 p.m. - Eucharist

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.

Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9



Piero della Francesca: *Polittico della Misericordia*

Priest: This is the wood of the Cross, on which hung the Saviour of the world.

People: **Come let us worship.**

The Reproaches

Vittoria

The congregation may, during the singing of the Reproaches, come to the Altar Rail kneel for a moment, and silently give thanks for God's love in Christ and for our Redemption.

HOLY COMMUNION

Hymn: 49 (*sung by all, kneeling*) (Blue Book)

Song 46

During the singing of this hymn, while the people remain kneeling, the Sacrament, reserved from Maundy Thursday, is brought to the altar.

The Lord's Prayer, page 318 (said)

Agnus Dei:

Anthony Piccolo

Motet: O languens Jesu

Bardos

Prayer after Communion, page 319 (*please join in the prayer*)

Hymn: 386

Rockingham

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The Congregation is requested to leave the church in silence.

There is a plate at the back of the church for the offerings of the people.

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—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.

Isaiah 52:13—53:12

Psalm 22.1–17

Pointing: Walter Deller

