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The Crucifixion
Pieter Lastman, 1616

Solemn Liturgy with Veneration of the Cross

Good Friday, April 18, 2025, 1 p.m.

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev'd Nicholas Hatt, Incumbent

Assisting: The Rt Rev'd Victoria Matthews, Honorary Assistant

Music Director: Jack Hattey

The clergy enter the church in silence. After prostrating before the altar, they stand and the service continues as follows.

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

Priest Christ the Lord became obedient unto death,
People **even death on a cross.**

Silence is kept.

Priest Almighty God,
People **our heavenly Father, we have sinned in thought, 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.**

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest 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.**

Old Testament 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.



1. My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
and are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress?
2. O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer;
by night as well, but I find no rest.
3. Yet you are the Holy One,
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
4. Our forefathers put their trust in you;
they trusted, and you delivered them.
5. They cried out to you and were delivered;
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.
6. But as for me, I am a worm and no man,
scorned by all and despised by the people.
7. All who see me laugh me to scorn;
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,
8. "He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him;
let him rescue him, if he delights in him."
9. Yet you are he who took me out of the womb,
and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.
10. I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born;
you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.
11. Be not far from me, for trouble is near,
and there is none to help.
12. Many young bulls encircle me;
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.
13. They open wide their jaws at me,
like a ravening and a roaring lion.
14. I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint;
my heart within my breast is melting wax.

15. 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.

16. 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.

17 They stare and gloat over me;
they divide my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing.

New Testament 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.

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Please see the insert for the narrative reading of the Gospel (John 18:1 – 19:42).

Sermon

The Rev'd Nicholas Hatt, *Incumbent*

The Solemn Intercession

Priest 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.

The people in the church please kneel or stand as you are able.

Deacon 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 Andrew and Kevin and Riscylla, our bishops, 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 is kept.

Priest 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.**

Deacon Let us pray for all nations and peoples of the earth, and for those in authority among them: for Charles our King and Camilla our Queen and all the Royal Family, for Mark our Prime Minister and the government of this country, for Doug the premier of this province and the members of the legislature, for Olivia the mayor of this municipality and those who serve with her on the city council, 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 is kept.

Priest 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.**

Deacon Let us pray for all who suffer and are afflicted in body or in mind: for the hungry and homeless, the destitute and the oppressed, and all who suffer persecution or prejudice, for the sick, the wounded, and the disabled, for those in 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 is kept.

Priest 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.**

Deacon Let us pray for all who have not received the gospel of Christ: for all who have not heard the words of 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 is kept.

Priest 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.**

Deacon 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 is kept.

Priest 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 tranquility 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

Motet *Crux Fidelis* *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 at the Procession of the Cross

Picardy

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.

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

People **Come let us worship.**

The Reproaches

Lloyd

While the choir sings the Reproaches, the congregation may come forward to the Altar Rail, kneel for a moment, and silently give thanks for God's love in Christ and for our Redemption. Please return to your seat by the side aisle.

Mass of the Presanctified

1. Draw near and take the body of your Lord,
and drink with faith the blood for you outpoured.
2. Saved by his body, hallowed by his blood,
with souls refreshed we give our thanks to God.
3. Salvation's giver, Christ, the only Son,
by his dear cross and blood the victory won.
4. Let us approach with faithful hearts sincere,
and take the pledges of salvation here.
5. The Lord in this world rules his saints, and shields;
to all believers life eternal yields.
6. With heavenly bread makes those who hunger whole;
gives living waters to the thirsting soul.
7. Before your presence, Lord, all people bow,
in this your feast of love be with us now.

Priest As our Saviour taught us, let us pray, *(said together)*
All **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 for ever. Amen.**

Priest The gifts of God for the people of God.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Agnus Dei *(sung by the choir)*

Hassler

The Communion

The Sacrament will be distributed to the congregation using the reserved bread and wine which was consecrated during the liturgy of Maundy Thursday. Please come forward to the altar rail, as directed by the sidespeople. If you choose not to receive the Sacrament, you are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing from the priest. Please indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest while at the rail.

Motet *The Two Adams*

Christopher Borrett

Prayer after Communion

Priest Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God,

People **we pray you to set your passion, cross, and death between your judgement and our souls, now and in the hour of our death. Give mercy and grace to the living, pardon and rest to the dead, to your holy Church peace and concord, and to us sinners everlasting life and glory; for with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Priest 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.**

Final Hymn 386

Rockingham

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 congregation is asked to leave the church in silence.

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. 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."

Holy Week and Easter Schedule 2025

*Service will also be livestreamed

Holy Saturday, April 19

10:30 a.m. Cleaning of the church

8:30 p.m. Easter Vigil followed by the Resurrection Party*

Easter Day, April 20

8:30 a.m. Said Eucharist

11 a.m. Festal Eucharist*

Easter Monday, April 21

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Easter Tuesday, April 22

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist

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Weekly Worship Schedule

<i>Sundays</i>	8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist (said) 11 a.m. Holy Eucharist (choral)
<i>Tuesdays</i>	10 a.m. Holy Eucharist (said)

Feast days and special services as announced.