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# Good Friday

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April 2, 2021 12:00 pm & 7:00 pm

*Please stand as you are able.  
The ministers enter in silence.  
All kneel for silent prayer.*

Blessed be our God.

**People For ever and ever. Amen.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold 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.**

*A period of silence is kept.*

*The congregation may be seated.*

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## THE LESSON

**ISAIAH 52:13-53:12**

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A Reading from the Book of the Prophet 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.

The Word of the Lord.

**People    Thanks be to God.**

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## THE PSALM

## PSALM 22:1-11

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- 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.

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## THE EPISTLE

## HEBREWS 10:16-25

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

The Holy Spirit testifies saying, ‘This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds’, he also adds, ‘I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.’ Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

The Word of the Lord.

**People    Thanks be to God.**

## **HYMN**

*When I survey the wondrous cross*

### **A NOTE ABOUT THE GOSPEL THAT IS READ TODAY**

The term "the Jews" in John's Gospel applies to particular individuals and not to the whole Jewish people. Whenever we ourselves turn against Christ, we are responsible for his death.

Bishop Krister Stendahl (1921-2008) writes:

As we gather beneath the Cross of Jesus, we should perhaps also be aware how among Jews and Muslims this our most holy sign has evoked and still evokes memories of the murderous Christian Crusades. [In ancient times and in recent times], it was actually during Holy Week that Jews suffered the worst pogroms [organized massacre of a particular ethnic group]. Somehow it was the story of Christ's Passion that gave Christians the biblical sanction for acting out in heinous ways that contempt for the Jews that has marked and marred so much of Christian teaching and preaching. Even today images linger in our minds of the high priests - not to mention Judas - as looking much more Jewish than Jesus. How can that be? Were they not all Jews? Such simple questions should make us resolve to purge our Good Friday worship of all its potential contempt for Jews and Judaism. We do so in a mood of repentance, shamefully aware of how our story of reconciliation often was turned into its very opposite.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

## **THE PASSION GOSPEL**

## **JOHN 18:1-19:42**

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted. The congregation may be seated for the first part of the Passion.*

*After the introduction of the Gospel, all are seated.*

*(Please Stand)*

"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."

*(Please Kneel)*

"Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit."

*A period of silence is kept.*

**THE HOMILY**

**THE REV. REBECCA N. ROBERTS**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**MUSICAL MEDITATION**

*Were you there when they crucified my Lord*

**THE SOLEMN COLLECTS**

*All standing, the Celebrant says to the people*

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 everlasting life.

We pray, therefore, for people everywhere according to their needs.

*Please kneel or stand as you are able.*

*The biddings are read by the Intercessor. The Celebrant says the Collects.*

Let us pray for the holy Catholic 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 Michael our Presiding Bishop, Rob and Don, our own Bishops, and all the people of this diocese

For all Christians in this community

For those throughout the church about to be baptized at the Great Vigil of Easter

That God will confirm his Church in faith, increase it in love, and preserve it in peace.

*Silence*

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose 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 their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

Let us pray for all nations and peoples of the earth, and for those in authority among them;

For Joseph, the President of the United States

For the Congress and the Supreme Court

For the Members and Representatives of the United Nations

For Brian, the Governor of the State of Georgia

For all who serve the common good

For our enemies

That by God's help they may seek justice and truth, and live in peace and concord.

*Silence*

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 in tranquility your dominion may increase, until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us pray for all who suffer and are afflicted in body or in mind;

For the hungry and the homeless, the destitute and the oppressed

For the sick, the wounded, and the crippled

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

For our men and women of the armed forces and their families

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*

Gracious God, the comfort of all who sorrow, the strength of all who suffer: Let the cry of those in misery and need come to you, that they may find your mercy present with them in all their afflictions; 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.**

Let us pray for all who have not received the Gospel of Christ;  
For those who have never heard the word of salvation  
For those who have lost their faith  
For those hardened by sin or indifference  
For the contemptuous and the scornful  
For those who are enemies of the cross of Christ and persecutors of his disciples  
For those 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*

Merciful God, creator of all 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.**

Let us commit ourselves to our God, and pray for the grace of a holy life, that, with all who have departed this world 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*

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably 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.**

## **THE VENERATION OF THE CROSS**

*As the cross is brought in, the following anthem is said three times.*

Behold the wood of the cross wheron was hung the world's salvation.

**People    O come let us worship**

*A moment of silence is kept as all gaze upon the cross.*

## **MUSICAL MEDITATION**

*Ah Holy Jesus*

## **CONFESSİON AND ABSOLUTİON**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Celebrant*

And now, as our Savior 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,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **MUSICAL MEDITATION**

*O sacred head, sore wounded*

## **THE CONCLUDING PRAYER**

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, we pray you to set your passion, cross, and death between your judgment 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 Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

*The clergy will dismiss the people by section*