



Good Friday

**SERVANTS**  
of **CHRIST**  
ANGLICAN CHURCH

*The ministers enter in silence.*

**All then kneel for silent prayer.**

*Officiant* 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.**

*Officiant* Let us pray. Almighty God, we beseech 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.**

## The Lessons

*Please be seated.*

Isaiah 52:13—53:12

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Officiant* The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

John 19:1–37

*The Congregation may be seated for the first part of the Passion. All stand as you are able at the verse that mentions the arrival at Golgotha (John 19:17). All may kneel in silence after the verse that mentions Christ's death (John 19:30).*

## The Solemn Collects

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Officiant*

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.

*Deacon*

Let us pray for the holy Church throughout the world: that the Lord our God may preserve her in unity, peace, and safety, bringing into divine subjection all powers and principalities; and that he may grant us to dwell in such peace and tranquility that we may show forth the glory of God.

***Silence***

*Officiant*

Almighty Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church. Fill it with all truth, in all truth, with all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son our Savior. **Amen.**

*Deacon*

Let us pray for those who are preparing for Holy Baptism [especially \_\_\_\_\_]: that the Lord our God may open their hearts to his grace and mercy; that by the washing of regeneration they may obtain the remission of all their sins, and be found faithful servants of our Lord Jesus Christ.

***Silence***

*Officiant*

Almighty and everlasting God, you multiply your Church in every generation: Grant the gifts of faith and understanding to those being instructed in your holy Word; that being washed in the waters of Baptism, they may be born again and numbered among your adopted children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Deacon*

Let us pray to God the Father Almighty, that he would cleanse the world from all evil; deliver it from pestilence and famine; set free those who are in captivity; restore the sick to health; and bring those who travel to a haven of safety.

***Silence***

*Officiant*

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.**

*Deacon*

Let us pray for the Jewish people: that the Lord our God may look graciously upon them, and that they may come to know Jesus as the Messiah, and as the Lord of all.

**Silence**

*Officiant*

Almighty and everlasting God, you established your covenant with Abraham and his seed: Hear the prayers of your Church, that the people through whom you brought blessing to the world may also receive the blessing of salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Deacon*

Let us pray for all those who do not believe in Christ, that the Holy Spirit may enlighten them through the Gospel and bring them into the way of salvation.

**Silence**

*Officiant*

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.**

*Deacon*

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

*Officiant*

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 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. **Amen.**

## **Devotion Before the Cross**

*A wooden cross is brought into the church and placed in the sight of the people. The following antiphon is said three times as the cross is being brought in. Please write down any sins or burdens you are carrying that you would like to lay at the foot of the cross. You are invited to approach the cross and adopt any posture you wish during this silent reflection. There is a basket where you may place your written burdens. These will be burned at the conclusion of the service.*

*Officiant*      Behold the wood of the Cross, on which was hung the world's Salvation.

*People*          **O come, let us adore him.**

## **The Reproaches**

O my people, what have I done to you?

How have I wearied you? Testify against me.

I brought you forth from the land of bondage,  
and led you through the waters of salvation,  
and you have prepared a Cross for your Savior.

**Holy God,**

**Holy and Mighty,**

**Holy Immortal One,**

**Have mercy upon us.**

I led you through the desert forty years,  
and fed you with the bread of heaven;  
I brought you into the land of promise,  
and you have prepared a Cross for your Savior.

**Holy God,  
Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,  
Have mercy upon us.**

What could I have done for you that I have not done?  
I planted you, my vineyard, to bear sweet fruit;  
but you have become very bitter to me,  
and gave me vinegar for my thirst.

**Holy God,  
Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,  
Have mercy upon us.**

I passed over your first-born and delivered them from death,  
and you have delivered me into the hands of my enemies;  
I led you in the pillar of cloud,  
and you have led me into the judgment hall of Pilate.  
O my people, what have I done to you?  
How have I wearied you? Testify against me.

**Holy God,  
Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,  
Have mercy upon us.**

I struck down the kings of the Canaanites for your sake,  
and you struck my head with a reed;  
I gave you a royal inheritance,  
and you have crowned my head with thorns.  
O my people, what have I done to you?  
How have I wearied you? Testify against me.

**Holy God,  
Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,  
Have mercy upon us.**

I opened the rock and gave you to drink from the water of life,  
and you have opened my side with a spear.  
I raised you on high with great power,  
and you have hanged me high upon the Cross.  
O my church, what have I done to you?  
How have I wearied you? Testify against me.

**Holy God,  
Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,  
Have mercy upon us.**

*Deacon*

All who truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and seek to be reconciled with your neighbors, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking in his holy ways: draw near with faith and make your humble confession to Almighty God.

***Silence***

*The Deacon and People kneel as able and pray*

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
maker and judge of us all:

We acknowledge and lament our many sins and offenses,  
which we have committed by thought, word, and deed  
against your divine majesty,  
provoking most justly your righteous anger against us.

We are deeply sorry for these our transgressions;  
the burden of them is more than we can bear.

Have mercy upon us,

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;

for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,

forgive us all that is past;

and grant that we may evermore serve and please you in newness of life,

to the honor and glory of your Name;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Procession to the Fire Pit

*The congregation processes out of the Nave to the church yard, as the gong is sounded 33 times, once for each year of Jesus's life.*

*Officiant*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*All papers are placed into the fire.*

*Officiant*

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. <sup>5</sup>But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. <sup>6</sup>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.

- 1 Bless the LORD, O my soul, \*  
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.
- 2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, \*  
and forget not all his benefits.
- 3 He forgives all your sins \*  
and heals all your infirmities;
- 4 He redeems your life from the grave \*  
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;
- 5 He satisfies you with good things, \*  
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
- 6 The LORD executes righteousness \*  
and judgment for all who are oppressed.
- 7 He made his ways known to Moses \*  
and his works to the children of Israel.
- 8 The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, \*  
slow to anger and of great kindness.
- 9 He will not always accuse us, \*  
nor will he keep his anger for ever.
- 10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, \*  
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
- 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, \*  
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

12 As far as the east is from the west, \*  
so far has he removed our sins from us.

13 As a father cares for his children, \*  
so does the LORD care for those who fear him.

14 For he himself knows whereof we are made; \*  
he remembers that we are but dust.

15 Our days are like the grass; \*  
we flourish like a flower of the field;

16 When the wind goes over it, it is gone, \*  
and its place shall know it no more.

17 But the merciful goodness of the LORD endures for ever on those who fear him,  
and his righteousness on children's children;

18 On those who keep his covenant \*  
and remember his commandments and do them.

19 The LORD has set his throne in heaven, \*  
and his kingship has dominion over all.

20 Bless the LORD, you angels of his, you mighty ones who do his bidding, \*  
and hearken to the voice of his word.

21 Bless the LORD, all you his hosts, \*  
you ministers of his who do his will.

22 Bless the LORD, all you works of his, in all places of his dominion; \*  
bless the LORD, O my soul.

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**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.  
Amen.**

*The concluding doxology is customarily omitted.*

### 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; peace and rest to the dead; to your holy Church unity 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.**

*The Ministers and People depart in silence.*



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