

**He was
wounded
for our
transgressions.
Isaiah 53:5**



Friday, April 7, 2023

Good Friday

11:00 a.m. – The Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Welcome

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The Gathering of the Community

The service begins in silence.

Please stand.

Officiant Christ became obedient unto death for us,

People **Even death upon a cross.**

Officiant He was pierced for our sins,

People **Bruised for no fault but ours.**

Officiant His punishment has won our peace,

People **And by his wounds we are healed.**

Officiant Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom,

People **Strength, honour, glory, and praise. Amen.**

Hymn #386 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Text by Isaac Watts

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.

Officiant Surely he has borne our griefs; he has carried our sorrows.

People **Surely he has borne our griefs; he has carried our sorrows.**

Officiant He was despised; he was rejected, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief.

People **He has carried our sorrows.**

Officiant He was pierced for our sins, bruised for no fault but ours.

People **He has carried our sorrows.**

Officiant His punishment has won our peace, and by his wounds we are healed.

People **He has carried our sorrows.**

Officiant We had all strayed like sheep, but the Lord has laid on him the guilt of us all.

People **He has carried our sorrows.**

Officiant Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

People **Surely he has borne our griefs; he has carried our sorrows.**

Officiant On this most solemn of days we gather for worship. Jesus, lead us from the darkness of the garden, to the bare courtyard and its soldiers. Draw us from Pilate's palace and its crowds, through the streets of Jerusalem. Shepherd us to a lonely hillside where the lamb of God waits for us. We would follow you, Jesus, on this, your day of suffering. We will listen and hear your cries, your words spoken and hear them in the context of our world, in our time.

O God of infinite love and power, we are utterly humbled in the presence of such love and mercy. Open our hearts this day to the goodness of Good Friday, and fill us with your love and powerful Spirit of Holiness. Remove from us all sin. Offer us anew this Life in Christ that makes all things new. **Amen.**

Prayer of Confession (Based on Isaiah 53 & Psalm 51)

People **We all, like sheep, have gone astray. We have all turned to our own way. We have sinned and have been the cause of Christ's suffering. Please forgive us, we pray. Remove the sins that distance us from you and from those we love and care about. Remove our selfishness, our pride, our envy, and our greed. Remove from us our thoughtless acts and words that hurt one another. Remove from us the tendency to hurt others out of revenge and anger. Forgive us please. Create in us a clean heart, O Lord. And renew in us a right spirit. Amen.**

Officiant By his stripes we are healed. By his wounds, we are made whole. Through the death of our Lord Jesus Christ on the cross this day, may we always strive to live in the salvation made possible by the Goodness of this Friday. **Amen.**

Almighty God, look with mercy on this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and to be 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.**

Please be seated.

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The Ministry of the Word

Hymn “My God, Why Have You Left Me?”

Psalm 122:1–15; paraphrase by Dale A. Schoening
Tune Hymn #198 Passion Chorale

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| <p>1 My God, why have you left me?
Why do my cries not help?
I cry by day—no answer—
And night—but get no rest.
But you, O Lord, are holy,
Enthroned on Israel’s praise.
In you our forebears trusted
And you delivered them.</p> <p>2 They cried to you, you saved them;
You did not fail their trust.
But I’m a worm, not human,
Scorned and despised by all.
All who look at me taunt me,
They laugh and shake their heads.
“He trusted God, let God save,
For he delights in him.”</p> | <p>3 Yet from the womb you brought me,
A babe, you kept me safe.
From birth I’ve trusted in you;
You’ve always been my God.
O do not go far from me;
In trouble I’m alone.
My foes sur-round like wild bulls,
Like hungry lions roar.</p> <p>4 My strength is like spilled water,
My bones are out of joint;
My heart in me is melted
Like wax within my breast;
My strength’s dry as a pot-sherd;
My tongue sticks in my mouth.
In the dust I’m left lying
As if I’m good as dead.</p> |
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Officiant Gracious God, we are here, standing at the cross like Mary and the faithful women, and your faithful disciple John. We listen now for your word that claims us and offers us hope.
Gracious God, you are here. Speak to us in your ever-speaking voice. For us it is not yet finished. And so we listen with ears to hear.
We are here. You are here. Holy God, speak! **Amen.**

The Gospel Reading

John 18:1—19:42

Reader 1 The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

¹ After Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to a place where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. ² Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples. ³ So Judas brought a detachment of soldiers together with police from the chief priests and the Pharisees, and they came there with lanterns and torches and weapons. ⁴ Then Jesus, knowing all that was to happen to him, came forward and asked them, “For whom are you looking?” ⁵ They answered, “Jesus of Nazareth.” Jesus replied, “I am he.” Judas, who

betrayed him, was standing with them. ⁶ When Jesus said to them, "I am he," they stepped back and fell to the ground. ⁷ Again he asked them, "For whom are you looking?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." ⁸ Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. So if you are looking for me, let these men go." ⁹ This was to fulfil the word that he had spoken, "I did not lose a single one of those whom you gave me." ¹⁰ Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest's slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave's name was Malchus.

¹¹ Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword back into its sheath. Am I not to drink the cup that the Father has given me?"

¹² So the soldiers, their officer, and the Jewish police arrested Jesus and bound him.

¹³ First they took him to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. ¹⁴ Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was better to have one person die for the people.

¹⁵ Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, ¹⁶ but Peter was standing outside at the gate. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in. ¹⁷ The woman said to Peter, "You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not." ¹⁸ Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing round it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and warming himself.

¹⁹ Then the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching.

²⁰ Jesus answered, "I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. ²¹ Why do you ask me? Ask those who heard what I said to them; they know what I said." ²² When he had said this, one of the police standing nearby struck Jesus on the face, saying, "Is that how you answer the high priest?" ²³ Jesus answered, "If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong. But if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?" ²⁴ Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

²⁵ Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They asked him, "You are not also one of his disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not." ²⁶ One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?" ²⁷ Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed.

Reader 2

²⁸ Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate's headquarters. It was early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the headquarters, so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the Passover. ²⁹ So Pilate went out to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" ³⁰ They answered, "If this man were not a criminal, we

would not have handed him over to you.” ³¹ Pilate said to them, “Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law.” The Jews replied, “We are not permitted to put anyone to death.” ³² (This was to fulfil what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.)

³³ Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” ³⁴ Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” ³⁵ Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” ³⁶ Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” ³⁷ Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.” ³⁸ Pilate asked him, “What is truth?”

After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them, “I find no case against him.” ³⁹ But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover. Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?” ⁴⁰ They shouted in reply, “Not this man, but Barabbas!” Now Barabbas was a bandit.

¹ Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. ² And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. ³ They kept coming up to him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” and striking him on the face. ⁴ Pilate went out again and said to them, “Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him.” ⁵ So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, “Here is the man!” ⁶ When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted, “Crucify him! Crucify him!” Pilate said to them, “Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him.” ⁷ The Jews answered him, “We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God.”

⁸ Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. ⁹ He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus, “Where are you from?” But Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰ Pilate therefore said to him, “Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?” ¹¹ Jesus answered him, “You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin.” ¹² From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the Jews cried out, “If you release this man, you are no friend of the emperor. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against the emperor.”

¹³ When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat on the judge’s bench at a place called The Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew Gabbatha. ¹⁴ Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. He said to the Jews, “Here is your King!” ¹⁵ They cried out, “Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!” Pilate asked them,

“Shall I crucify your King?” The chief priests answered, “We have no king but the emperor.”

¹⁶ Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

So they took Jesus; ¹⁷ 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 stand.

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¹⁸ There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. ¹⁹ Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.” ²⁰ Many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. ²¹ Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but, ‘This man said, I am King of the Jews.’” ²² Pilate answered, “What I have written I have written.” ²³ When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. ²⁴ So they said to one another, “Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it.” This was to fulfil what the scripture says,

“They divided my clothes among themselves,
and for my clothing they cast lots.”

²⁵ And that is what the soldiers did.

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, “Woman, here is your son.” ²⁷ Then he said to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

²⁸ After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfil the scripture), “I am thirsty.” ²⁹ A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. ³⁰ When Jesus had received the wine, he said, “It is finished.” Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

³¹ Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the cross during the sabbath, especially because that sabbath was a day of great solemnity. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men broken and the bodies removed. ³² Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. ³³ But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. ³⁴ Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. ³⁵ (He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth.) ³⁶ These things occurred so that

the scripture might be fulfilled, “None of his bones shall be broken.” ³⁷ And again another passage of scripture says, “They will look on the one whom they have pierced.”

³⁸ After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body. ³⁹ Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. ⁴⁰ They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. ⁴¹ Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. ⁴² And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

Please be seated. A time for silent reflection is kept.

Hymn #197 “O Dearest Lord, Thy Sacred Head”

Text by Henry Ernest Hardy

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| <p>1 O dearest Lord, thy sacred head
with thorns was pierced for me:
O pour thy blessing on my head
that I may think for thee.</p> | <p>3 O dearest Lord, thy sacred feet
with nails were pierced for me:
O pour thy blessing on my feet
that they may follow thee.</p> |
| <p>2 O dearest Lord, thy sacred hands
with nails were pierced for me:
O shed thy blessing on my hands
that they may work for thee.</p> | <p>4 O dearest Lord, thy sacred heart
with spear was pierced for me:
O pour thy Spirit in my heart
that I may live for thee.</p> |

Reflection: Last words of Jesus from the cross 2,000 years ago & today

Please remain seated throughout the reflection.

Officiant Let us pray.

Merciful God, on this holy day we remember how when your son Jesus died on the cross, seven times he spoke—seven words of love; we ask you to bless our hearing of these words today and our reflecting on how they are still spoken today.

As we recall how all three hours he cried for mercy on the souls of all, we ask you to help us to understand the mystery of your love, and make us into a people who are ever more worthy of it and who advocate it where it is needed today. **Amen.**

The First Word Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do."

Reflection

A time for silent reflection is kept.

Officiant Let us pray.

People **God of love and mercy, renew my faith in the forgiveness of sins so that I will: accept your gift of compassion; turn away from thoughts of hatred and revenge; share the grace of mercy with others. We ask this in the Spirit of peace and through your gentle Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Second Word Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise."

Reflection

A time for silent reflection is kept.

Officiant Let us pray.

People **Gracious God of hope and promise, fill us with a spirit of generosity and enthusiasm so that step by step we will build a stairway to paradise by our work for justice, love, and peace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord. Amen.**

The Third Word Jesus said, "Woman, behold your son. Son, behold your mother."

Reflection

A time for silent reflection is kept.

Officiant Let us pray.

People **O blessed Saviour, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary, as you cared for your family then, continue to care for your family now, for all our brothers and sisters who live in fear or in hunger or in need. Grant us the compassion to love as you love. In your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.**

The Fourth Word Jesus said, "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?"

Reflection

A time for silent reflection is kept.

Officiant Let us pray.

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People **Gracious God, we unite our anxieties and our sense of abandonment with the lonely pain of Christ on the cross. Be with those who feel deserted and alone today. We ask this in the spirit, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

The Fifth Word Jesus said, "I thirst."

Reflection

A time for silent reflection is kept.

Officiant Let us pray.

People **God of nourishment and strength, inspire us to work for justice and peace. Open our hearts to your grace. Satisfy our longing for fulfilment. We pray this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

The Sixth Word Jesus said, "It is finished."

Reflection

A time for silent reflection is kept.

Officiant Let us pray.

People **God of hope and promise, renew the grace of your Spirit within us, that we will face the challenge in our times to be prophetic, courageous, and generous. We ask this in the name of Christ, our living Lord. Amen.**

The Seventh Word Jesus said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."

Reflection

A time for silent reflection is kept.

Officiant Let us pray.

People **God of mercy and providence, into your hands I commend my spirit. Help me to trust in your love and care for me. Hold me in your peace. We ask this in the Spirit, through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.**

Officiant The words of Jesus from his cross
Are cried today with so much loss;
Reality lived age to age,
All the injustice we engage.

A time for silent reflection is kept.

Intercessions for Good Friday

- Reader* Jesus willingly submitted to suffer in our place. Let us pray to God our Father, and place in his hands the suffering of the world. Let us pray saying, "Have mercy on your people, Lord" after each petition.
We pray for the church, that we may bear our cross and follow Jesus. This is our prayer:
- People* **Have mercy on your people, Lord.**
- Reader* We pray for those who have sinned, like Peter. Teach us to be sorry for our sins, and forgive us for Jesus' sake. This is our prayer:
- People* **Have mercy on your people, Lord.**
- Reader* We pray for prisoners and criminals like Barabbas. May they find true freedom by changing the way they live. This is our prayer:
- People* **Have mercy on your people, Lord.**
- Reader* We pray for people in government, like Pilate. May they be responsible and serve truth and justice. This is our prayer:
- People* **Have mercy on your people, Lord.**
- Reader* We pray for those who are dying, like the thieves who died with Jesus. May they die with Jesus by their side, and be received into your kingdom. This is our prayer:
- People* **Have mercy on your people, Lord.**
- Reader* We pray for parents like Mary who have lost a child. May they bear their suffering and know the comfort of your love. This is our prayer:
- People* **Have mercy on your people, Lord.**
- Reader* We pray for the whole human race, that we may all come to know Jesus as our Lord and Saviour. This is our prayer:
- People* **Have mercy on your people, Lord.**
- Reader* God, may the suffering and death of Jesus lighten the burdens of all those who suffer. Lead us in the way of the cross, so that, as we suffer with Jesus, we may rise to life in his glory, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Concluding Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray,

People **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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Hymn #537 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

Text by John Bowring

1 In the cross of Christ I glory,
towering o'er the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story
gathers round its head sublime.

2 When the woes of life o'er take me,
hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
never shall the cross forsake me:
lo, it glows with peace and joy.

3 When the sun of bliss is beaming
light and love upon my way,
from the cross the radiance streaming
adds more lustre to the day.

4 Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
by the cross are sanctified;
peace is there that knows no measure,
joys that through all time abide.

Repeat verse 1

Officiant 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.**

Officiant 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.**

The service ends in silence.

Please stay in the church for as long as you wish. As you exit, please use the side doors and remember to remain quiet in the Narthex area out of respect for those who have remained in the church praying.

Remember the story continues tomorrow as we enter into the spirit of the Resurrection with the Vigil at 7:00 p.m. followed by a resurrection party. And on Sunday we celebrate with joy the glory of Easter at 10:00 a.m. We hope to have you join us as we continue the journey of faith.

No offering is being taken as part of our liturgy today. However, there is a collection plate in the Narthex if you wish to make an offering.

Officiant	The Rev. Leonard Leader
Assisting Clergy	Fr. Pierre Niyongere
Readers	Hazel Perkin, Maggie Sumner, Max Wynter, Laura Pummell
Words from the Cross	Aili Maki

Easter at St. George on Yonge

Saturday, April 8

7:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday

Great Vigil of Easter with renewal of baptismal promises & 1st Eucharist of Easter



Sunday, April 9

10:00 a.m.

Easter Sunday

Sung Communion celebrating the resurrection with children's ministry



Tuesday, April 11

Easter Communion Service

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April 12-14

Seniors' Communion

Seniors' Communion offered at home – Pre-arrange with Rev. Leonard Leader. Call or email the office.