

GOOD FRIDAY



CHRISTCHURCH
ANGLICAN

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6:30 p.m.

On this most sorrowful of days, we focus on Jesus upon the cross. The black veils and stark appearance of the church are intended to remind us that on this day the Lord of Life was rejected, mocked, scourged, and crucified. This service includes the Veneration of the Cross, which affords us the opportunity to express our love and thankfulness for the gift of eternal life given us by the gift of Jesus' death. By his cross we are redeemed, set free from the bondage of death and sin. In it we have a continual sign of God's never-ending love for us.



The Icon of the Lamentations by the Tomb

The icon depicts Christ after he has been removed from the cross. His body is being prepared for burial. The scene is taken from the Gospel of St. John (John 19:38-42). Shown around him, and mourning his death, are his Mother, John the beloved disciple, Joseph of Arimathea, Mary Magdalene, and Nicodemus.



A Service for Good Friday

Please gather on the Church steps and observe silence before the service for prayer and meditation. All are kindly asked to silence mobile devices. Those able are invited to walk the fourteen stations. Those unable may sit in the church or outside in chairs near the church steps until the procession into the church which begins on page 10.

Tolling of the Bells

While the bells are being rung, this prayer may be used by the people for silent meditation.

We adore thee, most Holy Trinity, we worship thee, and thank thee that Thou hast revealed to us this glorious Mystery. Grant, we beseech thee, that persevering in this Faith, and loving thee above all things, we may see thee and glorify thee eternally, whom we confess here, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, one God in Three Persons, blessed for evermore. Amen.

Officiant In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. **Amen.**

Officiant Lord, have mercy upon us.

People **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Officiant Lord, have mercy upon us.

Officiant We will glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People **In whom is our salvation, our life and resurrection.**

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Officiant Assist us mercifully with thy help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby thou hast given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The First Station
Jesus is condemned to death

Officiant We adore thee, O Christ, and we bless thee:

People **Because by thy holy cross thou hast redeemed the world.**

Reader As soon as it was morning, the chief priests, with the elders and scribes, and the whole council, held a consultation; and they bound Jesus and led him away and delivered him to Pilate. And they all condemned him and said, "He deserves to die." When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called the Pavement, but in the Hebrew, Gabbatha. Then he handed Jesus over to them to be crucified.

Officiant God didst not spare his own Son:

People **But delivered him up for us all.**

Officiant Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord. *Amen.*

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

The Second Station
Jesus takes up his cross

Assisting We adore thee, O Christ, and we bless thee:

People **Because by thy holy cross thou hast redeemed the world.**

Reader Jesus went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. Like a lamb he was led to the slaughter; and like a sheep that before its shearers is mute, so he opened not his mouth. Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and blessing.

Assisting The Lord hast laid upon him the iniquity of us all:

People **For the transgression of my people was he stricken.**

Assisting Almighty God, whose beloved Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption: Give us courage to take up our cross and follow him; who liveth and reigneth for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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

The Third Station
Jesus falls the first time

Assisting We adore thee, O Christ, and we bless thee:

People **Because by thy holy cross thou hast redeemed the world.**

Reader Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped; but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, and was born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him, and bestowed on him the name which is above every name. Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our Maker, for he is the Lord our God.

Assisting Surely he hast borne our griefs:

People **And carried our sorrows.**

Assisting O God, thou knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: Grant us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

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

The Fourth Station
Jesus meets his afflicted mother

Officiant We adore thee, O Christ, and we bless thee:

People **Because by thy holy cross thou hast redeemed the world.**

Reader To what can I liken you, to what can I compare you, O daughter of Jerusalem? What likeness can I use to comfort you, O virgin daughter of Zion? For vast as the sea is your ruin. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. The Lord will be your everlasting light, and your days of mourning shall be ended.

Officiant A sword will pierce thine own soul also:

People **And fill thy heart with bitter pain.**

Officiant O God, who willeth that in the passion of your Son a sword of grief should pierce the soul of the Blessed Virgin Mary his mother: Mercifully grant that thy Church, having shared with her in his passion, may be made worthy to share in the joys of his resurrection; who liveth and reigneth for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

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

The Fifth Station
The Cross is laid on Simon of Cyrene

Assisting We adore thee, O Christ, and we bless thee:

People **Because by thy holy cross thou hast redeemed the world.**

Reader As they led Jesus away, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross to carry it behind Jesus. "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Assisting Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me:

People **Cannot be my disciple.**

Assisting Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son came not to be served but to serve: Bless all who, following in his steps, give themselves to the service of others; that with wisdom, patience, and courage, they may minister in his Name to the suffering, the friendless, and the needy; for the love of him who laid down his life for us, thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. ***Amen.***

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

The Sixth Station
A woman wipes the face of Jesus

Assisting We adore thee, O Christ, and we bless thee:

People **Because by thy holy cross thou hast redeemed the world.**

Reader We have seen him without beauty or majesty, with no looks to attract our eyes. He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces, he was despised, and we esteemed him not. His appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of men. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that made us whole, and with his stripes we are healed.

Assisting People Restore us, O Lord God of hosts:
Show the light of thy countenance, and we shall be saved.

Assisting O God, who before the passion of thine only-begotten Son didst reveal his glory upon the holy mount: Grant unto us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. ***Amen.***

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

The Seventh Station Jesus falls a second time

Officiant People We adore thee, O Christ, and we bless thee:
Because by thy holy cross thou hast redeemed the world.

Reader Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows. 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. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth. For the transgression of my people was he stricken.

Officiant People But as for me, I am a worm and no man:
Scorned by all and despised by the people.

Officiant Almighty and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the Cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also be made partakers in his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. ***Amen.***

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

The Eighth Station Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem

Assisting People We adore thee, O Christ, and we bless thee:
Because by thy holy cross thou hast redeemed the world.

Reader There followed after Jesus a great multitude of the people, and among them were women who bewailed and lamented him. But Jesus turning to them said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children."

Assisting People Those who sowed with tears:
Will reap with songs of joy.

Assisting Teach thy Church, O Lord, to mourn the sins of which it is guilty, and to repent and forsake them; that, by thy pardoning grace, the results of our iniquities may not be visited upon our children and our children's children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

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

The Ninth Station
Jesus falls a third time

Assisting People We adore thee, O Christ, and we bless thee:
Because by thy holy cross thou hast redeemed the world.

Reader I am the man who has seen affliction under the rod of his wrath; he has driven and brought me into darkness without any light. He has besieged me and enveloped me with bitterness and tribulation; he has made me dwell in darkness like the dead of long ago. Though I call and cry for help, he shuts out my prayer. He has made my teeth grind on gravel, and made me cower in ashes. "Remember, O Lord, my affliction and bitterness, the wormwood and the gall!"

Assisting People He was led like a lamb to the slaughter:
And like a sheep that before its shearers is mute, so he opened not his mouth.

Assisting O God, by the passion of thy blessed Son thou hast made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life: Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ, that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

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

The Tenth Station
Jesus is stripped of his garments

Officiant People We adore thee, O Christ, and we bless thee:
Because by thy holy cross thou hast redeemed the world.

Reader When they came to a place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull), they offered him wine to drink, mingled with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And they divided his garments among them by casting lots. This was to fulfill the scripture which says, "They divided my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing."

Officiant People They gave me gall to eat:
And when I was thirsty they gave me vinegar to drink.

Officiant Lord God, whose blessed Son our Saviour gave his body to be whipped and his face to be spit upon: Give us grace to accept joyfully the sufferings of the present time, confident of the glory that shall be revealed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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

The Eleventh Station
Jesus is nailed to the Cross

Assisting People We adore thee, O Christ, and we bless thee:
Because by thy holy cross thou hast redeemed the world.

Reader When they came to the place which is called The Skull, there they crucified him; and with him they crucified two criminals, one on the right, the other on the left, and Jesus between them. And the scripture was fulfilled which says, "He was numbered with the transgressors."

Assisting They pierce my hands and my feet:
People **They stare and gloat over me.**

Assisting Lord Jesus Christ, who didst stretch out thine arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of thy saving embrace: So clothe us in thy Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know thee to the knowledge and love of thee; for the honor of thy Name. **Amen.**

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

The Twelfth Station Jesus dies on the Cross

Assisting We adore thee, O Christ, and we bless thee:
People **Because by thy holy cross thou hast redeemed the world.**

Reader When Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing near, he said to his mother, “Woman, behold your son!” Then he said to the disciple, “Behold your mother!” And when Jesus had received the vinegar, he said, “It is finished!” And then, crying with a loud voice, he said, “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.” And he bowed his head, and handed over his spirit.

Assisting Christ for us became obedient unto death:
People **Even death on a cross.**

Assisting O God, who for our redemption didst give thine only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection didst deliver us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; who liveth and reigneth now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

The Thirteenth Station The body of Jesus is placed in the arms of his mother

Officiant We adore thee, O Christ, and we bless thee:
People **Because by thy holy cross thou hast redeemed the world.**

Reader All you who pass by, behold and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow. My eyes are spent with weeping; my soul is in tumult; my heart is poured out in grief because of the downfall of my people. “Do not call me Naomi (which means Pleasant), call me Mara (which means Bitter); for the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me.”

Officiant Her tears run down her cheeks:
People **And she has none to comfort her.**

Officiant Lord Jesus Christ, by thy death thou didst take away the sting of death: Grant to us thy servants so to follow in faith where thou hast led the way, that we may at length fall asleep peacefully in thee and wake up in thy likeness; for thy tender mercies' sake. **Amen.**

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



The Fourteenth Station
Jesus is laid in the tomb

Assisting We adore thee, O Christ, and we bless thee:
People **Because by thy holy cross thou hast redeemed the world.**

Reader When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. And Joseph took the body, and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud, and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock; and he rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb.

Assisting Thou wilt not abandon me to the grave:
People **Nor let thy holy One see corruption.**

Assisting O God, thy blessed Son was laid in a tomb in a garden, and rested on the Sabbath day: Grant that we who have been buried with him in the waters of baptism may find our perfect rest in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he liveth and reigneth for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people gather at the church doors and process behind the cross in silence.

Please kneel

Officiant All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way,
People **And the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.**
Officiant Let us pray.

The Collect

Almighty God, we beseech thee graciously to behold this thy family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed, and given up into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

The First Lesson *Please be seated*

Genesis 22:1-18

¹ After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ² He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." ³ So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. ⁴ On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. ⁵ Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." ⁶ And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. ⁷ And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" ⁸ Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together. ⁹ When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰ Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. ¹¹ But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ¹² He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." ¹³ And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided." ¹⁵ And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven ¹⁶ and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷ I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply

your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies,¹⁸ and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.”

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 22:1-11

¹ My God, my God, why have you forsaken me,
and are so far from my cry, and from the words of my complaint?

² O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not hear;
in the night season also, but I find no rest.

³ But you remain holy,
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.

⁴ Our fathers hoped in you;
they trusted in you, and you delivered them.

⁵ They called upon you, and were delivered;
they put their trust in you, and were not confounded.

⁶ But as for me, I am a worm, and no man,
scorned by all, and the outcast of the people.

⁷ All those who see me laugh me to scorn;
they curl their lips, and shake their heads, saying,

⁸ “He trusted in God, that he would deliver him;
let him deliver him, if he will have him.”

⁹ But you are he that took me out of my mother’s womb;
you were my hope, when I was yet upon my mother’s breasts.

¹⁰ I have been cast upon you ever since I was born;
you are my God, even from my mother’s womb.

¹¹ O go not far from me, for trouble is near at hand,
and there is none to help me.

The Second Lesson

Hebrews 10:1-25

¹ For since the law has but a shadow of the good things to come instead of the true form of these realities, it can never, by the same sacrifices that are continually offered every year, make perfect those who draw near. ² Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered, since the worshipers, having once been cleansed, would no longer have any consciousness of sins? ³ But in these sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year. ⁴ For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. ⁵ Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, “Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me; ⁶ in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. ⁷ Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.’” ⁸ When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), ⁹ then he added, “Behold, I have come to do your will.” He does away with the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰ And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. ¹¹ And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. ¹² But when Christ had offered for all time a

single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, ¹³ waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. ¹⁴ For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified. ¹⁵ And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying, ¹⁶ “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds,” ¹⁷ then he adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.” ¹⁸ Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. ¹⁹ Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near 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. ²³ Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**



Sequence Hymn *Please stand*

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

Verse

Je - sus, keep me near the cross. There a pre - cious foun - tain
 free to all; a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.

Refrain

In the cross, in the cross, be my glo - ry ev - er,
 till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the ri - ver.

Verse 2

Near the cross, a trembling soul,
 love and mercy found me.
 There, the bright and Morning Star
 sheds its beams around me.

*In the cross, in the cross,
 be my glory ever,
 till my ransomed soul shall find
 rest beyond the river.*

Verse 3

Near the cross! O Lamb of God,
 bring its scenes before me.
 Help me walk from day to day
 with its shadows o'er me.

Refrain

Verse 4

Near the cross I'll watch and wait,
 hoping, trusting, ever,
 till I reach the golden strand
 just beyond the river.

Refrain

¹ Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged him. ² And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head and arrayed him in a purple robe. ³ They came up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and struck him with their hands. ⁴ Pilate went out again and said to them, "See, I am bringing him out to you that you may know that I find no guilt in him." ⁵ So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Behold the man!" ⁶ When the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out,

People **"Crucify him, crucify him!"**

Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no guilt in him." ⁷ The Jews answered him,

People **"We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has made himself the Son of God."**

⁸ When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid. ⁹ He entered his headquarters again and said to Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰ So Pilate said to him, "You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have authority to release you and authority to crucify you?" ¹¹ Jesus answered him, "You would have no authority over me at all unless it had been given you from above. Therefore he who delivered me over to you has the greater sin." ¹² From then on Pilate sought to release him, but the Jews cried out,

People **"If you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar."**

¹³ So when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Stone Pavement, and in Aramaic Gabbatha. ¹⁴ Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" ¹⁵ They cried out,

People **"Away with him, away with him, crucify him!"**

Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered,

People **"We have no king but Caesar."**

¹⁶ So he delivered him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus, ¹⁷ and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. ¹⁸ There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. ¹⁹ Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." ²⁰ Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. ²¹ So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate,

People **"Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but rather, '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 garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, ²⁴ so they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be." This was to fulfill the Scripture which says, "They divided my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots." So the soldiers did these things, ²⁵ but standing by 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 nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" ²⁷ Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home. ²⁸ After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." ²⁹ A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. ³⁰ When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

The Solemn Collects *Please kneel*

Officiant Dearly beloved brethren: Our heavenly Father sent not his Son into the world 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.

Assisting 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 humbly beseech thee for thy holy catholic Church; that thou wouldst be pleased to fill it with all truth, in 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, establish it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of Jesus Christ thy Son our Saviour. **Amen.**

Assisting Let us pray likewise for Julian, our Provincial Dean, and for Alex, our Bishop: that like as the Lord our God hath appointed them to their offices, so he may preserve them in health and safety for the governance of God's holy people.

Silence

Officiant Almighty and everlasting God, whose judgment upholdeth all things in heaven and earth: We beseech thee mercifully to have respect unto our prayers, that like as thou hast appointed these thy servants to be our Bishops so thou wouldest of thy mercy defend them against all adversities; and that we, acknowledging thee alone as the great Bishop and Shepherd of our souls, may so prosper by their care that we may duly increase in bringing forth the fruits of righteousness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Lord. **Amen.**

Assisting Let us pray likewise for all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons; and for all the holy people of God.

Silence

Officiant Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified; Receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before thee for all members of thy holy church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and godly serve thee; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Assisting Let us pray likewise for Donald our President, and for all in Civil Authority; that they, being filled with the wisdom and strength to know and do your will, may be continually mindful of their calling to serve this nation in reverent obedience to you.

Silence

Officiant Almighty God, whose kingdom is everlasting, and power infinite: We commend this nation to thy merciful care, that being guided by thy Providence, we may dwell secure in thy peace. Grant to our President, and to all in authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do thy will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness; and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve this people in thy fear; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Assisting Let us pray likewise for those who are preparing for Holy Baptism, 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, who dost ever increase thy Church in each generation: We beseech thee that thou wouldest grant the gifts of faith and understanding to them being taught in thy holy Word; that being washed in the waters of Baptism, they may be born again and numbered among the sons of thine adopted children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

Silence

Officiant Gracious God, the comfort of all that sorrow, the strength of all that suffer: Let the cry of those in misery and need come unto thee, that they may find thy mercy present with them in all their afflictions; and give us, we beseech thee, the strength to serve them for the sake of him who suffered for us, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Assisting Let us pray likewise for all them that are in heresy or schism: that the Lord our God may deliver them from all false doctrines, and restore them to the faith and unity of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

Silence

Officiant O God of truth and love, who desireth not the death of a sinner but rather that he may turn from his wickedness and live: Look with mercy upon those who are deceived by the lies of the world, the flesh, and the devil; that the hearts of those who have gone astray may be restored to wisdom and return to the way of truth in the unity of thy holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Assisting Let us pray likewise 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, who didst of old establish thy covenant with Abraham and his seed: Hear the prayers of thy Church, that the people through whom thou didst bring blessing to the world may also receive the blessing of salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

Silence

Officiant Merciful God, creator of all men and lover of all souls: Have mercy upon all who know thee not as thou art revealed in thy Son Jesus Christ; let thy Gospel be preached with grace and power to those who have not heard it; turn the hearts of those who resist it; and so fetch them home, blessed Lord, to thy fold, that they may be made one flock under one shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Assisting 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 with 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 upon thy whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; and by the tranquil operation of thy providence, carry out the work of man's 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 renewed unto the perfection of him through whom all things

were made, thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Silence

The Veneration of the Cross

Please remain kneeling

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

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

Anthem 1

Officiant We glory in thy Cross, O Lord,

People **and praise and glorify thy holy resurrection;
for by virtue of the Cross joy hath come to the whole world.**

Officiant God be merciful unto us, and bless us,
and show us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us;

People **That thy way may be known upon earth,
thy saving health among all nations.**

Officiant Let the peoples praise thee, O God;
yea, let all the peoples praise thee.

People **We glory in thy Cross, O Lord,
and praise and glorify thy holy resurrection;
for by virtue of the Cross
joy hath come to the whole world.**

Anthem 2

Assisting We adore thee, O Christ, and we bless thee,

People **because by thy holy Cross thou hast redeemed the world.**

Assisting If we be dead with him, we shall also live with him:
If we suffer, we shall also reign with him.

People **We adore thee, O Christ, and we bless thee,
because by thy holy Cross thou hast redeemed the world.**

Hymn 168 *Please remain kneeling*

O Sacred Head, Sore Wounded



O sac - red head, sore wound - ed, de - filed and put to scorn.
O king - ly head, surr - ound - ed with mock - ing crown of thorn.



What sorr - ow mars thy grand - eur? Can death thy bloom de - flower?



Verse 2

*Thy beauty, long-desired,
hath vanished from our sight.
Thy power is all expired,
and quenched the light of light.
Ah me! for whom thou diest,
hide not so far thy grace.
Show me, O Love most highest,
the brightness of thy face.*

Verse 3

*I pray thee, Jesus, own me,
me, Shepherd good, for thine,
who, to thy fold hast won me,
and fed with truth divine.
Me guilty, me refuse not,
incline thy face to me,
this comfort that I lose not,
on earth to comfort thee.*

Verse 4

*In thy most bitter passion
my heart to share doth cry,
with thee for my salvation
upon the Cross to die.
Ah, keep my heart thus moved
to stand thy Cross beneath,
to mourn thee, well-beloved,
yet thank thee for thy death.*

Verse 5

*My days are few, O fail not,
with thine immortal power,
to hold me that I quail not
in death's most fearful hour,
that I may fight befriended,
and see in my last strife
to me thine arms extended
upon the Cross of life.*

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant and 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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Concluding Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, we pray thee to set thy passion, cross, and death between thy 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 thy holy Church peace and concord; and to us sinners everlasting life and glory; for with the Father and the Holy Ghost thou livest and reignest, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Please remain silent while departing from the church.

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- Director of Music** The Reverend Dr. Jack N.T. Lindsay
- Vergers** Bryan McLaughlin, Robert McBride, and Cornelius Jackson
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- Passion Cast** Leigh Parker, Suanne Samelson, David Cobb, Kathleene Hawthorne, Jeremiah Short, Charles Edmondson, and Tom Andersen



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