

A black and white photograph of a simple wooden cross. A black cloth is draped over the horizontal beam of the cross, hanging down on both sides. The wood of the cross is weathered and shows natural grain patterns. The background is plain white.

THE SOLEMN LITURGY OF GOOD FRIDAY

The Celebration *of the* Lord's Passion

The Cathedral Church of Saint George
April 3, 2026 • 11:00 a.m.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

When the congregation has assembled and the ministers, having entered in silence, are in their places, all shall stand as able.

Celebrant All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned everyone to his own way,
People **And the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.**

Celebrant Christ the Lord became obedient unto death,
People **Even death on a cross.**

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant Almighty God,
People **our heavenly Father, we have sinned in thought and word and deed; we have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We pray you of your mercy, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, look graciously, we pray, on this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

The people are seated.

The First Reading | Isaiah 52: 13-53:12

A reading from the book of 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.

Bidding

The word of the Lord.

Response

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22, *Deus, Deus meus* | Sung by the choir.

MY God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me, / and art so far from my help, and from the words of my complaint?

2 O my God, I cry in the day-time, but thou hearest not; / and in the night-season also I take no rest.

3 And thou continuest holy, / O thou worship of Israel.

4 Our fathers trusted in thee; / they trusted in thee, and thou didst deliver them.

5 They called upon thee, and were saved; / they put their trust in thee, and were not confounded.

6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man; / a very scorn of men, and the outcast of the people.

7 All they that see me laugh me to scorn; / they shoot out their lips, and shake their heads,

8 Saying, 'He trusted in God, that he would deliver him; / let him deliver him, if he delighteth in him.'

9 But thou art he that took me from the womb; / thou wast my hope, when I hanged yet upon my mother's breasts.

10 I have been left unto thee ever since I was born; / thou art my God even from my mother's womb.

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

12 MANY oxen are come about me; / strong bulls of Bashan close me in on every side.

13 They gape upon me with their mouths, / as it were a ramping and a roaring lion.

14 I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; / my heart also in the midst of my body is even like melting wax.

15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue cleaveth to my gums, / and thou bringest me into the dust of death.

16 For many dogs are come about me, / and the council of the wicked layeth siege against me.

17 They pierced my hands and my feet; I may count all my bones: / they stand staring and looking upon me.

18 They part my garments among them, / and cast lots upon my vesture.

19 But be not thou far from me, O LORD; / thou art my succour, haste thee to help me.

20 Deliver my soul from the sword, / and my life from the power of the dog.

21 Save me from the lion's mouth; / thou hast heard me also from among the horns of the wild oxen.

22 I WILL declare thy Name unto my brethren; / in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.

23 O praise the LORD, ye that fear him: / magnify him, all ye of the seed of Jacob, and stand in awe of him, all ye seed of Israel.

24 For he hath not despised nor abhorred the low estate of the poor; / he hath not hid his face from him; but when he called unto him he heard him.

25 Of thee cometh my praise in the great congregation; / my vows will I perform in the sight of them that fear him.

26 The poor shall eat and be satisfied; they that seek after the LORD shall praise him; / may your heart live for ever.

27 ALL the ends of the world shall remember, and be turned unto the LORD; / and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before him.

28 For the kingdom is the LORD'S, / and he is the Governor among the nations.

29 Surely to him shall all the proud of the earth bow down; / and before him shall kneel all that go down into the dust, and he that cannot keep his soul alive.

30 Their posterity shall serve him; / it shall be told of the Lord unto a generation yet to come.

31 And men shall declare his righteousness / unto a people that shall be born, that he hath done it.

The Second Reading | Hebrews 10: 16-25

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

"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.

Bidding The word of the Lord.
Response **Thanks be to God.**

The people remain seated. The text may be found on the insert.

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ | Mark 15:1-39

Silence may be kept.

The Sermon | The Very Reverend Douglas Michael

Hymn | Sung by all, standing as able.



My song is love unknown,
my Saviour's love to me,
love to the loveless shown,
that they might lovely be.
O who am I,
that for my sake
my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?

2 He came from his blest throne,
salvation to bestow;
but men made strange, and none
the longed-for Christ would know.
But O, my Friend,
my Friend indeed,
who at my need his life did spend!

3 Sometimes they strew his way,
and his sweet praises sing;
resounding all the day
hosannas to their King.
Then 'Crucify!'
is all their breath,
and for his death they thirst and cry.

4 They rise, and needs will have
my dear Lord made away;
a murderer they save,
the Prince of Life they slay.
Yet cheerful he
to suffering goes,
that he his foes from thence might free.

5 Here might I stay and sing:
no story so divine;
never was love, dear King,
never was grief like thine!
This is my Friend,
in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend.

THE SOLEMN INTERCESSIONS

The people remain standing. The Deacon then 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 eternal life.

The people kneel or are seated.

Deacon Let us pray for the one holy catholic and apostolic Church of Christ throughout the world: for its unity in witness and service, for all bishops and other ministers and the people whom they serve, for William our bishop, and all the people of this diocese, for all Christians in this community, for those about to be baptized that the Lord will confirm his Church in faith, increase it in love, and preserve it in peace.

Silence

Bishop Almighty and everlasting God, by your Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified. Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in our vocation and ministry we may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

People **Amen.**

Deacon Let us pray for all nations and peoples of the earth, and for those in authority among them: for Charles our King and all the Royal Family, for Mark the Prime Minister and for the government of this country, for Mark our member of Parliament, for Doug the premier of this province and the members of the legislature, for Ted our member of the Provincial Parliament, for Bryan the mayor of this municipality and those who serve with him on the city council, for all who serve the common good, that by God's help they may seek justice and truth, and live in peace and concord.

Silence

Bishop Almighty God, kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth, that justice and peace may increase, until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Deacon Let us pray for all who suffer and are afflicted in body or in mind: for the hungry and homeless, the destitute and the oppressed, and all who suffer persecution or prejudice, for the sick, the wounded, and the handicapped, for those in loneliness, fear, and anguish, for those who face temptation, doubt, and despair, for the sorrowful and bereaved, for prisoners and captives and those in mortal danger, that God in his mercy will comfort and relieve them, and grant them the knowledge of his love, and stir up in us the will and patience to minister to their needs.

Silence

Bishop Gracious God, the comfort of all who sorrow, the strength of all who suffer, hear the cry of those in misery and need. In their afflictions show them your mercy, and give us, we pray, the strength to serve them, for the sake of him who suffered for us, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Deacon Let us pray for all who have not received the gospel of Christ: for all who have not heard the words of salvation, for all who have lost their faith, for all whose sin has made them indifferent to Christ, for all who actively oppose Christ by word or deed, for all who are enemies of the cross of Christ, and persecutors of his disciples, for all who in the name of Christ have persecuted others, that God will open their hearts to the truth, and lead them to faith and obedience.

Silence

Bishop Merciful God, creator of the peoples of the earth and lover of souls, have compassion on all who do not know you as you are revealed in your Son Jesus Christ. Let your gospel be preached with grace and power to those who have not heard it, turn the hearts of those who resist it, and bring home to your fold those who have gone astray; that there may be one flock under one shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Deacon Let us commit ourselves to God, and pray for the grace of a holy life, that with all who have departed this life and have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to God alone, we may be accounted worthy to enter into the fullness of the joy of our Lord, and receive the crown of life in the day of resurrection.

Silence

Bishop O God of unchangeable power and eternal light, look favourably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery. By the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation. Let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

THE VENERATION OF THE CROSS

Celebrant
People

This is the wood of the cross, on which hung the Saviour of the world.
Come, let us worship.

The Meditation on the Cross of Jesus | *Sung by the choir.*

How doth the city sit solitary, that was full of people:
how is she become as a widow!
She that was great among the nations, and princess
among the provinces:
how is she become tributary!
She weepeth sore in the night, and her tears are on her
cheeks:
among all her lovers, she hath none to comfort her.
The ways of Zion do mourn, because none come to
the solemn assembly:
all her gates are desolate, and she herself is in
bitterness.
The Lord hath afflicted her for the multitude of her
transgressions:
her children are gone into captivity before the enemy.
All they that go by clap their hands at her:
they hiss, and wag their head at the daughter of
Jerusalem saying,
“Is this the city called the perfection of beauty;
the joy of the whole earth?”
Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return unto the Lord thy God.

For these things I weep:
mine eye runneth down with water.
From on high hath the Lord sent fire into my bones,
and it prevaieth against them:
he hath made me desolate and faint all the day.
My flesh and my skin hath he made old:
he hath broken my bones.
He hath builded against me;
and compassed me with gall and travail.
He hath made me to dwell in dark places:
as those that have been long dead.
I am become a derision to all my people:
and their song all the day.
Let him give his cheek to him that smiteth him:
let him be filled full with reproach.

Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by:
behold and see if there be any sorrow like unto my
sorrow.
Remember mine affliction and my misery:
the wormwood and the gall.
Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return unto the Lord thy God.

Remember, O Lord, what is come upon us:
behold and see our reproach.
The joy of our heart is ceased:
our dance is turned into mourning.
The crown is fallen from our head:
woe unto us, for we have sinned.
For this our heart is faint:
for these things our eyes are dim.
Let us search and try our ways:
and turn again unto the Lord.
Turn thou us unto thee, O Lord, and we shall be turned:
renew our days as of old.
It is of the Lord’s mercies that we are not consumed:
because his compassions fail not.
They are new every morning:
great is thy faithfulness.
The Lord is my portion, saith my soul:
therefore will I hope in him.
O Lord, thou hast pleaded the causes of my soul:
thou hast redeemed my life.
Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return unto the Lord thy God.

After a short time of silent meditation, the people sing the hymn as the Altar is prepared for Holy Communion:

Hymn at the Veneration of the Cross | Sung by all, standing as able.



Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle,
sing the ending of the fray;
now above the cross, the trophy,
sound the loud triumphant lay:
tell how Christ, the world's redeemer,
as a victim won the day.

2 Tell how, when at length the fullness
of the appointed time was come,
Christ, the word, was born of woman,
left for us his heavenly home;
showed us human life made perfect,
shone as light amid the gloom.

3 Thus, with thirty years accomplished,
went he forth from Nazareth,
destined, dedicated, willing,
wrought his work and met his death.
Like a lamb he humbly yielded
on the cross his dying breath.

4 Faithful cross, thou sign of triumph,
now for us the noblest tree,
none in foliage, none in blossom,
none in fruit thy peer may be;
symbol of the world's redemption,
for the weight that hung on thee!

5 Unto God be praise and glory:
to the Father and the Son,
to the eternal spirit honour
now and evermore be done;
praise and glory in the highest,
while the timeless ages run.

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Latin, Venatius Fortunatus 530-609
Tr Percy Dearmer 1867-1936 and
J.M. Neale 1818-66

We receive the Body and Blood of the Christ in the consecrated bread and wine reserved from the Maundy Thursday Holy Eucharist.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.

Bishop

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.

People

Amen.

The Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday ends here. Please depart in silence or join us in the Chapel of Reconciliation for the noon Litany of Reconciliation and Holy Communion from the Reserved Sacrament.

THE LITANY OF RECONCILIATION

Celebrant The hatred which divides nation from nation, race from race, class from class,

People **Father, forgive.**

Celebrant The covetous desires of people and nations to possess what is not their own,

People **Father, forgive.**

Celebrant The greed which exploits the work of human hands and lays waste the earth,

People **Father, forgive.**

Celebrant Our envy of the welfare and happiness of others,

People **Father, forgive.**

Celebrant Our indifference to the plight of the imprisoned, the homeless, the refugee,

People **Father, forgive.**

Celebrant The lust which dishonours the bodies of men, women and children,

People **Father, forgive.**

Celebrant The pride which leads us to trust in ourselves and not in God,

People **Father, forgive.**

Celebrant Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another

People **as God in Christ forgave you.**

THE RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE INTENTIONS OF RECONCILIATION

The minister greets those present:

Celebrant In the name of The Father, The Son and the Holy Spirit.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant Blessed by God our Make and Jesus the Son and Spirit all surrounding, the
Three-in-One, Praise to you, O God of all creatures,

People **According to the blessings of life you have poured upon us.**

Celebrant “Blessed are the poor in spirit,
People **for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

Celebrant Blessed are those who mourn,
People **for they will be comforted.**

Celebrant Blessed are the meek,
People **for they will inherit the earth.**

Celebrant Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
People **for they will be filled.**

Celebrant Blessed are the merciful,
People **for they will be shown mercy.**

Celebrant Blessed are the pure in heart,
People **for they will see God.**

Celebrant Blessed are the peacemakers,
People **for they will be called children of God.**

Celebrant Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
People **for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”** *Matthew 5: 3-10*

Celebrant “To you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who
hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. Do to
others as you would have them do to you.” *Luke 6: 27-28, 31*

The minister prays for those who have shared in the Litany of Reconciliation:

Celebrant If God should count our sins against us, who could stand? But all things have
been reconciled in God our Maker, through the life, death and resurrection of
Jesus Christ so that through the Holy Spirit, present with us now, we may be
forgiven for all our wrongdoings.

Celebrant

The Church of God of which we are members has taken bread and wine and given thanks over them according to our Lord's command. These holy gifts are now offered to us that, with faith and thanksgiving, we may share in the communion of the body and blood of Christ.

People

Gracious God, we thank you for feeding us with this heavenly food. Strengthen us in the power of your Spirit, to live our lives in reconciling love and to your praise and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant

The gifts of God for the People of God.

People

Thanks be to God.

The sacrament is given with the following, or similar, words:

The body of Christ (given for you).

The blood of Christ (given for you).

When all have received communion, the minister prays:

Celebrant

Generous God, Thank you for nourishing us at your holy table and for giving us a taste of heaven and earth as one. Strengthen us by your reconciling presence to do justice, love, mercy and walk humbly with you, our God, on this earth that we share with all you have made.

People

Amen.

Celebrant

Glory to God,

People

Whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.

**Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The minister blesses those present with these, or similar, words:

Celebrant

As we rise from this table fed with Christ our bread for the journey, may you be sustained by the love of God and go from here in the reconciling peace of the Spirit; and the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, remain with you now and forever.

People

Amen.

Celebrant

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Welcome! We are so glad you are here.

The Easter Triduum at the Cathedral

Good Friday Concert: Stainer's *The Crucifixion*

Today – 3:30pm

The Great Vigil of Easter

Saturday, April 4 – 8pm

Easter Day Festival Holy Eucharist

Sunday, April 5 – 8am & 10:30am

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The Right Reverend William Cliff, *bishop*
The Very Reverend Douglas Michael, *dean*
Brad Barbeau, *director of music*
The Cathedral Choir

*We acknowledge that in Kingston we are situated on traditional territory of the Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, and Huron Wendat peoples.
We seek a new relationship with the original peoples of this land, one rooted in and based upon honour and deep respect.*

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