

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 2nd, 2021

Good Friday



Die Grablegung.

Es war aber an der Stätte, da er gekreuziget ward, ein Garten, und im Garten ein neu Grab, in welches niemand je gelegt war. Dasselbst hin legten sie Jesum um des Hinstags willen der Juden, dieweil das Grab nahe war.

Ev. Johannis. Gap. 19. v. 41. 42.

**Welcome to the Church of St. John the Evangelist. Thank you for worshipping with us. Whether you are a first-time visitor, a faithful parishioner or a returning friend, please know that you always have a place at God's table. As you enter today, may the gathering of this community strengthen you to take God's compassion and peace to a world in need of both.**

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## GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY AT TEN O'CLOCK

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*The ministers enter in silence.*

## GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Officiant	All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way,
People	<b>And the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.</b>
Officiant	Christ the Lord became obedient unto death,
People	<b>Even death on a cross.</b>
<i>Silence may be kept.</i>	
Officiant	Almighty God,
All	<b>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.</b>
Officiant	The Lord be with you.
People	<b>And also with you.</b>

Officiant      Let us pray.

*The community prays silently.*

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.

### **Passion of our Lord according to John**

The congregation will read in unison the part of the High Priests, and it is customary for the congregation to join with the Chief Priests and Soldiers in shouting "Crucify him!"

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

John:            Hear the passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
                     according to John.

John:            Jesus went out with his disciples across the  
                     Kidron valley to a place where there was a  
                     garden, which he and his disciples entered.  
                     Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the  
                     place, because Jesus often met there with his  
                     disciples. So Judas brought a detachment of  
                     soldiers together with police from the chief  
                     priests, and they came there with lanterns and  
                     torches and weapons. Then Jesus, knowing all  
                     that was to happen to him, came forward and  
                     asked them,

Jesus:            Whom are you looking for?

John:            They answered,

Soldiers: Jesus of Nazareth.

John: Jesus replied,

Jesus: I am he.

John: Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. When Jesus said to them, 'I am he,' they stepped back and fell to the ground. Again he asked them,

Jesus: Whom are you looking for?

John: And they said,

Soldiers: Jesus of Nazareth.

John: Jesus answered,

Jesus: I told you that I am he. So if you are looking for me, let these men go.

John: This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken, 'I did not lose a single one of those whom you gave me.' 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. Jesus said to Peter,

Jesus: Put your sword back into its sheath. Am I not to drink the cup that the Father has given me?

John: So the soldiers, their officer, and the Temple guards arrested Jesus and bound him.

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

a Woman: You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?

John: Peter said,

Peter: I am not.

John: Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing around it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and warming himself. Then the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching.

Jesus answered,

Jesus: I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. Why do you ask me? Ask those who heard what I said to them; they know what I said.

John: When he had said this, one of the police standing nearby struck Jesus on the face, saying,

a Soldier: Is that how you answer the high priest?

John: Jesus answered,

Jesus: If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong. But if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?

John: Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest. Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They asked him,

Soldiers

and Slaves: You are not also one of his disciples, are you?

John: Peter denied it and said,

Peter: I am not.

John: One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked,

a Slave: Did I not see you in the garden with him?

John: Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed.

Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate's headquarters. It was early in the morning. So Pilate went out to them and said,

Pilate: What accusation do you bring against this man?

John: They answered,

Chief Priests: If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you.

John: Pilate said to them,

Pilate: Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law.

John: The Chief Priests replied,

Chief Priests: We are not permitted to put anyone to death.

John: (This was to fulfill what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.) Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him,

Pilate: Are you the King of the Jews?

John: Jesus answered,

Jesus: 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. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.

John: Pilate asked him,

Pilate: So you are a king?

John: Jesus answered,

Jesus: 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.

John: Pilate asked him,

Pilate: What is truth?

John: After he had said this, he went out to the chief priests again and told them,

Pilate: 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?

John: They shouted in reply,

Chief Priests: Not this man, but Barabbas!

John: Now Barabbas was a bandit. Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. They kept coming up to him, saying,

Soldiers: Hail, King of the Jews!

John: and striking him on the face. Pilate went out again and said to them,

Pilate: Look, I am bringing him out to you.

John: So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them,

Pilate: Here is the man!

John: When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted,

Chief Priests  
and Soldiers: Crucify him! Crucify him!

John: Now when Pilate entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus,

Pilate: Where are you from?

John: But Jesus gave him no answer. Pilate therefore said to him,

Pilate: Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?

John: Jesus answered him,

Jesus: 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.

John: But the chief priests cried out,

Chief Priests: If you release this man, you are no friend of the emperor. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against the emperor.

John: 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. Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. Pilate said to the Jews,

Pilate: Here is your King!

John: They cried out,

Chief Priests: Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!

John: Pilate asked them,

Pilate: Shall I crucify your King?

John: The chief priests answered,

Chief Priests: We have no king but the emperor.

John: Then he handed him over to be crucified. So they took Jesus; and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them.



Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, 'Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.' 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. Then the chief priests said to Pilate,

Chief Priests: Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'

John: Pilate answered,

Pilate: What I have written I have written.

John: 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. So they said to one another,

Soldiers: Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it.

John: This was to fulfill what the scripture says, 'They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots.' 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. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother,

Jesus: Woman, here is your son.

John: Then he said to the disciple,

Jesus: Here is your mother.

John: And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home. After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture),

Jesus: I am thirsty.

John: 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. When Jesus  
had received the wine, he said,

Jesus: It is finished.

John: Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Since it was the day of Preparation, the chief priests 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. Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. (He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth.) These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, 'None of his bones shall be broken.' And again another passage of scripture says, 'They will look on the one whom they have pierced.'

After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was secretly a disciple of Jesus, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body. Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. 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. And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

## **Hymn #202**

## **There is a Green Hill Far Away**

1. There is a green hill far away,  
outside a city wall,  
where the dear Lord was crucified  
who died to save us all.
2. We may not know, we cannot tell  
what pains he had to bear;  
but we believe it was for us  
he hung and suffered there.
3. He died that we might be forgiven,  
he died to make us good,  
that we might go at last to heaven,  
saved by his precious blood.
4. There was no other good enough  
to pay the price of sin;  
he only could unlock the gate  
of heaven, and let us in.
5. O dearly, dearly has he loved,  
and we must love him too,  
and trust in his redeeming blood,  
and try his works to do.

## **The Solemn Intercession**

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 stand.*

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 Todd 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*

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. **Amen.**

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

for Elizabeth our Queen and all the Royal Family,  
for Justin the Prime Minister  
and for the government of this country,  
for Doug the premier of this province  
and the members of the legislature,  
for Karen the Waterloo Regional Chair,  
for Berry the mayor of this municipality  
and those who serve with them  
on the Kitchener 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*

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. **Amen.**

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*

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. **Amen.**

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*

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. **Amen.**

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*

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 tranquillity the plan of salvation.

Let the whole world see and know  
that things which were cast down are being raised up,  
and things which had grown old are being made new,  
and that all things are being brought to their perfection  
by him through whom all things were made,  
your Son Jesus Christ our Lord;  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **Meditation On the Cross of Jesus**

*Officiant* Christ our Lord became obedient unto death.

*People* Come let us worship.

*During the moments of silence, feel free to pray or perform other acts of devotion.*

*Silence.*

## **Choir Anthem**

Is It Nothing to You?

Frederick A. Gore Ouseley

*Silence.*

## **Psalm**

Psalm 22

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

O my god, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer;  
by night as well, but I find no rest.

Yet you are the Holy One,  
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.

Our forefathers put their trust in you'  
they trusted, and you delivered them.

They cried out to you and were delivered;  
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.

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

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

“He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him.  
Let him rescue him, if he delights in him.”

Yet you are he who took me out of the womb,  
and kept me safe upon my mother’s breast.

I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born;  
you were my God when I was still in my mother’s womb.

Be not far from me, for trouble is near,  
and there is none to help.

Many young bulls encircle me;  
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.

They open wide their jaws at me,  
like a ravening and a roaring lion.

I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint;  
my heart within my breast is melting wax.

My mouth is dried out like a potsherd;  
my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;  
and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.

Packs of dogs close me in, and gangs of evildoers circle around  
me;  
they pierce my hands and my feet; I can count all my bones.

They stare and gloat over me;  
they divide my garments among them;  
they cast lots for my clothing.

Be not far away, O Lord;  
you are my strength, hasten to help me.

Save me from the sword,  
my life from the power of the dog.

Save me from the lion’s mouth,  
my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.

I will declare your Name to my brethren;  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.



Praise the Lord, you that fear him;  
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;  
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;  
neither does he hide his face from them;  
but when they cry to him he hears them.

My praise is of him the great assembly;  
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him:  
"May your heart live forever!"

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

For kingship belongs to the Lord;  
he rules over the nations.

To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship;  
all who go down to the dust fall before him.

My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him;  
they shall be known as the Lord's forever.

They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn  
the saving deeds that he has done.

*Silence.*

## **Hymn 198**

## **O Sacred Head Surrounded**

1. O sacred head, surrounded  
by crown of piercing thorn;  
O royal head so wounded,  
reviled, and put to scorn,  
death's shadows rise before you,  
the glow of life decays,  
yet angel hosts adore you  
and tremble as they gaze!
2. Your youthfulness and vigour  
are spent, your strength is gone,  
and in your tortured figure

I see death drawing on:  
what agony of dying,  
what love, to sinners free!  
My Lord, all grace supplying,  
O turn your face on me!

3. Your sinless soul's oppression  
was all for sinners' gain;  
mine, mine was the transgression,  
but yours the deadly pain:  
I bow my head, my Saviour,  
for I deserve your place;  
O grant to me your favour,  
and heal me by your grace.
4. What language shall I borrow  
to thank you, dearest friend,  
for this your dying sorrow,  
your mercy without end?  
Lord, make me yours forever:  
your servant let me be,  
and may I never, never  
betray your love for me.

## Lord's Prayer

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

*All*              **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.**

## **Concluding Prayer**

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.

*The ministers depart in silence.*

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