



# THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF CHRIST CHURCH BRUNSWICK



**Love at a Distance**

**GOOD FRIDAY**

**The Liturgy of the Passion**

**10:00 am 10 April 2020**

***Christ Church — Enter the Mystery***

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**THE LITURGY OF THE PASSION**

**CELEBRANT** — Bishop Lindsay Urwin OGS

**HOMILY** — Deacon Katie Bellhouse

This service will be on line at 10.00 am on Good Friday.

Although you will be watching on a screen of some kind, you are invited to adopt an attitude of participation rather than of observation.

Sing the hymns and join in the prayers and devotions.

You may be on your own, or with folk from your household, but know you are joining millions of people whose lives are constrained in these days – some far more so than ours – but all of them looking unto Jesus, and pondering the mystery of his saving death.

Though the circumstances are different and we cannot gather in church, the service follows the usual pattern that has evolved over many centuries and retains the starkness and solemnity that is fitting on such a day.

Even though we know what is to come, we seek to enter into the experience of the first Good Friday.

The service has four main parts:

- The Liturgy of the Word, including Matthew's version of the Passion of Christ.
- The Veneration of the Cross
- The Great Intercessions as we pray for the needs of the world
- The Communion – today an act of spiritual communion.

At 7.00 pm tonight Bishop Lindsay will be online with some mediations on the theme of Good Friday

We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people as the traditional custodians of the land upon which this parish church stands.

*All kneel as the sacred ministers and attendants enter.*

*The celebrant introduces the service and invites the congregation to pray:*

### **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Almighty Father, look with mercy on this your family for which our Lord Jesus Christ was content to be betrayed and given up into the hands of wicked men and to suffer death upon the cross; who is alive and glorified with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

*All sit*

### **MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

#### **A READING FROM THE PROPHECY OF ISAIAH**

*53: 4-12*

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.

For the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*31: 11-18*

All who see me deride me,  
they curl their lips, they toss their heads:  
'He trusted in the Lord,  
let God save him and come to free him  
if this is God's friend.'

**My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

Many dogs have surrounded me,  
a wicked band besets me;  
they tear holes in my hands and feet,  
and lay me in the dust of death.  
I can count all my bones.

**My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

They divide my clothes among them,  
they cast lots for my robe.  
O Lord, do not leave me alone,  
my strength, make haste to help me.

**My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

I will tell your name to my people  
and praise you where they gather.  
All you who fear the Lord,  
sing your praises, all tribes of Jacob,  
give your glory.

**My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

**EPISTLE**

*Hebrews 4: 14-5: 10*

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathise with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin.

Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honour, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you" as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.

Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

*All stand*

## GRADUAL HYMN



1. There is a green hill far away  
without 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 forgiv'n,  
he died to make us good;  
that we might go at last to heav'n,  
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 heav'n, and let us in.
5. O, dearly, dearly has he loved,  
and must we love him too,  
and trust in his redeeming blood,  
and try his works to do.

*Mrs C. F. Alexander (1818-95)*

### THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

- Matthew* Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him,  
*Pilate* Are you the King of the Jews?  
*Matthew* Jesus said,  
*Jesus* You say so.  
*Matthew* But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him,  
*Pilate* Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?  
*Matthew* But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.  
Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them,  
*Pilate* Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?  
*Matthew* For he realised that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him,

*Pilate's wife* Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.

*Matthew* Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them,

*Pilate* Which of the two do you want me to release for you?

*Matthew* And they said,

*Crowd* Barabbas.

*Matthew* Pilate said to them,

*Pilate* Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?

*Matthew* All of them said,

*Crowd* Let him be crucified!

*Matthew* Then he asked,

*Pilate* Why, what evil has he done?

*Matthew* But they shouted all the more,

*Crowd* Let him be crucified!

*Matthew* So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying,

*Pilate* I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.

*Matthew* Then the people as a whole answered,

*Crowd* His blood be on us and on our children!

*Matthew* So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying,

*Crowd* Hail, King of the Jews!

*Matthew* They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him. As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him.

Over his head they put the charge against him, which read,  
“This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.”

Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left.

Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

*Crowd* You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.

*Matthew* In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying,

*Crowd* He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, “I am God’s Son.”

*Matthew* The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o’clock Jesus cried with a loud voice,

*Jesus* Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?

*Matthew* That is

*Jesus* My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

*Matthew* When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

*Crowd* This man is calling for Elijah.

*Matthew:* At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said,

*Crowd* Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.

*Matthew* Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised.

After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many.

Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said,

*Centurion* Truly this man was God’s Son!

*A period of silence follows.*

## HOMILY

Deacon Katie Bellhouse

*After the homily there is a short time for reflection.*

## VENERATION OF THE CROSS

*Remain standing*

*As the cross is carried through the church, there are three 'stations' at which the following is sung:*

Behold the wood of the Cross, on which was hung the Saviour of the world.

### **Come let us worship**

*All are invited to make a conscious act of reverence each time.*

*Traditionally, the congregation is invited to draw near to the cross to venerate in a way that is helpful for their devotion.*

*Today only Bp Lindsay will venerate the cross in the church, but all are invited to take the opportunity to use this time to ponder the mystery of Christ's sacrifice, and if you have a cross near you, to venerate it.*



1. When I survey the wond'rous 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 death 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. His dying crimson like a robe,  
Spreads o'er his body on the Tree;  
Then am I dead to all the globe,  
And all the globe is dead to me.
5. Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a present far to small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

*Isaac Watts (1674-1748)*

## THE GREAT INTERCESSIONS

*Sit or kneel*

God sent his son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Therefore we pray for people everywhere according to their needs.

In peace let us pray for the holy Church of God throughout the world that God the almighty Father will guide it, and gather it together in peace and tranquility.

*Silent prayer*

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

God of compassion, you have shown your glory to all nations in Christ your Son: guide the work of your Church, help it to persevere in faith, to proclaim your Name, and to bring your salvation to all people. We ask our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Let us pray for Philip our Archbishop and Genieve our regional Bishop; for all bishops, priests and deacons, for all men and women who have a special ministry in the Church, for those preparing for baptism and confirmation, and for all God's people.

*Silent prayer*

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

God of compassion, by your Holy Spirit you teach your Church and make us holy: help each of us to do your work more faithfully. We ask our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Let us pray for all who share our faith in Christ, that God may gather and keep together in one community all those who sincerely seek the truth.

*Silent prayer*

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

God of compassion, by our baptism you have made us one with Christ in the life of his Church: make us one with each other in faith, and love, and service. We ask our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for all who do not believe in God, that, in their seeking, they may find the one, true God.

*Silent prayer*

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

God of compassion, you created man and woman in your image: may all who long to find you, and, in you, find their peace, come to acknowledge you as the maker and redeemer of us all. We ask our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Let us pray for those who do not believe in Christ, that the light of the Holy Spirit may show them the way to salvation.

*Silent prayer*

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

God of compassion, whose Son was lifted up from the earth to draw all people to himself: enable those who do not acknowledge Christ to find the truth and to share in his mercy and grace. We ask our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Let us pray for all who serve in public office, that God may guide their minds and hearts so that all may live in peace and freedom.

*Silent prayer*

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

God of compassion, you know the longings of our hearts and you desire justice for all: guide those in authority, that people everywhere may enjoy, and rightly use, freedom, security, and peace. We ask our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Let us pray that the God from whom all tenderness and healing flow may heal the sick, comfort the dying, give safety to travellers, free those unjustly deprived of liberty, and rid the world of falsehood, hunger, and disease.

*Silent prayer*

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

God of compassion, you give strength to the weary and new courage to those who have lost heart: have mercy on all who are in trouble, that they may know the joy of receiving your help in their hour of need. We ask our prayer through 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 world and have died in the peace of Christ and those whose faith is known to God alone, we may be counted worthy to enter into the fullness of the joy of our Lord, and receive the crown of life in the day of resurrection. We ask our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

*As the reserved sacrament is brought from the 'garden' to the high altar, the following hymn is sung:*

1. Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in thee;  
Let the water and the blood,  
From thy riven side which flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure;  
Save from wrath and make me pure.

2. Not the labours of my hands  
Can fulfill thy law's demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know,  
Could my tears for ever flow,  
All for sin could not atone;  
Thou must save, and thou alone.

3 Nothing in my hand I bring,  
Simply to the cross I cling;  
Naked, come to thee for dress;  
Helpless, look to thee for grace;  
Foul, I to the fountain fly;  
Wash me, Saviour, or I die.

4. While I draw this fleeting breath,  
When mine eyes shall close in death,  
When I soar through tracts unknown,  
See thee on thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in thee

*Augustus Toplady (1740-78)*

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

God shows great love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. Let us then confess our sins in penitence and faith.

*Sit or kneel*

**Merciful God, our maker and our judge,  
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,  
and in what we have failed to do:  
we have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;  
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.  
Father, forgive us.  
Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith, ✠ pardon you and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray,

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy Name.  
Thy Kingdom come.  
Thy will be done in 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**

Behold the Lamb of God.  
Behold him who takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his Supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*Today, only the bishop will receive the sacrament.*

*You are invited to make a spiritual communion with one of the following prayers:*

**At thy feet O Jesus I prostrate myself before thee  
with an unworthy yet contrite heart,  
humbled, yet longing to be in your eucharistic presence.  
I love the gift of yourself offered to me in this great and  
Blessed Sacrament.**

**Though unable to receive this food for my journey,  
I desire all the graces that this encounter with you can bring,  
and offer my heart afresh as a place where you might dwell.  
While I wait for the day when I shall again have the  
joy of sacramental communion, I trust in your desire to abide in me,  
and wish to possess thee in spirit.  
Come to my heart, Lord Jesus,  
There is room in my heart for thee.**

*Or*

**Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most holy sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you, body and blood, soul and divinity. Since I cannot at this time receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you or from the community of your church, and lead me with all your holy people to your banquet in heaven. Amen**

### **CONCLUSION**

Let us pray

Most merciful God,  
by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ  
you have delivered and saved all peoples of the world;  
grant that, by faith in him who suffered on the cross,  
we may triumph in the power of the victory over sin and death,  
and live in newness of life,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen**

*All depart in silence*



**TONIGHT AT 7.00 PM**

Reflections on the Cross with Bishop Lindsay

**EASTER DAY**

The Easter morning service, which will include the lighting of the new fire and the renewal of baptismal vows, will be online at 10.00 am.