

## Good Friday Morning Service 2020

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### Hymn 1

MY SONG IS LOVE UNKNOWN

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HMart4wXsl0>

### 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.

### First Reading

Isaiah 52:13-53 -end- The Suffering Servant

## He Was Wounded for Our Transgressions

<sup>13</sup>Behold, my servant shall act wisely;<sup>[a]</sup>

he shall be high and lifted up,  
and shall be exalted.

<sup>14</sup>As many were astonished at you—

his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance,  
and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—

<sup>15</sup>so shall he sprinkle<sup>[b]</sup> many nations;

kings shall shut their mouths because of him;  
for that which has not been told them they see,  
and that which they have not heard they understand.

**53** Who has believed what he has heard from us?<sup>[c]</sup>

And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?  
2For 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,  
and no beauty that we should desire him.  
3He was despised and rejected<sup>[d]</sup> by men;  
a man of sorrows,<sup>[e]</sup> and acquainted with<sup>[f]</sup> grief;<sup>[g]</sup>  
and as one from whom men hide their faces<sup>[h]</sup>  
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.  
4Surely he has borne our griefs  
and carried our sorrows;  
yet we esteemed him stricken,  
smitten by God, and afflicted.  
5But he was wounded for our transgressions;  
he was crushed for our iniquities;  
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,  
and with his stripes we are healed.  
6All 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.  
7He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,  
yet he opened not his mouth;  
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,  
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,  
so he opened not his mouth.  
8By oppression and judgement he was taken away;  
and as for his generation, who considered  
that he was cut off out of the land of the living,  
stricken for the transgression of my people?  
9And they made his grave with the wicked  
and with a rich man in his death,  
although he had done no violence,  
and there was no deceit in his mouth.  
10Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him;  
he has put him to grief;<sup>[i]</sup>  
when his soul makes<sup>[j]</sup> an offering for guilt,  
he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days;

the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

<sup>11</sup>Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see<sup>[k]</sup> and be satisfied;  
by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant,  
make many to be accounted righteous,  
and he shall bear their iniquities.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many,<sup>[l]</sup>  
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong,<sup>[m]</sup>  
because he poured out his soul to death  
and was numbered with the transgressors;  
yet he bore the sin of many,  
and makes intercession for the transgressors.

## Second Reading

Hebrews 10:16-26 - Christ's Sacrifice Once for All

Hebrews 10:16-26 English Standard Version Anglicised (ESVUK)

<sup>16</sup>“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”,

<sup>17</sup>then he adds,

“I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

<sup>18</sup>Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any  
offering for sin.

## The Full Assurance of Faith

<sup>19</sup>Therefore, brothers,<sup>[a]</sup> since we have confidence to enter the holy  
places by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup>by the new and living way that he  
opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, <sup>21</sup>and  
since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup>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. <sup>23</sup>Let us hold fast the confession of  
our hope without wavering, for he who promised is  
faithful. <sup>24</sup>And let us consider how to stir up one another to love  
and good works, <sup>25</sup>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.

<sup>26</sup>For if we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,

## Hymn 2

### 721 Were you there when the Crucified the Lord

With Lyrics

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BLJ0ljLAmOA>

Gospel version

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JAUP8pPJfek>

## Third Reading

John 18-19 - The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus

### Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus

**18** When Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the Kidron Valley, where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. <sup>2</sup>Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with his disciples. <sup>3</sup>So Judas, having procured a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons. <sup>4</sup>Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to him, came forward and said to them, "Whom do you seek?" <sup>5</sup>They answered him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I am he."<sup>[a]</sup> Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. <sup>6</sup>When Jesus<sup>[b]</sup> said to them, "I am he", they drew back and fell to the ground. <sup>7</sup>So he asked them again, "Whom do you seek?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." <sup>8</sup>Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. So, if you seek me, let these men go." <sup>9</sup>This was to fulfil the word that he had spoken: "Of those whom you gave me I have lost not one." <sup>10</sup>Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant<sup>[c]</sup> and cut off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.) <sup>11</sup>So Jesus said to Peter, "Put

your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given me?"

## Jesus Faces Annas and Caiaphas

<sup>12</sup>So the band of soldiers and their captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound him. <sup>13</sup>First they led him to Annas, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. <sup>14</sup>It was Caiaphas who had advised the Jews that it would be expedient that one man should die for the people.

## Peter Denies Jesus

<sup>15</sup>Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he entered with Jesus into the court of the high priest, <sup>16</sup>but Peter stood outside at the door. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the servant girl who kept watch at the door, and brought Peter in. <sup>17</sup>The servant girl at the door said to Peter, "You also are not one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not." <sup>18</sup>Now the servants<sup>[a]</sup> and officers had made a charcoal fire, because it was cold, and they were standing and warming themselves. Peter also was with them, standing and warming himself.

## The High Priest Questions Jesus

<sup>19</sup>The high priest then questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching. <sup>20</sup>Jesus answered him, "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. <sup>21</sup>Why do you ask me? Ask those who have heard me what I said to them; they know what I said." <sup>22</sup>When he had said these things, one of the officers standing by struck Jesus with his hand, saying, "Is that how you answer the high priest?" <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered him, "If what I said is wrong, bear witness about the wrong; but if what I said is right, why do you strike me?" <sup>24</sup>Annas then sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

## Peter Denies Jesus Again

<sup>25</sup> Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. So they said to him, "You also are not one of his disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not." <sup>26</sup> One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?" <sup>27</sup> Peter again denied it, and at once a cock crowed.

## Jesus Before Pilate

<sup>28</sup> Then they led Jesus from the house of Caiaphas to the governor's headquarters.<sup>[e]</sup> It was early morning. They themselves did not enter the governor's headquarters, so that they would not be defiled, but could eat the Passover. <sup>29</sup> So Pilate went outside to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" <sup>30</sup> They answered him, "If this man were not doing evil, we would not have delivered him over to you." <sup>31</sup> Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law." The Jews said to him, "It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death." <sup>32</sup> This was to fulfil the word that Jesus had spoken to show by what kind of death he was going to die.

## My Kingdom Is Not of This World

<sup>33</sup> So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" <sup>34</sup> Jesus answered, "Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?" <sup>35</sup> Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?" <sup>36</sup> Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world." <sup>37</sup> Then Pilate said to him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice." <sup>38</sup> Pilate said to him, "What is truth?"

After he had said this, he went back outside to the Jews and told them, "I find no guilt in him. <sup>39</sup>But you have a custom that I should release one man for you at the Passover. So do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?" <sup>40</sup>They cried out again, "Not this man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a robber. <sup>[f]</sup>

## Jesus Delivered to Be Crucified

**19** Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged him. <sup>2</sup>And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head and arrayed him in a purple robe. <sup>3</sup>They came up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and struck him with their hands. <sup>4</sup>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." <sup>5</sup>So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Behold the man!" <sup>6</sup>When the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out, "Crucify him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no guilt in him." <sup>7</sup>The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has made himself the Son of God." <sup>8</sup>When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid. <sup>9</sup>He entered his headquarters again and said to Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. <sup>10</sup>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?" <sup>11</sup>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."

<sup>12</sup>From then on Pilate sought to release him, but the Jews cried out, "If you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar." <sup>13</sup>So when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgement seat at a place called The Stone Pavement, and in Aramaic <sup>[g]</sup> Gabbatha. <sup>14</sup>Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. <sup>[h]</sup> He said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" <sup>15</sup>They cried out, "Away with him, away with him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your

King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." <sup>16</sup> So he delivered him over to them to be crucified.

## The Crucifixion

So they took Jesus, <sup>17</sup> and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. <sup>18</sup> There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. <sup>19</sup> Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." <sup>20</sup> 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. <sup>21</sup> So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews', but rather, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'" <sup>22</sup> Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written."

<sup>23</sup> When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic.<sup>□</sup> But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, <sup>24</sup> 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 fulfil the Scripture which says,

"They divided my garments among them,  
and for my clothing they cast lots."

So the soldiers did these things, <sup>25</sup> but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. <sup>26</sup> When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" <sup>27</sup> Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

## The Death of Jesus

<sup>28</sup> After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfil the Scripture), "I thirst." <sup>29</sup> 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. <sup>30</sup>When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished", and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

## Jesus' Side Is Pierced

<sup>31</sup>Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away. <sup>32</sup>So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him. <sup>33</sup>But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. <sup>34</sup>But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. <sup>35</sup>He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe. <sup>36</sup>For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: "Not one of his bones will be broken." <sup>37</sup>And again another Scripture says, "They will look on him whom they have pierced."

## Jesus Is Buried

<sup>38</sup>After these things Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took away his body. <sup>39</sup>Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus<sup>[u]</sup> by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds<sup>[k]</sup> in weight. <sup>40</sup>So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. <sup>41</sup>Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. <sup>42</sup>So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

**Sermon** by Revd Steven

**Let us begin with a prayer. Heavenly Father, give us your grace and Spirit and speak to our hearts and minds, so that**

**we may draw closer to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

In our readings from Isaiah, we hear of the suffering servant prophecies of the coming messiah, prophecies which Jesus fulfilled during his crucifixion. We can see in the Isaiah readings the great details of the sufferings that the messiah would undertake to save his people.

In chapter 53, verses 3 – 7, it reads:-

*“<sup>3</sup> 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. <sup>4</sup> Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases;*

*yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. <sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> 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.*

*<sup>7</sup> 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.”*

The great lengths Jesus went through, from being despised by others and one who borne our infirmities and carried our diseases, can help us realise the depths and depravity of our sins and the sins of the world, that the Son of God had to go through such torture and pain to save us.

It is worth reflecting today on these words from Isaiah and know that even though the Lord went through so much suffering for you and me and the whole world, good came out of it, as we call this day good Friday. You may be suffering in your own ways during this pandemic, but enter your sufferings with those of Jesus and know that some good will come out of these testing times.

I recently came across a sculpture called ‘The Tortured Christ’, by Brazilian artist Guido Rocha, himself the victim of torture. I haven’t provided the picture because it is too graphic. However, if

you feel you can bring yourself to look at it, you can search for it on the internet. The picture when first displayed, proved to be so horrific and disturbing that they asked for it to be removed. And so it was put down into a basement room, where only those who were looking would find it. The conference was meant to highlight torture but, ironically, even the image of such suffering was hidden away in just such a dark basement as forms the scene of so much modern torture. I know this picture is very raw and I understand if you can not look at it for too long.

I have also provided a picture of a crucifix below. As you look on this picture, know that your sins have been crucified on the cross by Jesus and as in our reading from the letter to the Hebrews says, have the assurance of your sins forgiven and commit yourselves to the acts of good and loving deeds. This is the result of Jesus' healing for us, that we are no longer slaves to sin and death, but we are set free to acts of good and loving deeds and to the spreading of the gospel and the teachings of Jesus in our daily lives. As we are given this wonderful privilege to be servants of God, we are also given the gift to spend eternity with Jesus in Paradise. As we remember this promise Jesus made to one of the men being crucified next to him, he also extends this promise to us when he laid his life down for us, One day, you will be with me in Paradise, Amen.



### Hymn 3

#### 535 O sacred head, surrounded

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XppXi\\_jZKWk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XppXi_jZKWk)

### Prayers

As we gathered together today, we remembered the supreme sacrifice made by our Lord Jesus Christ. Led like a lamb to the slaughter, clothed in humility and grace, he willingly offered himself to death so that we might live forever. We are truly thankful for the extent of his love, stretched out on a cruel wooden cross. We dwell on the pain he bore for us and are truly grateful for the forgiveness that he offers. As we worship and praise now, help us to live in the wonder of this goodness and marvel at his endless grace. **Amen.**

### The Lord's Prayer

**All** Our Father, which 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 them that trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

### Hymn 4

#### 333 It is a thing most wonderful

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C8ImUe\\_UxHQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C8ImUe_UxHQ)

## **Blessing**

May Christ,  
who accepted the cup of sacrifice  
in obedience to the Father's will,  
keep us steadfast as we walk with him the way of his cross.  
**Amen.**

## **End**

We would normally have Coffee and Hot Cross  
Buns now.



Music:

<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=good+friday+clasical+music+church+utube++uk&&view=detail&mid=45EE1E0B31EA2E6810A245EE1E0B31EA2E6810A2&&FORM=VRDGAR&ru=%2Fvideos%2Fsearch%3Fq%3Dgood%2520friday%2520clasical%2520music%2520church%2520utube%2520%2520uk%26qs%3Dn%26form%3DQBVR%26sp%3D-1%26pg%3Dgood%2520friday%2520clasical%2520music%2520church%2520utube%2520uk%26sc%3D0-42%26sk%3D%26cvid%3D5989E2E665594D0CA3104DA137117CAF>