

SINCE 1842



Friday, Apr 18, 2025

Good Friday | Worship Service 10:45am

Welcome

Welcome! We are delighted that you have joined us today to reflect on God's glorious work in Jesus on the cross.

If this service is new to you please join in only where you are comfortable. Look out for **STAND** and **SIT** and **SIT/KNEEL** (whichever is your preference) instructions. In general, we stand to praise, sit to learn and sit/kneel to pray. **Bold** print directs you to join in unison.

(Please be aware that children's programming from 0-Gr.5 is available for this morning's service.)

PRELUDE

DRAMATIC INTRODUCTION

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

WELCOME

ΗΥΜΝ

The Rev Karen Koiter

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Silence is kept.

Christ the Lord became obedient unto death

Even death on a cross.

Silence is kept.

Almighty God,

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 for 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.

SIT/KNEEL

STAND

Simon Henderson

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold 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. Amen.

HYMN

SIT

READING Exodus 12:3-7; 11-14, 21-22a, 25-27a, 46-47 *SIT* Reader: Denise Hutchinson

³ "Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household. ⁴ And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbour shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. ⁵ Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, ⁶ and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight.

⁷ "Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. [...]

¹¹ In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the Lord's Passover. ¹² For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgements: I am the Lord. ¹³ The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt. ¹⁴ This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the Lord; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast. [...]

²¹ Then Moses called all the elders of Israel and said to them, "Go and select lambs for yourselves according to your clans, and kill the Passover lamb. ²² Take a bunch of hyssop and dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and touch the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood that is in the basin." [...]

²⁵ And when you come to the land that the Lord will give you, as he has promised, you shall keep this service. ²⁶ And when your children say to you, 'What do you mean by this service?' ²⁷ you shall say, 'It is the sacrifice of the Lord's Passover, for he passed over the houses of the people of Israel in Egypt...' [...]

⁴⁶ It shall be eaten in one house; you shall not take any of the flesh outside the house, and you shall not break any of its bones. ⁴⁷ All the congregation of Israel shall keep it.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

STAND

THE PASSION READING (from the Gospel of John 18:1-19:37)

(The congregation remaining seated, the Passion Gospel is read in parts, led by a narrator. Please join in to sing "O Sacred Head".)

Narrator: ^{18:1} There was a garden in that place, and Jesus and his disciples went in. Judas, the traitor, knew where it was, because many times Jesus had met there with his disciples. ² So Judas went to the garden, taking with him a group of Roman soldiers, and the Pharisees. ⁴ Jesus knew everything that was going to happen to him, so he stepped forward [and asked them:]

Jesus: "Who is it you are looking for?"

Soldier 1: ⁵ "Jesus of Nazareth."

Jesus: "I am he."

- Narrator: Judas, the traitor, was standing there with them. ⁶ When Jesus said to them 'I am he,' they moved back and fell to the ground. ⁷ Again Jesus asked them:
- Jesus: "Who is it you are looking for?"
- Soldier 2: "Jesus of Nazareth."
- Jesus: ⁸ "I have already told you that I am he. If, then, you are looking for me, let these others go."
- Narrator: ^{18:12} The Roman soldiers with their commanding office and the Jewish guards arrested Jesus and bound him. ¹³ They took him first to Annas. He was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was High Priest that year. ¹⁴ It was Caiaphas who had advised the Jewish authorities that it was better that one man should die for all the people.
- Narrator: ^{18:19} The High Priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching. ²⁰ Jesus answered:
- Jesus: "I have always spoken publicly to everyone; all my teaching was done in the synagogues and in the Temple, where all the people come together. I have never said anything in secret. ²¹ Why, then, do you question me? Question the people who heard me. Ask them what I told them – they know what I said."

Narrator: ²² When Jesus said this, one of the guards there slapped him:

- Soldier 1: "How dare you talk like that to the High Priest!"
- Jesus: ²³ "If I have said anything wrong, tell everyone here what it was. But if I am right in what I have said, why do you hit me?"
- Narrator: ²⁴ Then Annas sent him, still bound, to Caiaphas the High Priest. [...]

 HYMN O sacred head, once wounded, With grief and shame bowed down, Now scornfully surrounded
 With thorns, Thine only crown: O sacred head, what glory
 What bliss till now was Thine!
 Yet, though despised and gory,
 I joy to call Thee mine.

- Narrator: ²⁸ Early in the morning Jesus was taken from Caiaphas' house to the governor's palace. The Jewish authorities did not go inside the palace, for they wanted to keep themselves ritually clean, in order to be able to eat the Passover meal. ²⁹ So Pilate went outside to them:
- Pilate: "What do you accuse this man of?"
- Priest: ³⁰ "We would not have brought him to you if he had not committed a crime."
- Pilate: ³¹ "Then you yourselves take him and try him according to your own law."
- Person 1: "We are not allowed to put anyone to death."
- Narrator: ³³ So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him,
- Pilate: "Are you the King of the Jews?"
- Jesus: ³⁴"Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?"
- Pilate: ³⁵"Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?"
- Jesus: ³⁶ 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."

Pilate: ³⁷"So you are a king?"

Jesus: "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." Pilate: ³⁸"What is truth?"

- Narrator: After he had said this, he went back outside to the Jews and told them,
- Pilate: "I find no guilt in him. ³⁹But 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?"

Narrator: ⁴⁰They cried out again,

- Jews: "Not this man, but Barabbas!"
- Narrator: Now Barabbas was a robber.

^{19:1}Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged him. ²And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head and arrayed him in a purple robe. ³They came up to him, saying,

- Soldiers: "Hail, King of the Jews!"
- Narrator: and struck him with their hands. ⁴Pilate went out again and said to them, '
- Pilate: "See, I am bringing him out to you that you may know that I find no guilt in him."
- HYMN Thy sinless soul's oppression
 Was all for sinner's gain:
 Mine, mine was the transgression,
 But Thine the deadly pain
 Lo, here I fall, my Saviour
 'Tis I deserve Thy place;
 Look on me with Thy favour,
 Vouchsafe to me Thy grace.
- Narrator: ⁵So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them,

Pilate: "Behold the man!"

- Narrator: ⁶When the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out,
- Jews: "Crucify him, crucify him!"
- Pilate: "Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no guilt in him."

- Person 1: ⁷"We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has made himself the Son of God."
- Narrator: ⁸When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid. ⁹He entered his headquarters again and said to Jesus,

Pilate: "Where are you from?"

- Narrator: But Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰So Pilate said to him,
- Pilate: "You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have authority to release you and authority to crucify you?"
- Jesus: ¹¹"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."
- Narrator: ¹²From then on Pilate sought to release him, but the Jews cried out,
- Person 2: "If you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar."
- Narrator: ¹³So when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Stone Pavement, and in Aramaic Gabbatha. ¹⁴Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews,
- Pilate: "Behold your King!"
- Jews: ¹⁵"Away with him, away with him, crucify him!"
- Pilate: "Shall I crucify your King?"
- Priest: "We have no king but Caesar."
- Narrator: ¹⁶So he delivered him over to them to be crucified.
- HYMN What language shall I borrow To thank Thee, dearest Friend, For this Thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end? O make me Thine forever; And should I fainting be, Lord, let me never, never Outlive my love for Thee.

- Narrator: So they took Jesus, ¹⁷and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. ¹⁸There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. ¹⁹Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read,
- Pilate: "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews."
- Narrator: ²⁰Many 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. ²¹So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate,
- Priest: "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but rather, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'"
- Pilate: ²²"What I have written I have written."
- Narrator: ²³ When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, ²⁴so they said to one another,
- Soldier 2: "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be." This was to fulfill the Scripture which says,
- Psalmist: "They divided my garments among them, for my clothing they cast lots."
- Narrator: So the soldiers did these things, ²⁵but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother,
- Jesus: "Woman, behold, your son!"
- Narrator: ²⁷Then he said to the disciple,
- Jesus: "Behold, your mother!"

Narrator: And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

²⁸After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture),

Jesus: "I thirst."

of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. ³⁰When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, Jesus: "It is finished,"

Narrator: ²⁹A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full

Narrator: and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

HYMNForbid that I should leave Thee
O Jesus leave not me!By faith I would receive Thee
Thy blood can make me free
When strength and comfort languish
And I must hence depart
Release me then from anguish
By Thine own wounded heart

- Narrator: ³¹ 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. ³²So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him. ³³But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. ³⁴But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. ³⁵He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe. ³⁶For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled:
- Psalmist: "Not one of his bones will be broken."
- Narrator: ³⁷And again another Scripture says,
- Psalmist: "They will look on him whom they have pierced."

HYMN

SERMON

STAND for prayer, then SIT

"Good Friday: Entering into the Exodus Story" The Rev. Canon Timothy Haughton, Senior Pastor SIT

REFLECTION

HYMN

STAND

SIT/KNEEL

THE SOLEMN INTERCESSIONS

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.

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 Andrew and Kevin our bishops, and all the people of this diocese, for all Christians in this community of Little Trinity, that the Lord will confirm his Church in faith, increase it in love, and preserve it in peace.

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 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 Charles our King and all the Royal Family, for the Prime Minister and for the governance of this country, for the Premier of this province and the members of the legislature, for the Mayor of this municipality and those who serve with her 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 is kept.

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, for infants and the elderly, and all who suffer persecution or prejudice, for the sick, the wounded, and the handicapped, for the unemployed, for those in loneliness, fear, anguish, and broken relationships, for those who face temptation, doubt and despair, for the sorrowful and grieving, for prisoners and captives, for our Armed Forces, 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 is kept.

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 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 is kept.

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 they 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 counted worthy to enter into the fullness of the joy of our Lord, and receive the crown of life in the day of resurrection.

Silence is kept.

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.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray,

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.

HYMN

STAND

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

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.

Amen.

Christ became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

MUSICAL REFLECTION

(Please be seated for the closing musical reflection. Then leave in silence to give those who wish, the opportunity to remain and reflect.)

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SIT

EASTER SUNDAY, APR 20, 2025

9:00 AM BAS COMMUNION SERVICE 10:45 AM BAS COMMUNION SERVICE (Concurrent Children & Youth Programming for both morning services) 6:30 pm **EVENING COMMUNION SERVICE**

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