

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD
Saint John, New Brunswick

GOOD FRIDAY

12:00 noon – April 3, 2026



THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Liturgy if from *The Book of Alternative Services* (adapted)

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

The Church Gathers to Celebrate the Lord's Passion

The service will proceed as printed with as little verbal direction as possible from the Officiant.

The Entry

ALL STAND, AS YOU'RE ABLE, as the clergy, the choir and other leaders enter in silence.

When the clergy and choir are in place PLEASE KNEEL AS YOU'RE ABLE, as they kneel.

Silent prayer

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

Christ the Lord became obedient unto death,
even death on a cross.

Almighty God,
our heavenly Father,
we have sinned in thought, 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

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. **Amen.**

Hymn *“My song is love unknown”* **CP 184**

- 1 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 all 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 Why, what has my Lord done? What makes this rage and
spite?
He made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries! Yet they at these
themselves displease, and 'gainst him rise.
- 5 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.
- 6 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.

Text Samuel Crossman (1624?-1683)
Tune LOVE UNKNOWN, John N. Ireland (1879-1962)

PLEASE BE SEATED for the Scripture readings, including the Psalm.
Please note we do not use the usual endings after the readings.

The Old Testament Reading Isaiah 52:13-53:12

A reading from Isaiah.

- ¹³ See, my servant shall prosper;
he shall be exalted and lifted up,
and shall be very high.
- ¹⁴ 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—
- ¹⁵ 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.
- ^{53:1} Who has believed what we have heard?
And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?
- ² 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.
- ³ 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.
- ⁴ Surely he has borne our infirmities
and carried our diseases;
yet we accounted him stricken,
struck down by God, and afflicted.
- ⁵ 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.
- ⁶ 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.
- ⁷ 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.
- ⁸ 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.

⁹ 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.

¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ 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.

¹² 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. [NRSV-A]

Silence is kept for a time.

The Psalm *Psalm 22 (this is read responsively by the verse)*

¹ My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? *

and are so far from my cry
and from the words of my distress?

² **O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; *
by night as well, but I find no rest.**

³ Yet you are the Holy One, *
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.

⁴ **Our forefathers put their trust in you; *
they trusted, and you delivered them.**

⁵ They cried out to you and were delivered; *
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.

⁶ **But as for me, I am a worm and no man, *
scorned by all and despised by the people.**

⁷ All who see me laugh me to scorn; *
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,

⁸ **“He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him; *
let him rescue him, if he delights in him.”**

- ⁹ Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, *
and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.
- ¹⁰ **I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; *
you were my God when I was still in my mother's
womb.**
- ¹¹ Be not far from me, for trouble is near, *
and there is none to help.
- ¹² **Many young bulls encircle me; *
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.**
- ¹³ They open wide their jaws at me, *
like a ravening and a roaring lion.
- ¹⁴ **I am poured out like water;
all my bones are out of joint; *
my heart within my breast is melting wax.**
- ¹⁵ My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd;
my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; *
and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.
- ¹⁶ **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.**
- ¹⁷ They stare and gloat over me; *
they divide my garments among them;
they cast lots for my clothing.
- ¹⁸ **Be not far away, O Lord; *
you are my strength; hasten to help me.**
- ¹⁹ Save me from the sword, *
my life from the power of the dog.
- ²⁰ **Save me from the lion's mouth, *
my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.**
- ²¹ I will declare your Name to my brethren; *
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.
- ²² **Praise the Lord, you that fear him; *
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.**
- ²³ 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.
- ²⁴ **My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who
worship him.**
- ²⁵ The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: *

“May your heart live for ever!”

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, *

and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

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

28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *

all who go down to the dust fall before him.

29 My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the Lord’s for ever.

30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn*

the saving deeds that he has done.

Silence is kept for a time.

The New Testament Reading Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9

A reading from Hebrews.

¹⁴ 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. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time

^{5:7} 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. ⁸ Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹ and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

[NRSV-A]

Silence is kept for a time.

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED as the following hymn s sung

Hymn “O sacred head surrounded” CP 198

- 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, oh 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;
oh 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.

Music Melody Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612)
Text attributed to Arnulf of Louvain (1200?-1250?)
Tune PASSION CHORALE, Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612),
harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

PLEASE BE SEATED for the reading of the Passion until directed to do otherwise later in the reading.

The Passion Gospel John 18:1-19:42

Evangelist The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Evangelist 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 the Pharisees, 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?

Evangelist They answered,

Men **Jesus of Nazareth.**

Evangelist Jesus replied,

Jesus I am he.

Evangelist 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?

Evangelist And they said,

Men **Jesus of Nazareth.**

Evangelist Jesus answered,

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

Evangelist 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?

Evangelist So the soldiers, their officer, and the Jewish police 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 the Jews 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,

Women **You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?**

Evangelist Peter said,

Peter I am not.

Evangelist 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 the 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.

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

Soldier Is that how you answer the high priest?

Evangelist Jesus answered,

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

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

Men **You are not also one of his disciples, are you?**

Evangelist Peter denied it and said,

Peter I am not.

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

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

Evangelist 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. They themselves did not enter the headquarters, so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the Passover. So Pilate went out to them and said,

Pilate What accusation do you bring against this man?

Evangelist They answered,

Men **If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you.**

Evangelist Pilate said to them,

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

Evangelist The Jews replied,

Men **We are not permitted to put anyone to death.**

Evangelist (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?

Evangelist Jesus answered,

Jesus Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?

Evangelist Pilate replied,

Pilate I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?

Evangelist 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 to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.

Evangelist Pilate asked him,

Pilate So you are a king?

Evangelist 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.

Evangelist Pilate asked him,

Pilate What is truth?

Evangelist After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them,

Pilate I find no case against him. But 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?

Evangelist They shouted in reply,

Men **Not this man, but Barabbas!**

Evangelist 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,

Men **“Hail, King of the Jews!”**

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

Pilate “Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him.”

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

Pilate “Here is the man!”

Evangelist When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted,

People **“Crucify him! Crucify him!”**

Evangelist Pilate said to them,

Pilate “Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him.”

Evangelist The Jews answered him,

Men **“We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God.”**

Evangelist Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus,

Pilate “Where are you from?”

Evangelist 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?”

Evangelist 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.”

Evangelist From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the Jews cried out, “If you release this man, you are no friend of the emperor. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against the emperor.” 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. He said to the Jews,

Pilate “Here is your King!”

Evangelist They cried out,

All **“Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!”**

Evangelist Pilate asked them,

Pilate “Shall I crucify your King?”

Evangelist The chief priests answered,

Men **“We have no king but the emperor.”**

Evangelist Then he handed him over to them 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.

ALL STAND, as able

Evangelist 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 of the Jews said to Pilate,

Men **“Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but, ‘This man said, I am King of the Jews.’”**

Evangelist Pilate answered,

Pilate “What I have written I have written.”

Evangelist 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,

Men **“Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it.”**

Evangelist 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.”

Evangelist Then he said to the disciple,

Jesus “Here is your mother.”

Evangelist 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.”

Evangelist 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.”

Evangelist Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

SILENCE

Evangelist Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jews 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 a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, 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.

Evangelist This is the Passion of the Lord.

SILENCE follows, for a time of *reflection*.

Hymn “We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died” CP 200

- 1 We sing the praise of him who died,
 of him who died upon the cross.
 The sinner's hope let flesh deride;
 for this we count the world but loss.

- 2 Inscribed upon the cross we see
 in shining letters, “God is love.”
 He bears our sins upon the tree;
 he brings us mercy from above.

- 3 The cross– it takes our guilt away;
 it holds the fainting spirit up;
 it cheers with hope the gloomy day,

and sweetens every bitter cup;

4 it makes the coward spirit brave,
and nerves the feeble arm for fight;
it takes its terror from the grave,
and gilds the bed of death with light:

5 the balm of life, the cure of woe,
the measure and the pledge of love,
the sinner's refuge here below,
the angel's theme in heaven above.

Text Thomas Kelly (1769- 1855)
Tune Breslau (CP 431)

Message Fr Joyce

Choir Anthem *Look to the Rose*

Text for the Choir Anthem

Rose of Sharon, what a name for the Son of God who came.
If you seek God's love today, look to the Rose.

“Rose of Sharon, thorns your crown,
image of God’s grace come down.”

Where does God's great love abound?
Look to the Rose.

From dry ground God’s gentle flower
came to show us love's true power.
Then one day upon a hill, one by one, one by one,
one by one the petals fell.

“Rose of Sharon, bloom today,
may your fragrance never fade.”
Plant Him in your heart to stay. Look to the Rose.
Look to the Rose.

The Solemn Intercession

God sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Therefore, we pray to our heavenly Father for all people everywhere according to their needs. Silence will follow each bidding.

Let us pray. *PLEASE KNEEL, AS YOU'RE ABLE, OR BE SEATED*

Let us pray for the Church of God throughout the world –
for unity in faith, in witness, and in service
for bishops and other ministers,
remembering David our bishop and Chris our priest,
and those whom they serve,
for all the people of this diocese and this parish
for all Christians in this place
for those to be baptised
for those who are mocked and persecuted for their faith
that God will confirm his Church in faith,
increase it in love, and preserve it in peace.

Silence

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people; that in their vocation and ministry each may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your Name: through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Let us pray for the nations of the world and their leaders –
for Charles our King and his representatives
for Mark Carney, our Prime Minister,
and Susan Holt, our Premier,
and for Donna Reardon, our Mayor
and for all in Parliament, in our Legislature, and on the
Common Council,
for those who administer the law
and all who serve in public office
for all who strive for justice and reconciliation
that by God's help the world may live in peace and
freedom.

Silence

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Most gracious God and Father, in whose will is our peace: turn our hearts and the hearts of all to yourself, that by the power of your Spirit the peace which is founded on justice may be established throughout the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for those who do not believe the Gospel of Christ –
for those who follow other faiths and creeds
for those who have not heard the message of salvation
for all those who have lost faith
for the contemptuous and the scornful
for those who are enemies of Christ
and persecute those who follow him
for all who deny the faith of Christ crucified
that God will open their hearts to the truth
and lead them to faith and obedience.

Silence

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Merciful God, creator of all the people of the earth, have compassion on those who do not know you, and by the preaching of your Gospel with grace and power, gather them into the one fold of the one Shepherd, Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for all who suffer –
for those who are deprived and oppressed
for all who are sick and handicapped
for those in darkness, in doubt and in despair,
in loneliness and fear and for those in prison
for the victims of false accusations and violence
for all at the point of death
and those who watch beside them
that God in his mercy will sustain them
with the knowledge of his love.

Silence

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Almighty and everlasting God, the comfort of the sad, the strength of those who suffer; hear the prayers of your children who cry out of any trouble: and to every distressed soul grant mercy, relief, and refreshment, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us commend ourselves and all God's children
to his unfailing love,
and pray for the grace of a holy life,
that, with all who have died in the peace of Christ,
we may come to the fullness of eternal life
and the joy of the resurrection.

Merciful Father,
accept these our prayers, in the name of and for the sake of your
Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Entry and Veneration of the Cross

AS THE WOODEN CROSS IS BROUGHT IN, The Reproaches as expressed in Anthem 1 are said, with other Anthems, and a hymn is sung.

This is also a time for personal veneration of the cross. All who would like to prayerfully express their veneration of the cross more closely may come and kneel before the cross during this time; a kneeler is provided for this purpose. (A completely optional further devotion at the end of one's prayer is to kiss the cross before returning to one's seat.)

Others may wish to express their veneration through prayer while remaining in the pews. It is entirely one's choice.

This is the wood of the cross, on which hung the Saviour of the world.

Come, let us worship.

Anthem 1

O my people, O my Church,

what have I done to you,
or in what have I offended you?
Testify against me.

I lead you forth from the land of Egypt,
and delivered you by the waters of baptism,
but you have prepared a cross for your Saviour.

**Holy God, holy and mighty,
holy immortal one, have mercy upon us.**

My peace I gave, which the world cannot give,
and washed your feet as a sign of my love,
but you draw the sword to strike in my name,
and seek high places in my kingdom.
I offered you my body and blood
but you scatter and deny and abandoned me.

**Holy God, holy and mighty,
holy immortal one, have mercy upon us.**

I sent the Spirit of truth to guide you,
and you close your hearts to the Counselor.
I pray that all may be as one in the Father and me,
but you continue to quarrel and divide.
I call you to go and bring forth fruit,
but you cast lots for my clothing.

**Holy God, holy and mighty,
holy immortal one, have mercy upon us.**

I came to you as the least of your brothers and sisters;
I was hungry and you gave me no food,
I was thirsty and you gave me no drink,
I was a stranger and you did not welcome me,
naked and you did not clothe me,
sick and in prison and you did not visit me.

**Holy God, holy and mighty,
holy immortal one, have mercy upon us.**

Anthem 2

We glory in your cross, O Lord,
**and praise and glorify your holy resurrection;
for by virtue of your cross
joy has come to the whole world.**

May God be merciful to us and bless us,
show us the light of his countenance, and come to us.

**Let your ways be known upon the earth,
you're saving health among all nations.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

**We glory in your cross, O Lord,
and praise and glorify your holy resurrection;
for by virtue of your cross
joy has come to the whole world.**

Anthem 3

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,
**because by your holy cross you have redeemed the
world.**

If we have died with him, we shall also live with him;
if we endure, we shall also reign with him.

**We adore you, or Christ, and we bless you,
because by your holy cross you have redeemed the
world.**

Anthem 4

O Saviour of the world,
by your cross and precious blood you have redeemed us.

**Save us and help us, we humbly beseech you, O
Lord.**

SILENCE IS KEPT FOR A TIME.

Hymn “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” CP 386

- 1 When I survey the wondrous 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 cross 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 Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

Text Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Music O WALY WALY, Edward Miller (1873-1807)

Closing Prayers

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.**

Most merciful God and heavenly Father, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ has opened the way of salvation for all people, of all ages, everywhere; grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross, we may triumph in the power of his victory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Departure

OUR WORSHIP CONCLUDES IN SILENCE.

The clergy, the choir, and other leaders exit in silence.

Please let us all observe the silence until we have left the building.

Those serving to enable the church's worship today

<i>Bulletin preparation</i>	Lori Maker (Parish Office)
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Susan Dole and Nancy Kerrigan
<i>Greeters</i>	Jeff and Lori Maker
<i>First Reader</i>	Paul Desjardins
<i>Second Reader</i>	Margaret Penchoff
<i>Prayer Leader</i>	Layreader
<i>Layreader</i>	Paul Desjardins
<i>Music</i>	The Choir
<i>Organist and Choir Director</i>	David Mitchell
<i>Officiant and speaker</i>	Keith Joyce
<i>Sound system</i>	Chris Titus
<i>Building care</i>	Jeff Maker

NOTES on Today's Readings

Isaiah 52:13-53:12 This is the last of four poems found in Isaiah 40-55 which are known as Servant Songs because each speaks of a "servant". They were seen as foretelling the coming of the Messiah in the centuries before Jesus was born; Jesus saw himself as fulfilling these prophecies.

Hebrews 10:16-25 By offering himself on the cross, Jesus has completed the removal of sin from those whom God has made holy, set apart for his service. The writings of the Old Testament, divinely inspired through the Holy Spirit, foretell this.

Hebrews 4:14-16:5:7-9 Christ, the sympathetic and trustworthy high priest, took on being human in every way, being tested by suffering. He came to help humankind. Through his death he is able to restore us to oneness with God, freeing us from the power of evil forces.

John 18:1-19:42 Jesus has prepared his disciples for his departure; he has prayed to the Father that believers may have both the Father and the Son within them. May they express their unity in love, thus fulfilling the mission of the Church to lead all people to believe.

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GOOD FRIDAY,

that most powerful of days,
so shocking from the human perspective,
so victorious from the view of heaven,
so disastrous to the purposes of hell,
so full of the grandeur of God
in face of the rancid evil of sin,
celebrates God's loving intention for His world.

We worship, with great solemnity,
yet with deep joy in our hearts,
and ponder Christ's majestic work
of salvation, healing, and restoration.

Always remember –

there is no Easter without Good Friday.

Upcoming days of worship at Good Shepherd

HOLY SATURDAY:

EASTER EVE *April 4* – 8:00 PM

Easter Vigil

EASTER DAY *April 5* – 10:30 AM

Holy Communion for Easter

In Celebration of the Lord's Resurrection

**A glorious,
powerful,
and blessed
GOOD FRIDAY to
everyone!**

