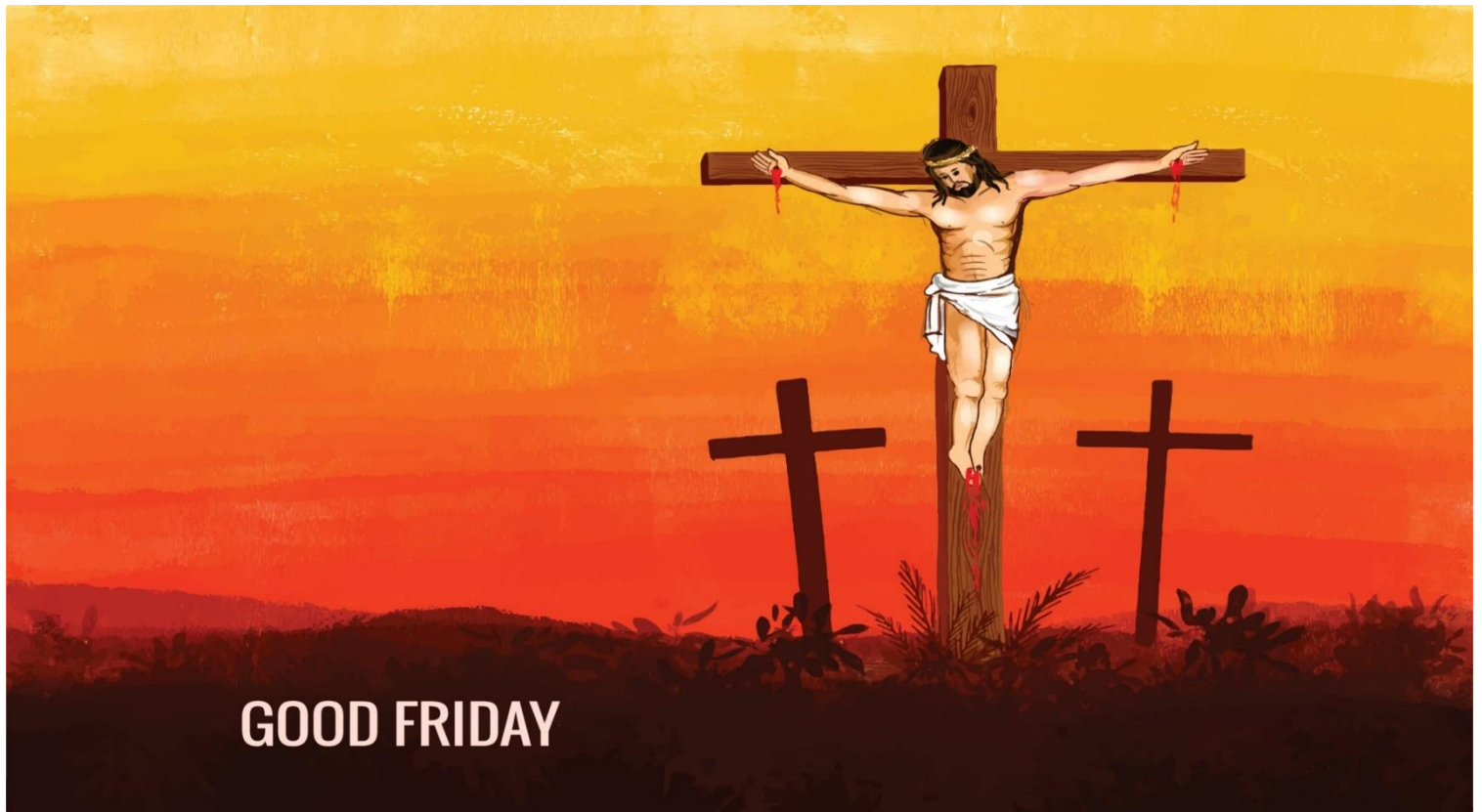


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Good Friday  
Celebration of the Lord's Passion

April 3, 2026, 10:30 a.m.  
Book of Alternative Services

### The Gathering of the Community

No Hymn -*Enter in silence*

### The Ministry of the Word

*Celebrant:* We, like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way,

**All: And the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.**

*Celebrant:* Christ the Lord became obedient unto death,

**All: Even death on a cross.**

*Celebrant:* Almighty God,

**All: our heavenly Father, we have sinned in thought and word and deed; we have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We pray you of your mercy, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.**

### Collect

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* 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, forever and ever. **Amen.**

### The Proclamation of Scripture

**First Reading:** *Isaiah 52:13—53:12*

*(Marilyn Donnelly)*

*Reader:* A reading from the Book of Isaiah

See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up and shall be very high. 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 - 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. Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? 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. 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. 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.

*Reader:* This is the Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 22**

*(Sandra Donatucci)*

*Reader:* A reading from the 22<sup>nd</sup> Psalm

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him;  
let him rescue him, if he delights in him."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Be not far away, O Lord;

you are my strength; hasten to help me.  
Save me from the sword,  
my life from the power of the dog.  
Save me from the lion's mouth,  
my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.  
I will declare your name to my brethren;  
in the midst of the congregation, I will praise you.  
Praise the Lord, you that fear him;  
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;  
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.  
For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;  
neither does he hide his face from them;  
but when they cry to him he hears them.  
My praise is of him in the great assembly;  
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.  
The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him:  
"May your heart live for ever!"  
All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.  
For kingship belongs to the Lord;  
he rules over the nations.  
To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship;  
all who go down to the dust fall before him.  
My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him;  
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.  
They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn  
the saving deeds that he has done.

**Second Reading**    *Hebrews 10:16-25*

*(Carole Ladouceur)*

*Reader:* A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

"This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds," he also adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is,

through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach 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. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

*Reader:* This is the Word of the Lord

**All:** Thanks be to God

**The Passion**            *John 18.1-19.42*

**Our Passion Readers:**

**Narrator 1:** - TAD Higginson

**Narrator 2:** - Carole Ladouceur

**Jesus:** Sandra Donatucci

**Peter:** -Myra Wells

**Pilate:** - Glenn Clark

**Congregation:** - All Parishioners

**Miscellaneous Men:** - Brian Wells

**Miscellaneous Women:** - Irene

Thomas

**Narrator 2:** The Passion of our Lord, Jesus Christ according to John

**Narrator 1:** The great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So, they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—the King of Israel!' Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written: 'Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!'

**Jesus:** My hour has come to depart from this world and go to the Father. This is my last Passover meal with you, my friends. Know that I love you all.

**Narrator 2:** The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas, son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper, Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him.

**Peter:** Lord, are you going to wash my feet?

**Jesus:** You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.

**Peter:** You will never wash my feet.

**Jesus:** Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.

**Peter:** Then Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head!

**Jesus:** One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, for that one is entirely clean. And you are clean. Though not all of you are clean.

**Narrator 2:** Jesus said this for he knew who was to betray him.

**Jesus:** Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So, if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. I tell you this now, before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe that I am he. Very truly, I tell you, whoever receives one whom I send receives me; and whoever receives me receives him who sent me.

**Jesus:** Very truly, I tell you, one of you will betray me.

**Peter and Disciples 1, 2, and 3:** Is it I? Who does he mean? One of us? Which one?

**Peter:** Ask Jesus who he is speaking about.

**Disciple 3:** Lord, who is it?

**Jesus:** It is the one to whom I give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish.

**Narrator 1:** So, when he had dipped the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas son of Simon Iscariot.

**Jesus:** Do quickly what you are going to do.

**Disciple 1** (whispering): Has he told Judas to use the common purse to buy what we need for the festival?

**Disciple 2** (whispering): Maybe he's telling Judas to give something to the poor.

**Narrator 2:** After receiving the piece of bread, Judas immediately went out. And it was night.

**Jesus:** My friends, whoever has seen me has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. You are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if

you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me, but I chose you. I have said these things to you to keep you from stumbling. They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, an hour is coming when those who kill you will think that by doing so, they are offering worship to God. And they will do this because they have not known the Father or me. But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them. I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.’ Little children, I am with you only a little longer. But I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no power over me.

**Peter:** Lord, where are you going?

**Jesus:** Where I am going, you cannot follow me now; but you will follow afterwards.

**Peter:** Lord, why can I not follow you now? I will lay down my life for you.

**Jesus:** Will you lay down your life for me? Very truly, I tell you, before the cock crows, you will have denied me three times.

**Narrator 1:** After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven.

**Jesus:** Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you and give eternal life to all whom you have given him. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth of your word. I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one.

**Narrator 1:** After Jesus had spoken these words, he 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.

**Jesus:** For whom are you looking?

**Soldier:** Jesus of Nazareth.

**Jesus:** I am he.

**Narrator 1:** The soldiers, police, and Judas stepped back and fell to the ground.

**Jesus:** For whom are you looking?

**Police:** Jesus of Nazareth.

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

**Narrator 1:** Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest's slave, and cut off his right ear.

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

**Narrator 1:** 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.

**Narrator 2:** 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.

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

**Peter:** I am not.

**Narrator 2:** Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing round 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:** 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.

**Narrator 1:** One of the police standing nearby struck Jesus on the face.

**Police:** Is that how you answer the high priest?

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

**Narrator 2:** Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest. (PAUSE because scene changes) Simon Peter was standing and warming himself at the fire with the slaves and police.

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

**Peter:** I am not.

**Slave:** Did I not see you in the garden with him? You are the one who cut off my cousin's ear.

**Peter:** I am not.

**Police:** Listen – the cock is crowing. Morning has come.

**Narrator 1:** Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate's headquarters. It was early in the morning. The Jews 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.

**Pilate:** What accusation do you bring against this man?

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

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

**Congregation:** We are not permitted to put anyone to death.

**Pilate:** Bring me this Jesus.

**Pilate:** Are you the King of the Jews?

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

**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?

**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.'

**Pilate:** So, you are a king?

**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.

**Pilate:** What is truth?

**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?

**Congregation:** Not this man, but the bandit Barabbas!

**Pilate:** Then take this man and flog him.

**Narrator 1:** And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe and struck him on the face.

**Soldiers:** Hail, King of the Jews!

**Pilate:** Look, I bring him out to you one more time to let you know that I find no case against him. Here is the man!

**Congregation:** Crucify him! Crucify him!

**Pilate:** Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him.

**Congregation:** According to our law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God.

**Pilate:** I am filled with great fear. I must be careful.

**Pilate:** Jesus, where are you from?

**Jesus:** (silence)

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

**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.

**Pilate:** I must release this man, for he has done nothing wrong.

**Congregation:** If you release this man, you are no friend of the emperor.

Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against the emperor.

**Pilate:** So be it. Here is your King!

**Congregation:** Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!

**Pilate:** Shall I crucify your King?

**Congregation:** We have no king but the emperor.

**Pilate:** So be it.

*(Congregation stands)*

**Narrator 1:** So, they took Jesus; and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, 'Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.' Many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. The chief priests asked that it be changed to 'This man said, I am King of the Jews,' but Pilate refused.

When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them.

**Narrator 2:** Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her.

**Jesus:** Woman, here is your son, and my friend, here is your mother.

**Narrator 1:** And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

(Pause)

**Jesus:** I am thirsty.

**Narrator 2:** 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. He received the wine and drank it. (pause) Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

**Jesus:** It is finished.

**Narrator 1:** 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.

**Narrator 2:** 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."

**Narrator 1:** 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.

**Narrator 2:** 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.

## **Reflection**

*(Reverend Nash Smith)*

**Hymn** - 198 - *O Sacred Head Surrounded*

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

1 O sacred Head surrounded  
By crown of piercing thorn!  
O bleeding Head, so wounded,  
Reviled and put to scorn!  
Death's pallid hue comes o'er Thee,  
The glow of life decays,  
Yet angel hosts adore Thee  
And tremble as they gaze.

2 I see Thy strength and vigour  
All fading in the strife,  
And death with cruel rigour,  
Bereaving Thee of life;  
O agony and dying!

O love to sinners free!  
Jesus, all grace supplying,  
O turn Thy face on me.

3 In this, Thy bitter passion,  
Good Shepherd, think of me  
With Thy most sweet compassion,  
Unworthy though I be:  
Beneath Thy cross abiding  
For ever would I rest,  
In thy dear love confiding,  
In Thy dear love confiding,  
And with Thy presence blest.

**The Solemn Intercession** *(kneeling if you are able)*

*Celebrant:* 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.

***Leader 1 (Brian Wells):*** 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 Kathryn, our bishop-elect, and all the people of this diocese, for all Christians in this community, for those about to be baptized, that the Lord will confirm his Church in faith, increase it in love, and preserve it in peace.

*Silence*

*Celebrant:* Almighty and everlasting God, by your Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified. Receive our supplications and prayers

which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in our vocation and ministry we may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**Leader 2** (*Myra Wells*): Let us pray for all nations and peoples of the earth, and for those in authority among them: for Charles III our King and all the Royal Family, for Mark, the Prime Minister and for the government of this country, for Doug, the premier of this province and the members of the legislature, for Mark, the mayor of this municipality and those who serve with him 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*

*Celebrant*: 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.**

**Leader 3** (*Sylvia Thomas*): Let us pray for all who suffer and are afflicted in body or in mind: for the hungry and homeless, the destitute and the oppressed, and all who suffer persecution or prejudice, for the sick, the wounded, and the handicapped, for those in loneliness, fear, and anguish, for those who face temptation, doubt, and despair, for the sorrowful and bereaved, for prisoners and captives and those in mortal danger, that God in 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*

*Celebrant*: Gracious God, the comfort of all who sorrow, the strength of all who suffer, hear the cry of those in misery and need. In their afflictions show them your mercy, and give us, we pray, the strength to serve them, for the sake of him who suffered for us, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Leader 4** (*Irene Thomas*): 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*

*Celebrant:* Merciful God, creator of the peoples of the earth and lover of souls, have compassion on all who do not know you as you are revealed in your Son Jesus Christ. Let your gospel be preached with grace and power to those who have not heard it, turn the hearts of those who resist it, and bring home to your fold those who have gone astray; that there may be one flock under one shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Leader 5** (*Glenn Clark*): Let us commit ourselves to God, and pray for the grace of a holy life, that with all who have departed this life and have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to God alone, we may be accounted worthy to enter into the fullness of the joy of our Lord and receive the crown of life in the day of resurrection.

*Silence*

*Celebrant:* O God of unchangeable power and eternal light, look favourably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery. By the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquillity the plan of salvation. Let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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

*Celebrant:* This is the wood of the Cross on which hung the Saviour of the world.

**All: Come let us worship.**

### **Anthem 1**

*Celebrant:* Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by? Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow which was brought upon me, which the Lord inflicted on the day of his fierce anger.

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

*Celebrant:* O my people, O my Church, what have I done to you, or in what have I offended you? Testify against me. I led you forth from the land of Egypt, and delivered you by the waters of baptism, but you have prepared a cross for your Saviour.

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

*Celebrant:* I led you through the desert forty years and fed you with manna. I brought you through tribulation and penitence, and gave you my body, the bread of heaven, but you have prepared a cross for your Saviour.

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

*Celebrant:* What more could I have done for you that I have not done? I planted you, my chosen and fairest vineyard, I made you the branches of my vine; but when I was thirsty, you gave me vinegar to drink and pierced with a spear the side of your Saviour.

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

*Celebrant:* I went before you in a pillar of cloud, and you have led me to the judgement hall of Pilate. I scourged your enemies and brought you to a land of freedom, but you have scourged, mocked, and beaten me. I gave you the water of salvation from the rock, but you have given me gall and left me to thirst.

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

*Celebrant:* I gave you a royal sceptre, and bestowed the keys to the kingdom, but you have given me a crown of thorns. I raised you on high with great power, but you have hanged me on the cross.

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

*Celebrant:* 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 abandon me.

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

*Celebrant:* I sent the Spirit of truth to guide you, and you close your hearts to the Counsellor. 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.

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

*Celebrant:* I grafted you into the tree of my chosen Israel, and you turned on them with persecution and mass murder. I made you joint heirs with them of my covenants, but you made them scapegoats for your own guilt.

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

*Celebrant:* 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.

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

#### **Anthem 4**

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

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

#### **Closing Hymn** - 202 - *There Is a Green Hill Far Away*

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iaivZcjgQAM&list=RDiaivZcjgQAM&start\\_radio=1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iaivZcjgQAM&list=RDiaivZcjgQAM&start_radio=1) (no vocals)

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| 1 There is a green hill far away,<br>without a city wall,<br>where the dear Lord was crucified,<br>who died to save us all. | but we believe it was for us<br>he hung and suffered there.   |
| 2 We may not know, we cannot tell<br>what pains he had to bear;   | 3 He died that we might be forgiven,<br>he died to make us good,<br>that we might go at last to heaven,<br>saved by his precious blood. |

4 There was no other good enough  
to pay the price of sin;

he only could unlock the gate  
of heaven and let us in.

### **The Lord's Prayer** *(said)*

*Celebrant:* As Our Saviour has taught us, let us pray.

**All:** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

### **The Blessing**

*Celebrant:* 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.

*We depart silently to depict our desolation.*

*But we know the rest of the story.*

*Jesus will be raised from the dead!*

**We will gather again on Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026 at 10:30 a.m.**

***(Please bring cut flowers to decorate the cross)***

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### **Readers for Easter Sunday – Sunday, April 5, 2026 10:30 a.m.**

*Acts 10:34-43 – Myra Wells*

*Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 – Rob Mantle*

*Colossians 3:1-4 – Sarah Thompson*

*Matthew 28:1-10 – Reverend Nash Smith*

*Prayers of the People – Brian Wells*

*Communion Server – Vic Wootton*