

Good Friday, April 10, 2020

Words of Welcome

Opening Prayer

Celebrant Blessed be our God.

People **For ever and ever. Amen.**

Celebrant 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.**

The First Reading: Isaiah 53:4-9

Reader A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm: Psalm 40: 1-4, 12-19

I waited patiently for you, O God;*

you stooped to me and heard my cry.

You lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay;*

you set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.

You put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God;*

many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in you.

Happy are they who trust in you;*

they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.

You are the Holy One; do not withhold your compassion from me;*

let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever.

For innumerable troubles have crowded upon me;
my sins have overtaken me, and I cannot see; *

**they are more in number than the hairs of my head,
and my heart fails me.**

Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; *

O God, make haste to help me.

Let those who seek my life be ashamed and altogether dismayed; *

**let those who take pleasure in my misfortune
draw back and be disgraced.**

Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back, *

because they are ashamed.

Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; *

let those who love your salvation say for ever, "Great is the Holy One!"

But as for me, I am poor and needy; *

come to me speedily, O God.

You are my helper and my deliverer; *

O God, do not tarry.

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

Reader A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Passion Gospel (John 18:1 - 19:42)

The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted. The congregation may be invited to participate in the reading of the Gospel. The congregation is seated for the first part of the Passion.

You may stand when directed.

Song after the Passion Gospel: "So much wrong"

John Bell, based on an Arabic text

Homily

Psalm 10

Why do you stand so far off, O God,*

and hide yourself in time of trouble?

The wicked arrogantly persecute the poor,*

but they are trapped in the schemes they have devised.

The wicked boast of their heart's desire,*

the covetous curse and revile God.

The wicked are so proud that they care not for God,*

their only thought is, "God does not matter."

Their ways are devious at all times;

your judgments are far above out of their sight;*

they defy all their enemies.

They say in their heart, "I shall not be shaken;*

no harm shall happen to me ever."

Their mouth is full of cursing, deceit, and oppression;*

under their tongue are mischief and wrong.

They lurk in ambush in public squares and in secret places they murder the innocent;*

they spy out the helpless.

They lie in wait, like a lion in a covert;

they lie in wait to seize upon the lowly;*

they seize the lowly and drag them away in their net.

The innocent are broken and humbled before them;*

the helpless fall before their power.

They say in their heart, "God has forgotten;*

God has looked away and will never notice."

Rise up, O Holy One; lift up your hand, O God;*

do not forget the afflicted!

Why should the wicked revile God;*

why should they say in their heart, "You do not care"?

Surely, you behold trouble and misery;*

you see it and take it into your own hand.

The helpless commit themselves to you,*

for you are the helper of orphans.

Break the power of the wicked and evil;*

search out their wickedness until you find none.

God is enthroned for ever and ever;*

the ungodly shall perish from the land.

God will hear the desire of the humble;*

you will strengthen their heart and your ears shall hear,

To give justice to the orphan and oppressed,*

so that mere mortals may strike terror no more.

The Solemn Collects

The people stand.

Celebrant Dear People of God: Our loving God sent the 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 everlasting life.

We pray, therefore, for people everywhere according to their needs.

Minister 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, and those whom they serve,
for Steven, our bishop, and the people of this diocese,
for all Christians of this community of faith,
especially those seeking baptism and those preparing for confirmation,
that God will confirm the Church in faith, increase it in love, and preserve it in peace.

Silence is kept.

Minister Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Celebrant 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 our vocation and ministry we may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Minister Let us pray for the nations of the world and their leaders and people:
for Donald our President, and for the leaders of our nation;
for those who administer the law and all who serve in public office,
for all who strive for justice and reconciliation,
for health care providers, public health leaders, medical scientists and
epidemiologists, and all those striving to preserve life;
that by God's help the world may live in peace, freedom, and health. *Silence is kept.*

Minister Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Celebrant Most gracious God, 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.**

Minister Let us pray for God's people, the Jews, the first to hear the divine word:
for greater understanding among all the children of Abraham,
for the removal of the barriers that divide us,
that God will grant us grace to be faithful to the covenant and to grow in love of God's holy name.

Silence is kept.

Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Celebrant Lord God of Abraham and Sarah, bless all the children of your covenant; take from us all blindness and bitterness of heart, and hasten the day when we shall dwell together in mutual love and peace. **Amen.**

Minister Let us pray for those who have lost their faith, or find no comfort in God's love;
for those who have not heard the message of salvation,
and for our failure to commend the faith that is in us;
for the contemptuous and scornful;
for those who yearn for connection, wholeness, and hope;
that God will open all our hearts to grace.

Silence is kept.

Minister Lord, hear us.
All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Celebrant Merciful God, creator of all the people of the earth, have compassion on all your children, and by the preaching of your gospel with grace and power, gather all who seek you into the fold of your loving Shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Minister Let us pray for all those who suffer:
for those who are deprived and oppressed,
for all who are sick, especially those infected by COVID-19;
for all those struggling with isolation, fear, or financial uncertainty;
for those in darkness, in doubt and in despair, in loneliness and in fear,
for prisoners, captives and refugees,
for the victims of false accusations and violence,
for all at the point of death and those who watch beside them,
or pray for them from afar,
that our merciful God will sustain them with the knowledge that they are beloved.

Silence is kept.

Lord, hear us.
All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Celebrant Almighty and everlasting God, the comfort of all who sorrow, the strength of all who suffer: hear the prayers of your children who cry out of any trouble, and to every distressed soul grant mercy, relief and refreshment; and give us, we pray, the strength to serve them for the sake of the One who suffered for us, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Minister Let us commend ourselves and all God's children to God's 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.

Silence is kept.

Lord, hear us.
All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Celebrant

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably 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.**

Anthems of the Cross

Celebrant We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,

People **because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

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

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

Celebrant O Savior of the world, who by thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us:

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

Hymn #166

4. **Faithful cross! Above all other, one and only noble tree!
None in foliage, none in blossom, none in fruit thy peer may be;
sweetest wood and sweetest iron! Sweetest weight is hung on thee.**
5. **Bend thy boughs, O tree of glory! Thy relaxing sinews bend;
for a while the ancient rigor that thy birth bestowed, suspend;
and the King of heavenly beauty gently on thine arms extend.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Eternal God, in the cross of Jesus we see the cost of our sin and the depth of your love: in humble hope and fear may we place at his feet all that we have and all that we are, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily
bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the
kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

The service concludes with the following prayer. No blessing or dismissal is added.

Celebrant

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, we pray you to set your passion, cross, and death between your judgment and our souls, now and in the hour of our death. Give mercy and grace to the living; pardon and rest to the dead; to your holy Church peace and concord; and to us sinners everlasting life and glory; for with the Creator and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**