



GOOD FRIDAY

The Church of the Messiah • Gwynedd, Pennsylvania
2 April 2021

*On this day the ministers enter in silence from the sacristy.
All then kneel or sit for silent prayer, after which the Celebrant stands and begins.*

Celebrant: Blessed be our God

People: **Forever and ever. Amen.**

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, forever and ever. **Amen.**

Lesson: Isaiah 52:13—53:12

On this day, there is no 'Word of the Lord' proclamation to close the lesson.

Psalm 22:1-11, 1

Celebrant: ¹My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
and are so far from my cry
and from the words of my distress?

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

³Yet 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.**

⁵They 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.**

⁷All 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.”**

⁹Yet 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.**

¹¹Be not far from me, for trouble is near,
and there is none to help.

People: ¹**My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**
and are so far from my cry
and from the words of my distress?

Epistle: Hebrews 10:16-25

On this day, there is no 'Word of the Lord' proclamation to close the lesson.

Psalm 22:1, 12-21, 1

Celebrant: ¹My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
and are so far from my distress?

People: ¹²**Many young bulls encircle me.**

¹³They 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.

¹⁵My 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.

¹⁷They 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.

¹⁹Save 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.

²¹I will declare your Name to my brethren;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

¹**My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**
and are so far from my distress?

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ: John 18:1–19:37

Following the Gospel, an extended period of Silent Meditation is kept.

The Solemn Collects

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

(Silence)

Let us pray for the holy catholic 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 our Diocesan bishops, priests and deacons and all the people of this diocese, for all Christians in this community, and especially for those preparing for baptism, that God will confirm his Church in faith, increase it in love, and preserve it in peace.

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose 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 their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

(Silence)

Let us pray for all nations and peoples of the earth, and for those in authority among them; For the President of the United States, for the Congress and the Supreme Court, for the Members and Representatives of the United Nations, for all who serve the common good that by God's help they may seek justice and truth, and live in peace and concord.

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 in tranquility your dominion may increase, until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

(Silence)

Let us pray for all who suffer and are afflicted in body or in mind; For the hungry and the homeless, the destitute and the oppressed, for the sick, the wounded, and the crippled, 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 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.

Gracious God, the comfort of all who sorrow, the strength of all who suffer: Let the cry of those in misery and need come to you, that they may find your mercy present with them in all their afflictions; 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.**

(Silence)

Let us pray for all who have not received the Gospel of Christ; For those who have never heard the word of salvation, for those who have lost their faith, for those hardened by sin or indifference, for the contemptuous and the scornful, for those who are enemies of the cross of Christ and persecutors of his disciples, for those 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.

Merciful God, creator of all 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.**

(Silence)

Let us commit ourselves to our God, and pray for the grace of a holy life, that, with all who have departed this world 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.

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 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 Adoration of the Cross

Anthem 1

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 earth,
 your saving health among all nations.**

Let the people 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.**

(Silence)

Anthem 2

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

(Silence)

Anthem 3

O Savior of the world.

who by thy cross and precious blood has redeemed us.

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

(Silence)

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior has taught us, we are bold to say,

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,

and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

Let us pray.

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 Father and Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

No blessing or dismissal is given this day.