

*Gathering Table
a Faith Community
in the Anglican Church of Canada*



GREETINGS IN THE NAME OF THE RISEN LORD

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April 7th, 2023

Good Friday

2 p.m.

**Liturgy of the Word for the
Celebration of the Passion of the Lord**

Presider: Rev. Ann Camber

Preacher: Rev. Gail Clifton

Lay Reader: Frances Bennett-Sutton

Lectors: Sharon Gilbert and Jim Sutton

Music: Donna and Ted Hamill and GT Singers

Welcome to all our visitors and newcomers. We're glad you're here! We invite you to sign our Visitors Book at the back of the church. We encourage "Masks" to be worn in accordance with the most recent COVID-19 Protocols from the Diocese of Algoma.

For thousands of years, First Nations people have walked on this land; their relationship with the land is at the centre of life and spirituality. We are gathered as treaty people on the traditional territory of the Anishnaabeg of the Fort William First Nation and acknowledge this people's stewardship of this land through the ages.

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Christ became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.
Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on
him the name which is above every name.

Philippians 2.8-9

The Celebration of the Lord's Passion

The Ministry of the Word

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*(When the congregation has assembled and the ministers,
having entered in silence, are in their places, all shall
stand.)*

Presider: All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned every one to his own way,

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

Presider: Christ the Lord became obedient unto death,

All: Even death on a cross.

Silence is kept.

Presider: 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.**

Presider: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you

Presider: Let us pray

The Collect

Presider: 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: CP 193 Calvary, Calvary

First Reading is from the Book of Isaiah

Isaiah 52: 13 – 53:12

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.

This is the Word of The Lord
Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 22

By alternate verses

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-sherd; 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.

Psalm Prayer

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Father, your tortured Son felt abandoned, and cried out in anguish from the cross, yet you delivered him. He overcame the bonds of death and rose in triumph from the grave. Do not hide your face from those who cry out to you: feed the hungry, strengthen the weak, and break the chains of the oppressed, that your people may rejoice in your saving deeds. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen

Second Reading is from the Letter to the Hebrews

Hebrews 10: 16 - 25

"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.

This is the Word of The Lord
Thanks be to God.

Gradual: **Melt My Soul To Love**

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ
John 18: 1 – 19:42

Readers: **Richard Pepper, Jim Sutton,**

Al Chisholm, Frances Bennett-Sutton

Congregation may be seated until announced

The narrative of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Sermon: **The Rev. Gail Clifton**

Time for reflection

The Solemn Intercession – *BAS Page 309- 313*

Dear people of God,
our heavenly Father sent his Son into the world,
not to condemn the world,
but that the world through him might be saved,
that all who believe in him
might be delivered from the power of sin and death
and become heirs with him of eternal life.

Let us pray for the one holy catholic
and apostolic Church of Christ throughout the world:

for its unity in witness and service,
for all bishops and other ministers
and the people whom they serve,
for **Anne** our bishop,
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

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.**

Let us pray for all nations and peoples of the earth,
and for those in authority among them:

for **Charles** our King and all the Royal Family,

for **Justin** the Prime Minister and for the government of
this country,

for **Doug** the premier of this province and the members of
the legislature,

for **Ken** 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

Almighty God,
kindle, we pray, in every heart
the true love of peace,
and guide with your wisdom
those who take counsel for the nations of the earth,
that justice and peace may increase,
until the earth is filled
with the knowledge of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for all who suffer
and are afflicted in body or in mind:

for the hungry and homeless,
the destitute and the oppressed,
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 his mercy will comfort and relieve them,
and grant them the knowledge of his love,
and stir up in us the will and patience
to minister to their needs.

Silence

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.**

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

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.**

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

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.**

The Lord's Prayer

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And now, as our Saviour Christ 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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Music: **Gone Is The Light**

(Ted and Donna Hamill)

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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 the Lord.

Silence is kept

We leave in silence

THOSE WISHING TO STAY FOR THE STATIONS

*PLEASE GATHER AT STATION ONE NEAR THE DOOR
TO THE HALLWAY*

***The Booklets needed for the Stations will be on a
pew near Station one.***

The Stations of the Cross – The Rev'd Gail Clifton

Readings Sunday of The Resurrection: Easter Day

Acts 10: 34 – 43

Psalm 118: 1 – 2, 14 - 24

Colossians 3: 1 – 4

John 20: 1 - 8

Anglican Cycle of Prayer Please Pray for:

Good Friday

**The Diocese of El Salvador – Iglesia Anglicana de
la Region Central de America**

Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer :

Please Pray for:

ACC The Most Rev. Anne Germond, Metropolitan, and
the people and clergy of the Ecclesiastical
Province of Ontario

ELCIC The congregations of the Eastern area of the
Manitoba-Northwestern Ontario Synod

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for:

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Parish Cycle of Prayer

Please pray for our own church members:

Joanne McMahan, Geoff and Katariina Medwid, Robert,
Peter and Lillianna, Janis Medwid, Arlene Meservier, Carl

and Elizabeth Mickelson, Adrienne Morris, Tom and Dora Morris, Charles and Marion Morris, Rosalie Hardisty Morris, Mark Myers, Dorothy Nesbitt, Len Norris, Garth and Brenda O'Neill, Bethany O'Neill, Cindy Papassay, Henry Parise, Marjorie (Midge) Peel,

Please Pray For: Our young people in Junior High School, High School, College and University who are struggling academically, socially and mentally, especially as they prepare for exams, and looking for summer employment in their field of study.



Services 2023

Children's Celebration on Good Friday 10 a.m.

followed by fun and hot cross buns

April 7th, 2023 - Good Friday – 2 p.m.

With The Stations of The Cross to follow.

April 8th, 2023 - Holy Saturday – 7 p.m.

April 9th, 2023 - Easter Sunday - 10 am



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Archbishop Anne's Motto for 2023

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." Luke 4: 18 - 19