

The Parish of Ida and Omemee

The Celebration of the Lord's Passion  
&  
Meditation on the Cross of Jesus

April 3, 2026

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*On this most solemn of days, we fix our gaze on the cross at Golgotha. The Good Friday liturgy marks the day of Christ's suffering, crucifixion, and death and is a continuation of the Maundy Thursday rite. We begin in silence as we ended last night. At the conclusion of the liturgy you are asked to leave in silence.*

### The Gathering

*Please rise for the entry.*

All we like sheep have gone astray;  
we have turned every one to his own way.

**And the Lord has lain on him  
the iniquity of us all.**

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

*An extended silence is kept.*

Almighty God,  
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.**

## The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

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 on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## The First Lesson

A reading from the Book of Isaiah (52:13-53:12)

See, my servant will act wisely;  
he will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted.  
Just as there were many who were appalled at him—  
his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any human  
being and his form marred beyond human likeness—  
so he will sprinkle many nations,  
and kings will shut their mouths because of him.  
For what they were not told, they will see,  
and what they have not heard, they will understand.

Who has believed our message  
and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?  
He grew up before him like a tender shoot,  
and like a root out of dry ground.  
He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him,  
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.  
He was despised and rejected by mankind,  
a man of suffering, and familiar with pain.  
Like one from whom people hide their faces  
he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.

Surely he took up our pain  
and bore our suffering,  
yet we considered him punished by God,

stricken by him, and afflicted.  
But he was pierced for our transgressions,  
he was crushed for our iniquities;  
the punishment that brought us peace was on him,  
and by his wounds we are healed.  
We all, like sheep, have gone astray,  
each of us has turned to our own way;  
and the LORD has laid on him  
the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed and afflicted,  
yet he did not open his mouth;  
he was led like a lamb to the slaughter,  
and as a sheep before its shearers is silent,  
so he did not open his mouth.  
By oppression and judgment he was taken away.  
Yet who of his generation protested?  
For he was cut off from the land of the living;  
for the transgression of my people he was punished.

He was assigned a grave with the wicked,  
and with the rich in his death,  
though he had done no violence,  
nor was any deceit in his mouth.

Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer,  
and though the LORD makes his life an offering for sin,  
he will see his offspring and prolong his days,  
and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand.

After he has suffered,  
he will see the light of life and be satisfied;  
by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many,  
and he will bear their iniquities.

Therefore I will give him a portion among the great,  
and he will divide the spoils with the strong,  
because he poured out his life unto death,  
and was numbered with the transgressors.

For he bore the sin of many,  
and made intercession for the transgressors.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## The Psalm (22)

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 ancestors 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 not human,  
**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,**  
“You trusted in the Lord; let the Lord deliver you;  
**let God rescue you, if God delights in you.”**

Yet you are the one 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 potsherd;  
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  
**while 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 kindred;  
**in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.**

Praise the Lord, you that fear God;  
**stand in awe of God, O offspring of Israel;**  
**all you of Jacob's line, give glory.**

For God does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;  
neither turns away from them;  
**when they cry to the Lord, they are heard.**

My praise is of God in the great assembly;  
**I will perform my vows in the presence**  
**of those who worship the Lord.**

The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the Lord shall give praise:  
**"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 God.**

For sovereignty belongs to the Lord,  
**who rules over the nations.**

To God alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship;  
**all who go down to the dust fall before God.**

My soul shall live for God;  
my descendants shall serve God;  
**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 God has done.**

## The Epistle Reading

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews (10:16-25)

“This is the covenant I will make with them  
after that time, says the Lord.  
I will put my laws in their hearts,  
and I will write them on their minds.”

Then he adds:

“Their sins and lawless acts  
I will remember no more.”

And where these have been forgiven, sacrifice for sin is no longer necessary.

Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## The Reading of the Passion

*The term “the Jews” has been changed here to “the Jewish Authorities”, because it applies to particular individuals and not to the whole Jewish people. Insofar as we ourselves turn against Christ, we are responsible for his death.*

NARRATOR: The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to John.

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?"

NARRATOR: They answered,

**PRIESTS AND POLICE: "Jesus of Nazareth."**

NARRATOR: Jesus replied,

JESUS: "I am he."

NARRATOR: 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?"

NARRATOR: And they said,

**PRIESTS AND POLICE: "Jesus of Nazareth."**

NARRATOR: Jesus answered,

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

NARRATOR: 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?"

NARRATOR: 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,

WOMAN: "You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?"

NARRATOR: He said,

PETER: "I am not."

NARRATOR: 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 Jewish people 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: When he had said this, one of the police standing nearby struck Jesus on the face, saying,

**POLICE: "Is that how you answer the high priest?"**

NARRATOR: Jesus answered,

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

NARRATOR: Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They asked him,

BYSTANDER: "You are not also one of his disciples, are you?"

NARRATOR: He denied it and said,

PETER: "I am not."

NARRATOR: 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?"

NARRATOR: 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?"

NARRATOR: They answered,

**PRIESTS AND POLICE: "If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you."**

NARRATOR: Pilate said to them,

PILATE: "Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law."

NARRATOR: The Jewish authorities replied,

**PRIESTS AND POLICE: "We are not permitted to put anyone to death."**

NARRATOR: (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?"

NARRATOR: Jesus answered,

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

NARRATOR: 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?"

NARRATOR: 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."

NARRATOR: Pilate asked him,

PILATE: "So you are a king?"

NARRATOR: 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."

NARRATOR: Pilate asked him,

PILATE: "What is truth?"

NARRATOR: 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?"

NARRATOR: They shouted in reply,

**CROWD: "Not this man, but Barabbas!"**

NARRATOR: 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,

**SOLDIERS: "Hail, King of the Jews!"**

NARRATOR: ...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."

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

PILATE: "Here is the man!"

NARRATOR: When the chief priests and the temple police saw him, they shouted,

**CROWD: "Crucify him! Crucify him!"**

NARRATOR: Pilate said to them,

PILATE: "Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him."

NARRATOR: The crowd answered him,

**CROWD:**        **"We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God."**

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

PILATE:         "Where are you from?"

NARRATOR: 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?"

NARRATOR: 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."

NARRATOR: From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the Jewish authorities cried out,

**CROWD:**       **"If you release this man, you are no friend of the emperor. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against the emperor."**

NARRATOR: 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 crowd,

PILATE:         "Here is your King!"

NARRATOR: They cried out,

**CROWD:**       **"Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!"**

NARRATOR: Pilate asked them,

PILATE: "Shall I crucify your King?"

NARRATOR: The chief priests answered,

PRIESTS: "We have no king but the emperor."

NARRATOR: Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

*(At the mention of Golgotha, all stand as able.)*

NARRATOR: 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 Judeans 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 temple said to Pilate,

**PRIESTS: "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'"**

NARRATOR: Pilate answered,

PILATE: "What I have written I have written."

NARRATOR: 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,

**SOLDIERS: "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it."**

NARRATOR: 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."

NARRATOR: Then he said to the disciple,

JESUS: "Here is your mother."

NARRATOR: 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."

NARRATOR: 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."

NARRATOR: Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jewish authorities 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 temple authorities, 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.

## **Homily**

**Anthem**      *Who Am I?*

*A silence for reflection.*

## **The Solemn Intercession**

*As able, the people stand.*

*Officiant*      Dear people of God,  
our Heavenly Father sent his Son into  
the world, not to condemn the world,  
but that the world 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.  
Therefore we pray to our heavenly Father  
for people everywhere according to their  
needs.

*Intercessor* Let us pray for the Church throughout  
the world:  
for unity in faith, in witness and in service,  
for bishops and other ministers,  
and the people they serve,  
for Andrew, Ryscilla and Kevin our bishops,  
and the people of this diocese, for all  
Christians in this community.  
That the Lord will confirm his Church in faith,  
increase it in love,  
and preserve it in peace.

*Silence is kept.*

*Officiant* Almighty and everlasting God,  
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church  
is governed and sanctified:  
hear 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.

*All* **Amen.**

*Intercessor* 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 Mark the Prime Minister,  
and for the government of this country,  
for Douglas the Premier of this province  
and for the members of the legislature,

for Mathew the mayor of this municipality  
and those who serve with him on Council  
for all who serve in public office,  
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 is kept.*

*Officiant*

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.

*All*

**Amen.**

*Intercessor*

Let us pray for God's ancient people,  
the Jews,  
the first to hear his word:  
for greater understanding  
between Christian and Jew,  
for the removal of our blindness  
and bitterness of heart,  
that God will grant us grace to be faithful to his  
covenant and to grow  
in the love of his name.

*Silence is kept.*

*Officiant*

Lord God of Abraham,  
bless the children of your covenant,  
both Jew and Christian;  
take from us all blindness and bitterness  
of heart,  
and hasten the coming of your kingdom,  
when the Gentiles shall be gathered in,

all Israel shall be saved,  
and we shall dwell together  
in mutual love and peace  
under the one God  
and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*All*

**Amen.**

*Intercessor*

Let us pray for all those who suffer:  
for the hungry and homeless,  
for the destitute and the oppressed,  
and all who suffer persecution or prejudice,  
for the sick and wounded,  
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,  
that God in his mercy will sustain them  
with the knowledge of his love.

*Silence is kept.*

*Officiant*

Gracious God,  
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.

*All*

**Amen.**

*Intercessor*

Let us pray for those  
who do not believe the gospel of Christ:  
for those who have not heard the message of  
salvation,  
for all who have lost their faith,

for those 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 is kept.*

*Officiant*

Merciful God,  
creator of all the people 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.

*All*

**Amen.**

*Intercessor*

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 is kept.*

*Officiant*      O God of unchangeable power and eternal light,  
look favourably on your whole Church,  
that wonderful and sacred mystery,  
and by the tranquil operation  
of your perpetual providence  
carry out the work of our salvation:  
and let the whole world feel and see  
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 returning to perfection  
through him from whom they took their origin,  
even Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*All*                **Amen.**

**Hymn**    *CP192 Were You There?*

**Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble:  
were you there when they crucified my Lord?**

**Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble:  
were you there when they nailed him to the tree?**

**Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble:  
were you there when they pierced him in the side?**

**Were you there when the sun refused to shine?  
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble:  
were you there when the sun refused to shine?**

## The Proclamation of the Cross

*A wooden cross is brought into the church during the hymn and placed in the sight of the people. The people are invited to kneel or to stand.*

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

**O come, let us worship.**

*Silence*

## The Solemn Reproaches

It is nothing to you, all you who pass by?  
Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow  
which was brought upon me,

**Lord have mercy on us, Christ have mercy on us,  
Lord have mercy on us.**

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.

**Lord have mercy on us, Christ have mercy on us,  
Lord have mercy on us.**

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.

**Lord have mercy on us, Christ have mercy on us,  
Lord have mercy on us.**

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.  
**Lord have mercy on us, Christ have mercy on us,  
Lord have mercy on us.**

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.  
**Lord have mercy on us, Christ have mercy on us,  
Lord have mercy on us.**

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.  
**Lord have mercy on us, Christ have mercy on us,  
Lord have mercy on 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 abandon me.  
**Lord have mercy on us, Christ have mercy on us,  
Lord have mercy on us.**

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.  
**Lord have mercy on us, Christ have mercy on us,  
Lord have mercy on us.**

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.

**Lord have mercy on us, Christ have mercy on us,  
Lord have mercy on 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.

**Lord have mercy on us, Christ have mercy on us,  
Lord have mercy on us.**

*A silence is kept.*

*Choir*                    Adoramus te Christe, benedicimus tibi,  
                                 quia per crucem tuam redemisti mundum.  
                                 *Repeat*

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.**

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.**

*Choir*                    Adoramus te Christe, benedicimus tibi,  
                                 quia per crucem tuam redemisti mundum.  
                                 *Repeat*

*A time of silent reflection.*

*There is paper on which you may want to write a prayer.  
There are stones and flowers if you would like to lay them at  
the cross. The prayers will be added to the new fire at the time  
of the Sunrise service.*

*You may perform these acts of devotion during the singing of  
the hymn.*

**Hymn** CP198 O Sacred Head Surrounded

**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!**

**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,  
O turn your face on me!**

**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;  
O grant to me your favour,  
and heal me by your grace.**

**What language shall I borrow  
to thank you, dearest Friend,  
for this your dying sorrow,  
your mercy without end?**

**Lord, make me yours for ever:  
your servant let me be;  
and may I never, never  
betray your love for me.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Kneeling at the foot of the cross, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**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.**

Send down your abundant blessing O God, 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.**

**Hymn**    *CP386 When I survey the Wondrous Cross*

**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.**

**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.**

**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?**

**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.**

*We depart in silence.*

### **Our Leaders Today**

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