

Cathedral Church of All Saints, Halifax

# *Good Friday*



*April 3, 2026*

# The Good Friday Liturgy

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*Presider: The Very Reverend Paul Smith*

## Introit

O vos omnes

T. L. de Victoria (c.1548-1611)

O vos omnes qui transitis per viam, attendite, et videte,  
si est dolor similis sicut dolor meus.

Attendite, universi populi, et videte dolorem meum,  
si est dolor similis sicut dolor meus.

*O all ye that pass by the way, attend, and see,  
whether there be any sorrow like my sorrow.*

*Hear, all people, and see my sorrow,  
whether there be any sorrow like my sorrow.*

## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

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

*Celebrant*

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

*People*

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

*Celebrant*

Christ the Lord became obedient unto death,

*People*

**Even death on a cross.**

*Silence may be kept.*

*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 of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **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, for ever and ever. **Amen**

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

**Psalm 22:** 1 – 17 (*Sung by the choir*)

TONE II.1

1 My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me,

and art so far from my help, and from the words of my complaint?

2 O my God, I cry in the day-time, but thou hearest not;

and in the night-season also I take no rest.

3 And thou continuest holy,

O thou worship of Israel.

4 Our fathers trusted in thee;

they trusted in thee, and thou didst deliver them.

5 They called upon thee, and were saved;

they put their trust in thee, and were not confounded.

6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man;

a very scorn of men, and the outcast of the people.

7 All they that see me laugh me to scorn;

they shoot out their lips, and shake their heads,

8 Saying, 'He trusted in God, that he would deliver him;

let him deliver him, if he delighteth in him.'

9 But thou art he that took me from the womb;

thou wast my hope, when I hanged yet upon my mother's breasts.

10 I have been left unto thee ever since I was born;

thou art my God even from my mother's womb.

11 O go not from me, for trouble is hard at hand,

and there is none to help me.

12 Many oxen are come about me;

strong bulls of Bashan close me in on every side.

13 They gape upon me with their mouths,

as it were a ramping and a roaring lion.

- 14 I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint;  
     my heart also in the midst of my body is even like melting wax.  
     they stand staring and looking upon me.
- 15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue cleaveth to my gums,  
     and thou bringest me into the dust of death.
- 16 For many dogs are come about me,  
     and the council of the wicked layeth siege against me.
- 17 They pierced my hands and my feet; I may count all my bones:  
     They stand staring and looking upon me.

**Second Reading:** Hebrews 4: 14-16; 5: 7-9

**Hymn**

**191**

To Mock Your Reign

THE THIRD TUNE

**Solemn Reading of the Passion:** John 18: 1–19: 42

**Reflection**

**Psalm**

Miserere mei, Deus

G. Allegri (1582-1652)

- 1 Miserere mei, Deus, secundum magnam misericordiam tuam.  
 2 Et secundum multitudinem miserationum tuarum, dele iniquitatem meam.  
 3 Amplius lava me ab iniquitate mea: et a peccato meo munda me.  
 4 Quoniam iniquitatem meam ego cognosco: et peccatum meum contra me est semper.  
 5 Tibi soli peccavi, et malum coram te feci: ut justificeris in sermonibus tuis, et vincas cum judicaris.  
 6 Ecce enim in iniquitatibus conceptus sum: et in peccatis concepit me mater mea.  
 7 Ecce enim veritatem dilexisti: incerta et occulta sapientiae tuae manifestasti mihi.  
 8 Asperges me hysopo, et mundabor: lavabis me, et super nivem dealbabor.  
 9 Auditui meo dabis gaudium et laetitiam: et exultabunt ossa humiliata.  
 10 Averte faciem tuam a peccatis meis: et omnes iniquitates meas dele.  
 11 Cor mundum crea in me, Deus: et spiritum rectum innova in visceribus meis.  
 12 Ne proicias me a facie tua: et spiritum sanctum tuum ne auferas a me.  
 13 Redde mihi laetitiam salutaris tui: et spiritu principali confirma me.  
 14 Docebo iniquos vias tuas: et impii ad te convertentur.  
 15 Libera me de sanguinibus, Deus, Deus salutis meae: et exultabit lingua mea justitiam tuam.  
 16 Domine, labia mea aperies: et os meum annuntiabit laudem tuam.  
 17 Quoniam si voluisses sacrificium, dedissem utique: holocaustis non delectaberis.  
 18 Sacrificium Deo spiritus contribulatus: cor contritum, et humiliatum, Deus, non despicies.  
 19 Benigne fac, Domine, in bona voluntate tua Sion: ut aedificentur muri Ierusalem.  
 20 Tunc acceptabis sacrificium justitiae, oblationes, et holocausta:  
 tunc imponent super altare tuum vitulos.

- 1 *Have mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness:*
- 2 *according to the multitude of thy mercies do away mine offences.*
- 3 *Wash me throughly from my wickedness : and cleanse me from my sin.*
- 4 *For I acknowledge my faults : and my sin is ever before me.*
- 5 *Against thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight :*  
*that thou mightest be justified in thy saying, and clear when thou art judged.*
- 6 *Behold, I was shapen in wickedness : and in sin hath my mother conceived me.*
- 7 *But lo, thou requirest truth in the inward parts: and shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly.*
- 8 *Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean : thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.*
- 9 *Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness : that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.*
- 10 *Turn thy face from my sins : and put out all my misdeeds.*
- 11 *Make me a clean heart, O God : and renew a right spirit within me.*
- 12 *Cast me not away from thy presence : and take not thy holy Spirit from me.*
- 13 *O give me the comfort of thy help again : and stablish me with thy free Spirit.*
- 14 *Then shall I teach thy ways unto the wicked : and sinners shall be converted unto thee.*
- 15 *Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, thou that art the God of my health : and my tongue shall sing of thy righteousness.*
- 16 *Thou shalt open my lips, O Lord : and my mouth shall shew thy praise.*
- 17 *For thou desirest no sacrifice, else would I give it thee : but thou delightest not in burnt-offerings.*
- 18 *The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit : a broken and contrite heart, O God, shalt thou not despise.*
- 19 *O be favourable and gracious unto Sion : build thou the walls of Jerusalem.*
- 20 *Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness, with the burnt-offerings and oblations :*  
*then shall they offer young bullocks upon thine altar.*

### **Solemn Intercession**

*All standing, the deacon or other person appointed says to the people,*

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.

*The people may be directed to kneel or stand. The biddings may be read by a deacon or other person appointed. The silence should be of significant length. The celebrant says the collects.*

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 *Sandra* our bishop,  
and all the people of this diocese,  
for all Christians in this community,  
for those about to be Baptized or Confirmed,  
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 *Mark* the Prime Minister  
and for the government of this country,  
for *Tim* the premier of this province  
and the members of the legislature,  
for *Andy* the mayor of this municipality  
and those who serve with *him*  
on the Regional 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**

## Hymn

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O Sacred Head, Surrounded

PASSION CHORALE

## Meditation on the Cross of Jesus

*Officiant:* This is the wood of the cross on which hung the  
Saviour of the world.

*People:* **Come let us worship.**

## Anthem The Reproaches

J. Sanders(1933-2003)

*O my people, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me!*

1 I led you out of Egypt, from slavery to freedom,  
but you led your Saviour to the cross.

*O my people, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me!*

*Holy is God! Holy and strong! Holy immortal One, have mercy on us.*

2 For forty years I led you safely through the desert. I fed you with manna  
from heaven,  
and brought you to a land of plenty; but you led your Saviour to the cross.  
*Holy is God! Holy and strong! Holy immortal One, have mercy on us.*

3 What more could I have done for you? I planted you as my fairest vine,  
but you yielded only bitterness:  
when I was thirsty you gave me vinegar to drink,  
and you pierced your Saviour's side with a lance. *Holy is God...*  
*Holy is God! Holy and strong! Holy immortal One, have mercy on us.*

4 I opened the sea before you, but you opened my side with a spear.

5 I led you on your way in a pillar of cloud, but you led me to Pilate's court.

6 I bore you up with manna in the desert, but you struck me down and  
scourged me.

7 I gave you saving water from the rock, but you gave me gall and vinegar to  
drink.

*O my people, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me!*

8 I gave you a royal sceptre, but you gave me a crown of thorns.

9 I raised you to the height of majesty, but you have raised me high on a cross.

*O my people, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me!*

*Officiant:* We glory in your cross, O Lord.

*People:* **And praise and glorify your holy resurrection;  
for by virtue of your cross joy has come to the  
whole world.**

## Anthem Crux fidelis

John IV of Portugal (1604-56)

Crux fidelis, inter omnes  
arbor una nobilis:  
nulla silva talem profert,  
fronde, flore, germine.  
Dulce lignum, dulces clavos,  
dulce pondus sustinet.

*Faithful cross, above all other,  
the one noble tree.  
None in foliage, nor in blossom,  
nor in fruit offers more:  
Sweetest wood and sweetest iron,  
sweetest weight is hung on thee!*

(Verses)

1. Lustra sex qui iam peracta  
tempus implens corporis,  
se volente, natus ad hoc,  
passioni deditus,  
Agnus in crucis levatur  
immolandus stipite.

*Thus did Christ to perfect manhood  
in our mortal flesh attain:  
then of his free choice he goeth  
to a death of bitter pain;  
and as a lamb, upon the altar of the cross,  
for us is slain.*

2. En acetum, fel, arundo,  
sputa, clavi, lancea:  
mite corpus perforatur,  
Sanguis, unda profluit  
terra, pontus, astra, mundus,  
quo lavantur flumine!

*Lo, with gall his thirst he quenches!  
see the thorns upon his brow!  
nails his tender flesh are rending!  
see his side is opened now!  
whence, to cleanse the whole creation,  
streams of blood and water flow.*

Words: Venantius Fortunatus (c.530-609)

*Officiant:* May God be merciful to us and bless us,  
Show us the light of his countenance, and  
come to us.

*People:* **Let your ways be known upon earth,  
your saving health among all nations.**

## Anthem Adoramus Te, Christe

C. Monteverdi (1567-1643)

Adoramus te, Christe,  
et benedicimus tibi,  
quia per sanguinem tuum pretiosum  
redemisti mundum.  
Miserere nobis.

*We adore thee, O Christ,  
and we bless thee,  
who by thy precious blood  
hast redeemed the world.  
Have mercy on us.*


*Officiant:* Let the peoples praise you,  
O God; let all the peoples praise you.

*People:* **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.**



Hymn Faithful Cross, Above All Other (*v.2 low voices; v.3 high voices*)

PANGE LINGUA



1 Faith - ful Cross! a - bove all o - ther,  
 (Low voices) 2 Bend thy boughs, O Tree of Glo - ry!  
 (High voices) 3 Thou a - lone wast count - ed wor - thy  
 4 To the Tri - ni - ty be glo - ry



1 One and on - ly no - ble tree!  
 2 Thy re - lax - ing sin - ews bend;  
 3 This world's ran - som to up - hold;  
 4 Ev - er - last - ing as is meet;




1 None in fo - liage, none in blos - som,  
 2 For a - while the an - cient rig - our  
 3 For a ship - wrecked race pre - par - ing  
 4 E - qual to the Fa - ther, e - qual



1 None in fruit thy peer may be;  
 2 That thy birth be - stowed, sus - pend,  
 3 Har - bour, like the Ark of old;  
 4 To the Son, and Pa - ra - clete:



1 Sweet - est wood and sweet - est ir - on!  
 4 And the King of heav'n - ly beau - ty  
 3 With the sa - cred Blood a - noint - ed  
 4 Tri - nal U - ni - ty, whose prais - es



1 Sweet - est weight is hung on thee.  
 2 On thy bo - dy ten gent - ly tend!  
 3 From the smit - ten Lamb that rolled.  
 4 All cre - a - ted things re - peat.



A - men.

Words: Venantius Fortunatus (c.530-609); trans. J. M. Neale (1818-1886)

*All depart in silence.*