**The Parish Church of All Saints**

**Order for Compline**

Minister The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end.

**All**   **Amen.**

Minister  Brethren, be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil,

    as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

    whom resist, steadfast in the faith.

    1 Peter 5.8,9

    But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

**All**   **Thanks be to God.**

    Our help is in the name of the Lord

**All**   **who hath made heaven and earth.**

**A period of silence for reflection on the past day may follow.**

Minister  O God, make speed to save us.

**All**   **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Minister Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,

    and to the Holy Ghost;

**All**   **as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,**

**world without end.  Amen.**

Minister Praise ye the Lord.

**All**   **The Lord's name be praised.**

Choir Before the ending of the day,

    Creator of the world we pray,

    That with thy wonted favour thou

    Wouldst be our guard and keeper now.

    From all ill dreams defend our eyes,

    From nightly fears and fantasies;

    Tread underfoot our ghostly foe,

    That no pollution we may know.

    O Father, that we ask be done,

    Through Jesus Christ, thine only Son;

    Who, with the Holy Ghost and thee,

    Doth live and reign eternally.

**Psalmody**

  **One or more of the following psalms may be used with this antiphon:**

 

Choir Have mercy upon me O God, and hearken unto my prayer.

    Psalm 4

1   Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness **:**

    thou hast set me at liberty when I was in trouble;

    have mercy upon me, and hearken unto my prayer.

2   O ye sons of men, how long will ye blaspheme mine honour **:**

    and have such pleasure in vanity, and seek after leasing?

3   Know this also, that the Lord hath chosen to himself

    the man that is godly **:**

    when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

4   Stand in awe, and sin not **:**

    commune with your own heart, and in your chamber, and be still.

5   Offer the sacrifice of righteousness **:**

    and put your trust in the Lord.

6   There be many that say **:**

    Who will shew us any good?

7   Lord, lift thou up **:**

    the light of thy countenance upon us.

8   Thou hast put gladness in my heart **:**

    since the time that their corn, and wine, and oil increased.

9   I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest **:**

    for it is thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

Psalm 31.1-6

1   In thee, O Lord, have I put my trust **:**

    let me never be put to confusion, deliver me in thy righteousness.

2   Bow down thine ear to me **:**

    make haste to deliver me.

3   And be thou my strong rock, and house of defence **:**

    that thou mayest save me.

4   For thou art my strong rock, and my castle **:**

    be thou also my guide, and lead me for thy name's sake.

5   Draw me out of the net, that they have laid privily for me **:**

    for thou art my strength.

6   Into thy hands I commend my spirit **:**

    for thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, thou God of truth.

    Psalm 91

1   Whoso dwelleth under the defence of the Most High **:**

    shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

2   I will say unto the Lord, Thou art my hope, and my stronghold **:**

    my God, in him will I trust.

3   For he shall deliver thee from the snare of the hunter **:**

    and from the noisome pestilence.

4   He shall defend thee under his wings,

    and thou shalt be safe under his feathers **:**

    his faithfulness and truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

5   Thou shalt not be afraid for any terror by night **:**

    nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

6   For the pestilence that walketh in darkness **:**

    nor for the sickness that destroyeth in the noonday.

7   A thousand shall fall beside thee, and ten thousand at thy right hand **:**

    but it shall not come nigh thee.

8   Yea, with thine eyes shalt thou behold **:**

    and see the reward of the ungodly.

9   For thou, Lord, art my hope **:**

    thou hast set thine house of defence very high.

10   There shall no evil happen unto thee **:**

    neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

11   For he shall give his angels charge over thee **:**

    to keep thee in all thy ways.

12   They shall bear thee in their hands **:**

    that thou hurt not thy foot against a stone.

13   Thou shalt go upon the lion and adder **:**

    the young lion and the dragon shalt thou tread under thy feet.

14   Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him **:**

    I will set him up, because he hath known my name.

15   He shall call upon me, and I will hear him **:**

    yea, I am with him in trouble;

    I will deliver him, and bring him to honour.

16   With long life will I satisfy him **:**

    and shew him my salvation.

Psalm 134

1   Behold now, praise the Lord **:**

    all ye servants of the Lord;

2   Ye that by night stand in the house of the Lord **:**

    even in the courts of the house of our God.

3   Lift up your hands in the sanctuary **:**

    and praise the Lord.

4   The Lord that made heaven and earth **:**

    give thee blessing out of Sion.

Choir  Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :

    and to the Holy Ghost;

    as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be **:**

    world without end.  Amen.

Have mercy upon me O God, and hearken unto my prayer.

**Scripture Reading**

  **One of the following short lessons or another suitable passage is read**

    Thou, O Lord, art in the midst of us, and we are called by thy name; leave us not, O Lord our God.

    Jeremiah 14.9

**(or)**

    Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

    Matthew 11.28-30

**(or)**

    Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever.  Amen.

    Hebrews 13.20,21

**All**   **Thanks be to God.**

  **The following responsory is sung:**

Cantor  Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

Choir   Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

Cantor  For thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, thou God of truth.

Choir   I commend my spirit.

Cantor Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

Choir   Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

Cantor  Keep me as the apple of an eye.

Choir   Hide me under the shadow of thy wings.

**Gospel Canticle**

  **The Nunc dimittis (The Song of Simeon) is said or sung**

Choir   Preserve us, O Lord, while waking,

    and guard us while sleeping,

    that awake we may watch with Christ,

    and asleep we may rest in peace.

1   Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace **:**

    according to thy word.

2   For mine eyes have seen **:**

    thy salvation;

3   Which thou hast prepared **:**

    before the face of all people;

4   To be a light to lighten the Gentiles **:**

    and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

    Luke 2.29-32

    Glory be to the Father, and to the Son **:**

    and to the Holy Ghost;

    as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be **:**

    world without end.  Amen.

Choir   Preserve us, O Lord, while waking,

    and guard us while sleeping,

    that awake we may watch with Christ,

    and asleep we may rest in peace.

**Apostles Creed**

Minister I believe in God

**All the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholick Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

**Prayers**

All   **Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

**Lord, have mercy upon us**.

Minister  Our Father,

**which art in heaven,** **hallowed be thy name;** **thy kingdom come;** **thy will be done,** **in earth as it is in heaven.** **Give us this day our daily bread.** **And forgive us our trespasses,** **as we forgive them that trespass against us.** **And lead us not into temptation;** **but deliver us from evil.  Amen.**

Minister Blessed art thou, Lord God of our fathers:

**All**   **to be praised and glorified above all for ever.**

Minister Let us bless the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost:

**All**   **let us praise him and magnify him for ever.**

Minster Blessed art thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven:

**All**   **to be praised and glorified above all for ever.**

Minister The almighty and most merciful Lord guard us and give us his blessing.

**All** **Amen.**

**The following or other suitable words of penitence may be used**

**All**   **We confess to God almighty,**

**the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost,**

**that we have sinned in thought, word and deed,**

**through our own grievous fault.**

**Wherefore we pray God to have mercy upon us.**

**Almighty God, have mercy upon us,**

**forgive us all our sins and deliver us from all evil,**

**confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,**

**and bring us to life everlasting;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

  **A priest may say**

    May the almighty and merciful Lord grant unto you pardon and remission of all your sins,time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit.

**All**   **Amen.**

Minister Wilt thou not turn again and quicken us;

**All that thy people may rejoice in thee?**

Minister O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us;

**All   and grant us thy salvation.**

Minister Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this night without sin;

**All   O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.**

Minister O Lord, hear our prayer;

**All   and let our cry come unto thee.**

Minister Let us pray.

  **One or more of the following Collects is said**

Minister  Visit, we beseech thee, O Lord, this place,

    and drive from it all the snares of the enemy;

    let thy holy angels dwell herein to preserve us in peace;

    and may thy blessing be upon us evermore;

    through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All**   **Amen.**

Minster Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord;

    and by thy great mercy defend us

    from all perils and dangers of this night;

    for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**All**   **Amen.**

Minister Look down, O Lord, from thy heavenly throne,

    illuminate the darkness of this night with thy celestial brightness,

    and from the sons of light banish the deeds of darkness;

    through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All**   **Amen.**

Minister Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the silent hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this fleeting world, may repose upon thy eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All**   **Amen.**

**The Conclusion**

Minister   We will lay us down in peace and take our rest.

**All   For it is thou, Lord, only that makest us dwell in safety.**

Minister  Abide with us, O Lord,

**All**   **for it is toward evening and the day is far spent.**

Minister  As the watchmen look for the morning,

**All**   **so do we look for thee, O Christ.**

Minister [Come with the dawning of the day

**All**   **and make thyself known in the breaking of bread.**]

Minister  The Lord be with you

**All**   **and with thy spirit.**

Minister  Let us bless the Lord.

**All**   **Thanks be to God.**

Minister The almighty and merciful Lord,

    the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost,

    bless us and preserve us.

**All**   **Amen.**

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**The Parish Church of All Saints**

**Maundy Thursday**

The opening hymn is **Alleluia, Sing to Jesus**.

1 Alleluia, sing to Jesus!

his the sceptre, his the throne:

Alleluia! his the triumph,

his the victory alone.

Hear the songs of holy Zion

thunder like a mighty flood:

'Jesus out of every nation

has redeemed us by his blood!'

2 Alleluia! not as orphans

are we left in sorrow now:

Alleluia! he is near us;

faith believes, but knows not how.

Though the cloud from sight received him

whom the angels now adore,

shall our hearts forget his promise,

'I am with you evermore'?

3 Alleluia! bread of heaven,

here on earth our food, our stay:

Alleluia! here the sinful

come to you from day to day.

Intercessor, friend of sinners,

earth's redeemer, plead for me,

where the songs of all the sinless

sweep across the crystal sea.

4 Alleluia! King eternal,

you, the Lord of lords we own;

Alleluia! born of Mary,

earth your footstool, heaven your throne:

you, within the veil have entered,

robed in flesh, our great high priest;

yours the blood and yours the body,

in our eucharistic feast.

A new commandment I give to you,

that you love one another, as I have loved you.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,

And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**Prayers of Penitence**

Our Lord Jesus Christ said

If you love me, keep my commandments.

Unless I wash you, you have no part with me.

Let us confess to almighty God our sins against his love,

And ask him to cleanse us.

**Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,**

**We confess that we have sinned**

**In thought, word and deed.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart.**

**We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.**

**In your mercy**

**Forgive what we have been,**

**Help us to amend what we are,**

**And direct what we shall be;**

**That we may do justly, love mercy,**

**And walk humbly with you, our God. Amen**

May almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you your sins, and bring you to everlasting life. **Amen**

The choir sings the Gloria:

Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son Jesu Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen

We say together the collect - the special prayer for today:

**God our Father, you have invited us to share in the supper which your Son gave to his Church to proclaim his death until he comes: may he nourish us by his presence, and unite us in his love, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.** **Amen**

The reading from the Old Testament today is **Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14,** which is then followed by the reading from the New Testament,

**1 Corinthians 11:23-26**.

The sermon is given by the Rev’d Sandy Cragg

**The Washing of Feet**

**Gospel: John 13:1-17, 31b-35**

Now, before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples’ feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, ‘Lord, are you going to wash my feet?’ Jesus answered, ‘You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.’ Peter said to him, ‘You will never wash my feet.’ Jesus answered, ‘Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.’ Simon Peter said to him, ‘Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!’ Jesus said to him, ‘One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you.’ For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, ‘Not all of you are clean.’ After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, ‘Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord – and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, “Where I am going, you cannot come.” I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.’

After the Gospel, **Ubi Caritas (Duruflé),** is sung.

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| Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.  Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.  Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur.  Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.  Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero. Amen | *Where charity and love are, God is there.*  *The love of Christ has gathered us into one.*  *Let us rejoice and delight in Him.*  *Let us fear and love the living God,*  *And let us honour Him with a sincere heart. Amen* |

Almighty Father, whose Son Jesus Christ taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for him: give us the will to be the servant of others as he was the servant of all, who gave up his life and died for us, yet is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

**The Intercessions**

Father, on this the night he was betrayed, your Son Jesus Christ washed his disciples’ feet.

We commit ourselves to follow his example of love and service.

Lord, hear us

**And humble us.**

On this night, he prayed for his disciples to be one. We pray for the unity of your Church…

Lord, hear us

**And unite us.**

On this night, he prayed for those who were to believe through their message. We pray for the mission of your Church…

Lord, hear us

**And renew our zeal.**

On this night, he commanded them to love, but suffered rejection himself. We pray for the rejected and unloved…

Lord, hear us

**And fill us with your love.**

On this night, he reminded them that if the world hated them it hated him first. We pray for those who are persecuted for their faith.

Lord, hear us

**And give us your peace.**

**Most merciful Lord, your love compels us to come in. Our hands were unclean, our hearts were unprepared; we were not fit even to eat the crumbs from under your table. But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation, and share your bread with sinners. Cleanse and feed us with the precious body and blood of your Son, that he may live in us and we in him; and that we, with the whole company of Christ, may sit and eat in your kingdom. Amen**

**The Peace**

Jesus said: ‘Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.’

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

**Holy Communion**

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

**All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.**

The Lord is here.

**His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

The priest says the first part of the eucharistic prayer:

Holy, holy, holy,

Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord most high!

[Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!]

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me. Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.**

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power**

**be yours for ever and ever.**

**Amen.**

Sit or kneel for The Lord’s Prayer

**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.**

The priest breaks the consecrated bread with the words:

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,**

**because we all share in one bread.**

After Communion the Priest will say:

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you that in this wonderful sacrament you have given us the memorial of your passion: grant us so to reverence the sacred mysteries of your body and blood that we may know within ourselves and show forth in our lives the fruit of your redemption, for you are alive and reign, now and for ever. **Amen**.

As we remember how Jesus was abandoned in the Garden of Gethsemane Psalm 22 vs 1-11 is sung.

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| 1 | My God, my God, look upon me; why hast thou forsaken me and art so far from my health, 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 hoped in thee they trusted in thee, and thou didst deliver them. |
| 5 | They called upon thee, and were holpen 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 out-cast of the people. |
| 7 | All they that see me laugh me to scorn they shoot out their lips, and shake their heads, saying, |
| 8 | He trusted in God, that he would deliver him let him deliver him, if he will have him. |
| 9 | But thou art he that took me out of my mother’s 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. |

The service ends.

**The Parish Church of All Saints**

**Good Friday**

The Ministry of the Word

In the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

After a period of silence the Kyrie is sung

Kyrie Eleison Lord, have mercy.

Christe Eleison Christ, have mercy.

Kyrie Eleison Lord, have mercy.

**(Plainsong)**

We say together the collect - the special prayer for today:

**Almighty Father, look with mercy on this your family for which our Lord Jesus Christ was content to be betrayed and given up into the hands of sinners and to suffer death upon the cross; who is alive and glorified with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

The reading from the Old Testament today is **Isaiah 52:13–-end of 53:**

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.

We sing hymn **O sacred head sore wounded**

**O sacred head, sore wounded,**

**Defiled and put to scorn:**

**O kingly head, surrounded**

**With mocking crown of thorn;**

**What sorrow mars thy grandeur?**

**Can death thy bloom deflow'r?**

**O countenance whose splendor**

**The hosts of heav'n adore!**

**In thy most bitter passion**

**My heart to share doth cry.**

**With thee for my salvation**

**Upon the cross to die.**

**Ah, keep my heart thus moved**

**To stand thy cross beneath,**

**To mourn thee, well-beloved,**

**Yet thank thee for thy death.**

**My days are few, O fail not,**

**With thine immortal pow'r,**

**To hold me that I quail not**

**In death's most fearful hour:**

**That I may fight befriended,**

**And see in my last strife**

**To me thine arms extended**

**Upon the cross of life.**

The Passion according to **St John (Victoria),** taken from the gospel according to StJohn, 18:1-19:42

When Jesus had spoken these words, he went forth with his disciples over the brook Cedron, where was a garden, into the which he entered, and his disciples. And Judas also, which betrayed him, knew the place: for Jesus ofttimes resorted thither with his disciples. Judas then, having received a band of men and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, cometh thither with lanterns and torches and weapons. Jesus therefore, knowing all things that should come upon him, went forth, and said unto them, Whom seek ye? They answered him, Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus saith unto them, I am he. And Judas also, which betrayed him, stood with them. As soon then as he had said unto them, I am he, they went backward, and fell to the ground.

Then asked he them again, Whom seek ye? And they said, Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus answered, I have told you that I am he: if therefore ye seek me, let these go their way: That the saying might be fulfilled, which he spake, Of them which thou gavest me have I lost none.

Then Simon Peter having a sword drew it, and smote the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus. Then said Jesus unto Peter, Put up thy sword into the sheath: the cup which my Father hath given me, shall I not drink it?

Then the band and the captain and officers of the Jews took Jesus, and bound him, and led him away to Annas first; for he was father in law to Caiaphas, which was the high priest that same year.

Now Caiaphas was he, which gave counsel to the Jews, that it was expedient that one man should die for the people.

And Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple: that disciple was known unto the high priest, and went in with Jesus into the palace of the high priest. But Peter stood at the door without. Then went out that other disciple, which was known unto the high priest, and spake unto her that kept the door, and brought in Peter.

Then saith the damsel that kept the door unto Peter, Art not thou also one of this man's disciples? He saith, I am not. And the servants and officers stood there, who had made a fire of coals; for it was cold: and they warmed themselves: and Peter stood with them, and warmed himself. The high priest then asked Jesus of his disciples, and of his doctrine. Jesus answered him, I spake openly to the world; I ever taught in the synagogue, and in the temple, whither the Jews always resort; and in secret have I said nothing. Why askest thou me? ask them which heard me, what I have said unto them: behold, they know what I said. And when he had thus spoken, one of the officers which stood by struck Jesus with the palm of his hand, saying, Answerest thou the high priest so? Jesus answered him, If I have spoken evil, bear witness of the evil: but if well, why smitest thou me?

Now Annas had sent him bound unto Caiaphas the high priest.

And Simon Peter stood and warmed himself. They said therefore unto him, Art not thou also one of his disciples? He denied it, and said, I am not. One of the servants of the high priest, being his kinsman whose ear Peter cut off, saith, Did not I see thee in the garden with him? Peter then denied again: and immediately the cock crew.

Then led they Jesus from Caiaphas unto the hall of judgment: and it was early; and they themselves went not into the judgment hall, lest they should be defiled; but that they might eat the passover. Pilate then went out unto them, and said, What accusation bring ye against this man? They answered and said unto him, If he were not a malefactor, we would not have delivered him up unto thee. Then said Pilate unto them, Take ye him, and judge him according to your law. The Jews therefore said unto him, It is not lawful for us to put any man to death: That the saying of Jesus might be fulfilled, which he spake, signifying what death he should die. Then Pilate entered into the judgment hall again, and called Jesus, and said unto him, Art thou the King of the Jews? Jesus answered him, Sayest thou this thing of thyself, or did others tell it thee of me? Pilate answered, Am I a Jew? Thine own nation and the chief priests have delivered thee unto me: what hast thou done? Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence. Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice. Pilate saith unto him, What is truth? And when he had said this, he went out again unto the Jews, and saith unto them, I find in him no fault at all. But ye have a custom, that I should release unto you one at the passover: will ye therefore that I release unto you the King of the Jews? Then cried they all again, saying, Not this man, but Barabbas. Now Barabbas was a robber. Then Pilate therefore took Jesus, and scourged him. And the soldiers platted a crown of thorns, and put it on his head, and they put on him a purple robe, And said, Hail, King of the Jews! and they smote him with their hands. Pilate therefore went forth again, and saith unto them, Behold, I bring him forth to you, that ye may know that I find no fault in him. Then came Jesus forth, wearing the crown of thorns, and the purple robe. And Pilate saith unto them, Behold the man! When the chief priests therefore and officers saw him, they cried out, saying, Crucify him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Take ye him, and crucify him: for I find no fault in him. The Jews answered him, We have a law, and by our law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God. When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he was the more afraid; And went again into the judgment hall, and saith unto Jesus, Whence art thou? But Jesus gave him no answer. Then saith Pilate unto him, Speakest thou not unto me? knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee? Jesus answered, Thou couldest have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above: therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin. And from thenceforth Pilate sought to release him: but the Jews cried out, saying, If thou let this man go, thou art not Caesar's friend: whosoever maketh himself a king speaketh against Caesar. When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Jesus forth, and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called the Pavement, but in the Hebrew, Gabbatha. And it was the preparation of the passover, and about the sixth hour: and he saith unto the Jews, Behold your King! But they cried out, Away with him, away with him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your King? The chief priests answered, We have no king but Caesar. Then delivered he him therefore unto them to be crucified. And they took Jesus, and led him away. And he bearing his cross went forth into a place called the place of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew Golgotha: Where they crucified him, and two other with him, on either side one, and Jesus in the midst. And Pilate wrote a title, and put it on the cross. And the writing was JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS. This title then read many of the Jews: for the place where Jesus was crucified was nigh to the city: and it was written in Hebrew, and Greek, and Latin. Then said the chief priests of the Jews to Pilate, Write not, The King of the Jews; but that he said, I am King of the Jews. Pilate answered, What I have written I have written. Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took his garments, and made four parts, to every soldier a part; and also his coat: now the coat was without seam, woven from the top throughout. They said therefore among themselves, Let us not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be: that the scripture might be fulfilled, which saith, They parted my raiment among them, and for my vesture they did cast lots. These things therefore the soldiers did.

Now there stood by the cross of Jesus his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son! Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home. After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst. Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar: and they filled a spunge with vinegar, and put it upon hyssop, and put it to his mouth. When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

**Sermon**

The preacher today is the **Rector, Rev’d Jonathan Wilkes**.

Silence is kept

The choir sings the Anthem, **Drop, drop slow tears (Leighton)**

Drop, drop, slow tears, and bathe those beauteous feet  
Which brought from Heav'n the news and Prince of Peace.  
Cease not, wet eyes, His mercy to entreat;  
To cry for vengeance sin doth never cease.  
In your deep floods drown all my faults and fears,  
Nor let His eye see sin, but through my tears.

The Veneration of the Cross

The Priest will introduce prayers that are followed by a period of silence, each time at the end of which saying:

Behold the wood of the cross.

to which all reply

**Thanks be to God.**

**Holy Communion**

The sacrament reserved at last night’s Eucharist is made ready.

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**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.**

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you,

And his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,

And feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,**

**But only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*We say together the act of Spiritual Reception:*

**Come Lord Jesus, dwell in me**

**and send your Holy Spirit that I may be filled with your presence.**

**As the hem of your garment,**

**touched in faith,**

**healed the woman in the gospel,**

**so may I be healed.**

**Although I cannot receive you in the sacrament I can,**

**through this offering of my prayer,**

**receive you in my heart;**

**grant this for Christ’s sake. Amen.**

**O vos omnes (Victoria)**

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| O vos omnes qui transitis per viam attendite et videte si est dolor similis  sicut dolor meus | *Is it nothing to you,*  *all you who pass by?*  *Look around and see!*  *Is any suffering like my suffering*  *that was inflicted on me?* |

**Gospel**

The Gospel according to **John chapter 19 verses 31-42** is read:

Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jews 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 Jews, 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.

The **Final Hymn** is **95.**

**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 death of Christ, my God!**

**All the vain things that charm me most,**

**I sacrifice them through 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 a present far too small.**

**Love so amazing, so divine,**

**demands my soul, my life, my all.**

**Prayer**

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved mankind: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross, we may triumph in the power of his victory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The service ends