



## WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2020 AT 12:15 P.M.

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*We invite you to join us and one another in worship. Since we cannot physically gather together in the space we all love so much, we gather together in different spaces, different homes, perhaps even different provinces: But we gather together still connected, and still in hope. Throughout this service you may follow along and pray and sing aloud, in the same ways you usually would. We hope this time together uplifts you and reminds us all that we can and will always come together in prayer.*

## **Welcome**

*Officiant: Steven Mackison*

## **The Penitential Rite**

*Leader:* The Lord be with you.

*All:* **And also with you.**

*Leader:* Let us pray. Almighty God,

*All:* **to you all hearts are open, all desires known,  
and from you no secrets are hidden.**

**Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Leader:* Blessed be God who forgives all our sins;

*All:* **whose mercy endures forever.**

*Leader:* Dear friends in Christ as we prepare to worship almighty God, let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

## **Confession and Absolution**

*Leader:* Most merciful God.

*All:* **we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us,  
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*Leader:* Almighty God have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all your sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The Kyrie**

*Led by Michael Broder*

## **The Collect**

*Leader:* Lord God,  
your Son our Saviour gave his body to be whipped  
and turned his face for men to spit upon.  
Give your servants grace to accept suffering for his sake,  
confident of the glory that will be revealed,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **The Proclamation of the Word**

*Reader:* A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

*Read by Marjorie Wrightson*

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens - wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

Isaiah 50.4-9a

*All:* **Thanks be to God.**

*A moment of silence is observed*



People are plotting to kill me;  
 humble them, shame them.  
 They want to ruin me; ruin and disgrace them,  
 Let those who jeer at me swallow their shameful taunts. **Refrain**

But those who seek you and trust your saving love  
 rejoice and always sing, "God is great."  
 I am poor and helpless, O God, hurry to my side!  
 Lord, my help, my rescue, do not delay. **Refrain**

## The Gospel

*Read by Chris Ambidge*

*Reader:* The Lord be with you.

*All:* **And also with you.**

*Reader:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*All:* **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus was troubled in spirit, and declared, "Very truly, I tell you, one of you will betray me." The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he was speaking. One of his disciples the - one whom Jesus loved - was reclining next to him; Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking. So while reclining next to Jesus, he asked him, "Lord, who is it?" Jesus answered, "It is the one to whom I give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish." So when he had dipped the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas son of Simon Iscariot. After he received the piece of bread, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, "Do quickly what you are going to do." Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him. Some thought that, because Judas had the common purse, Jesus was telling him, "Buy what we need for the festival"; or, that he should give something to the poor. So, after receiving the piece of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night. When he had gone out, Jesus said, "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."

*Reader:* The Gospel of Christ.

John 13.21-32

*All:* **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Reflection:

*A moment of silence is observed*

## The Prayers of the People

*Led by Kate Werneburg*

*One:* As we journey through Holy Week, let us pray to the One in whose steps we now walk, saying, Christ our Passover,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

*One:* Jesus, the power of God: Give us in all things the grain of wisdom that you are, that we may bear much fruit. Christ our Passover,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

*One:* Jesus our healer: Forgive our betrayals of your love, and give us such a portion of yourself that we may be healed and walk in newness of life. Christ our Passover,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

*One:* Jesus our Saviour, you gave us the bread of your body and the wine of your blood, and washed the feet of your disciples: As you came not to be served but to serve, so may we secure the dignity of every human being. Christ our Passover,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

*One:* Crucified Servant: Give us the will and desire to embrace the sacrifice by which you make us your siblings, and children of God. Christ our Passover,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

*One:* Jesus, our Lord and our God, you were buried in the depths of the earth and on the third day raised again in glory: Lift us, we pray, from the pains of our humanity and make us agents of the new creation. Christ our Passover,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

# The Lord's Prayer

*Said by all*

*Priest:* As our Saviour taught us, let us pray.

**All: 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.**