

GOOD FRIDAY

FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 2024, AT 12:00 P.M.

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WELCOME TO THE CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER!

We are in the heart of downtown Toronto and we gather to celebrate on the traditional lands of the Wendat, Haudenosaunee, and Anishinaabe Nations, including the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. Our beautiful building connects us to the rich heritage of our city while also drawing us deeper into the roots of our Anglican tradition. Just as the streetscape around us has evolved over the years, our members have changed to reflect the growing, vibrant and progressive Christian community found at the Redeemer today. We come from a variety of faith traditions (and sometimes no faith tradition at all), and we like it that way. We are students, workers, retired, homeless, not limited by sexual orientation, gender identity or personal history. We are at the very beginning of our life with Jesus and we are deeply steeped in a life complicated by faith. We open our doors to worship God and to learn about Jesus, and how all of this might just transform our lives.

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Land Acknowledgement

During Holy Week, we will begin the liturgy in silence. Therefore, all are encouraged to offer this prayer, acknowledging the lands on which we dwell, before the service begins.

As we enter the story of Holy Week, we remember our relationship with our Indigenous neighbours. We acknowledge with respect that we gather today in many sacred places, places that were homes to those who have been displaced. We recognize that our church dwells on the traditional lands of the Wendat, the Haudenosaunee and the Anishinaabe Nations, including the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. Gracious One, as we walk with Jesus on his journey through betrayal and denial, open our eyes to the ways in which we have betrayed and denied Indigenous peoples, that, by way of the resurrection, we may be agents of restoration and renewal. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

OFFERTORY — If you would like to make a monetary donation to support the ministry of Church of the Redeemer, we invite you to place your gift in the offering plate that sits on the offertory table in the centre aisle at the back of the worship space, or visiting theredeemer.ca/donate via the QR code below. Thank you for joining us today.



✠ The Ministry of the Word

Please rise as you are able

Priest: All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have all turned to our own way,

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

Priest: Christ the Lord became obedient unto death,

All: **Even death on a cross.**

Priest: 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.

Priest: Let us pray.

Eternal God, in the cross of Jesus

we see the cost of our sin and the depth of your love:

in humble hope and fear

may we place at his feet all that we have and all that we are,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

First Reading

Please be seated

Reader: A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

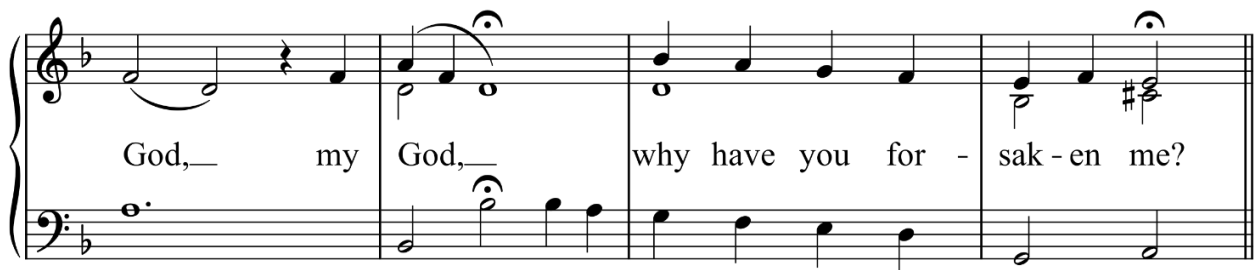
Isaiah 52.13-53.12

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Psalm 22 (George Black)

Refrain



God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

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. **Refrain**

Yet you are the Holy One,
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
Our forebears 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. **Refrain**

But as for me, I am a worm and worthless, 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 God; let God deliver you,
rescue you, and show delight in you." **Refrain**

Yet you O God, are the one who took me from 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. **Refrain**

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. **Refrain**

I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint;
my heart within my breast is melting wax.
My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd; my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;
and you have laid me in the dust of the grave. **Refrain**

Packs of dogs close me in,
and gangs of evildoers circle around me;
they pierce my hands and my feet;
I can count all my bones.
They stare and gloat over me; they divide my garments among them;
they cast lots for my clothing. **Refrain**

Be not far away, O God;
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. **Refrain**

Refrain

I will pro - claim your name to my peo - ple,
I will_ praise_ you_ in the as - sem - bly.

Give praise, you that fear God;
stand in awe, O offspring of Israel;
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.
For you, O God, do not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither is your face hidden from them;
but when they cry to you, you hear them. **Refrain**

My praise is of you in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship you.
The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek you shall praise you:
"May your heart live for ever!" **Refrain**

O God, all the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to you,
and all the families of the nations shall bow before you.
For sovereignty belongs to you, O God; you rule over the nations.
To you alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship;
all who go down to the dust fall before you. **Refrain**

My soul shall live for you;
my descendants shall serve you;
they shall be known as yours for ever.
They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn
the saving deeds that you have done. **Refrain**

The Second Reading

Reader: A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

“This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds”, he also adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.” Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

Hebrews 10.16-25

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Sequence Hymn: #190 (Common Praise) “Go to Dark Gethsemane”

All sing



1. Go to dark Geth - sem - an - e, ye that
2. Fol - low to the judge - ment hall; view the
3. Cal - vary's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; there, a -



feel the tempt - er's power. Your Re - deem - er's con - flict
Lord of life ar - rained. O the worm - wood and the
dor - ing at his feet, mark that mir - a - cle of



see; watch with him one bit - ter hour; turn not
gall! O the grief his soul sus - tained! Shun not
time— God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete. "It is



from his griefs a - way; learn of Je - sus Christ to pray.
suf - fering, shame or loss; learn of him to bear the cross.
fin - ished," hear him cry; learn of Je - sus Christ to die.

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN

Please be seated

Betrayal and Arrest

John 18.1-12

Chorale (BWV 245 No.3) "O wondrous love"

O won - drous love, O love all love ex - cell - ing, where
for thou made this vale of tears thy dwell - ing! The joys and plea-sures
of the world we cher - ish, yet thou must per - ish.

Jesus before the High Priest

John 18.13-23


Chorale: (BWV 245 No.11) "Who was it, Lord"

Who was it Lord did smite thee, thy good with ill re - quite thee, so
foul-ly trea - ted thee? For thou wert no of - fen - der, nor
didst to sin sur - ren - der; from ev - il thou wert ev - er free.

Peter's Denial

John 18.24-27

Chorale: (BWV 245 No.14) “Peter, in forgetfulness”

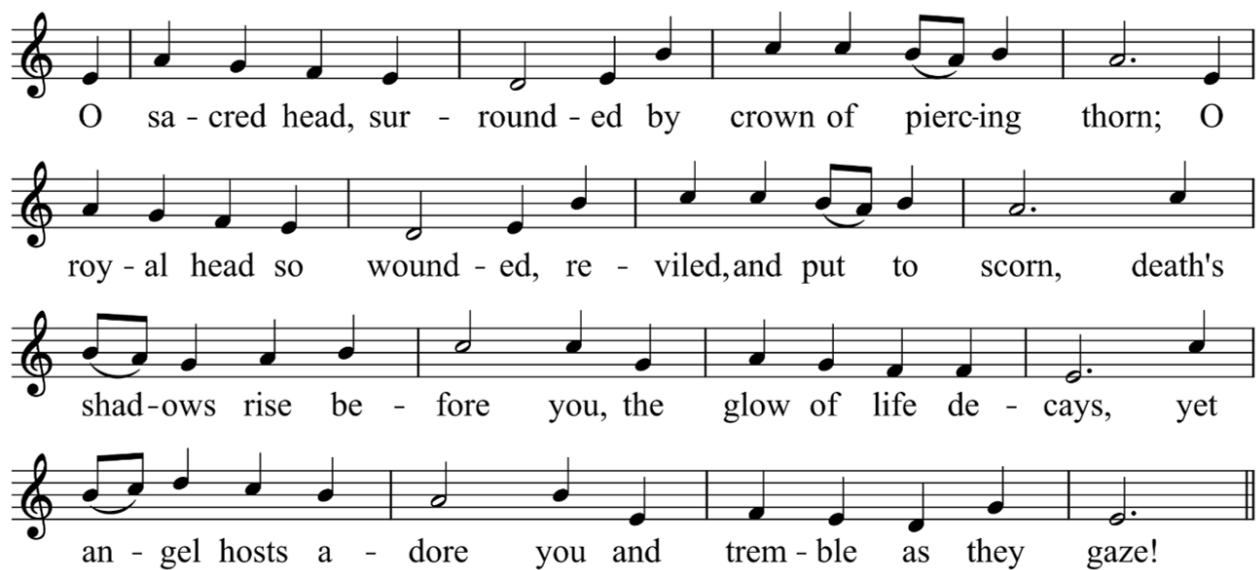


Pe - ter in for - get - ful - ness thrice de - nied his mas - ter;
One look moved him to con - fess, Weep - ing, his dis - as - ter.
Jes - us, turn to look on me; who per - sist in sin - ning;
set my fet - tered con - science free, free for new be - gin - ning.

Jesus before Pilate

John 18.28-38

Chorale: #198 (Common Praise) “O sacred head”



O sa - cred head, sur - round - ed by crown of pierc - ing thorn; O
roy - al head so wound - ed, re - viled, and put to scorn, death's
shad - ows rise be - fore you, the glow of life de - cays, yet
an - gel hosts a - dore you and trem - ble as they gaze!

Jesus is Sentenced

John 18.39-19.22

Choir (BWV 245)

Die Kriegsknechte aber, da sie Jesum gekreuziget hatten, nahmen seine Kleider und machten vier Teile, einem jeglichen Kriegsknechte sein Teil, dazu auch den Rock. Der Rock aber war ungenähet, von oben an gewürket durch und durch. Da sprachen sie untereinander:

Lasset uns den nicht zerteilen, sondern darum losen, wes er sein soll.

Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took his clothes and made four parts, a part to each soldier, there was also his coat.

His coat was seamless, woven from the top throughout. They said to each other:

Let us not tear it, but cast lots whose it should be

The Crucifixion

John 19.24b-30

Chorale: (BWV 245) "Be near me Lord"



Be near me Lord when dy - ing. O part now though from me! And
to my suc - cour fly - ing, come, Lord, and set me free. And
when my heart must lan - guish in death's last aw - ful throe, re -
lease me from mine an - guish, by thine own pain and woe.

The Burial

John 19.31-42

Choir (BWV 56)

Komm, o Tod, du Schlafes Bruder,
Komm und führe mich nur fort;
Löse meines Schiffleins Ruder,
Bringe mich an sichern Port!
Es mag, wer da will, dich scheuen,
Du kannst mich vielmehr erfreuen;
Denn durch dich komm ich herein
Zu dem schönsten Jesulein.

*Come, O death, you brother of sleep,
come and lead me away from here;
release my little ship's rudder,
bring me to a safe harbour!
Those who will can shun you
you can gladden me much more
since through you I shall come
To my most precious dear Jesus.*

Homily: Steven Mackison

Please be seated

The Prayers of the People

Please rise as you are able

Leader: God sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Therefore we pray to our heavenly Father, for people everywhere according to their needs. Gracious God, by your Spirit the whole body of the church is knit together and made holy. Uphold your faithful people in the ministry to which you have called us, that we may serve you in holiness and truth.

Silence is kept.

Leader: O Lord, hear our prayer.

All: **Kyrie eleison.**

Leader: God of peace, through your reconciling love, you draw all people to yourself. Guide all nations and leaders to be bearers of your peace.

Silence is kept.

Leader: O Lord, hear our prayer.

All: **Kyrie eleison.**

Leader: Crucified Savior, you knew pain; you knew the loneliness, the weakness and the despair it brings. Bring healing to all who suffer illness in body, mind or spirit.

Silence is kept.

Leader: O Lord, hear our prayer.

All: **Kyrie eleison.**

Leader: God of compassion, we remember the grief of those who stood at the cross. We commend to you those who have died, and those who grieve their loss. Lead us beyond our fear of death to the joyful knowledge of eternal life.

Silence is kept.

Leader: O Lord, hear our prayer.

All: **Kyrie eleison.**

Leader: God our beginning and our end, give us the grace to live a holy life. Give us courage each day to offer all that we have and all that we are, as we make our way home to you.

Silence is kept.

Leader: O Lord, hear our prayer.

All: **Kyrie eleison.**

The Lord's Prayer

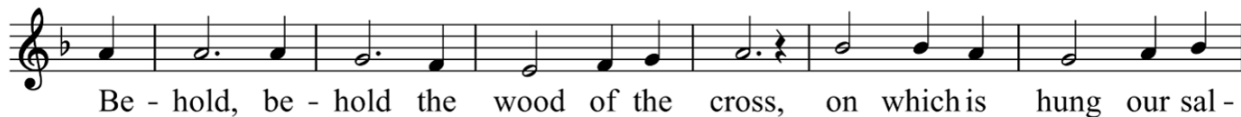
Priest: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

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.**

Hymn: #420 (Gather) "Behold the Wood"

All sing

Refrain



1. Un - less a grain of wheat shall fall up -
2. And when my hour of glo - ry comes as
3. For there can be no great - er love
4. My Fa - ther, if it be your plan, this
5. For sure - ly he has borne our tears, is
6. My bod - y now is torn with pain, my



on the ground and die, it shall re - main but a
all was meant to be, you shall see me
shown up - on this land than in the one who
cup might pass me by, yet let it hap - pen
wound - ed by our sin, and yet he o - pens
friends have left and gone. O lov - ing Fa - ther,



sin - gle grain and not give life.
lift - ed up up - on a tree.
came to die that we might live.
as you will if I must die.
not his mouth that we might live.
take my life in - to your hands.

Meditation on the Cross

All remain standing while a wooden Cross is unveiled. The Priest says three times:

Priest: The Cross of Christ.

All: **The cross on which the Saviour of the world was hung.**

All gathered are, each in their own way, invited into a time of personal devotion. Those in the church building who wish to receive Communion consecrated last evening, please come to one of the communion stations.

For those of us participating at home, you may make a Spiritual Communion.

There are no special words or prayers for this, all the Church has ever thought necessary is genuine true desire, lively faith, and genuine love. Come honestly before God the way you know how.

You may wish to pray quietly this prayer to help you:

One: Lord, you stand at the door of my heart and knock.
You wait for me and only I can let you in.
I believe and trust in you and ask you now to fill me with your presence.
Feed me with your body and unite me in your blood,
that I may be your blessing to a world in need. Amen.

The Reproaches *(George Black)*

Ho-ly God, ho-ly and migh-ty, ho-ly and im - mor-tal one, have mer-cy up - on us.

Motet: Ruht Wohl (BWV 245) *(J. S. Bach)*

Ruht wohl, ihr heiligen Gebeine,
Die ich nun weiter nicht beweine,
Ruht wohl und bringt auch mich zur Ruh!
Das Grab, so euch bestimmet ist
Und ferner keine Not umschließt,
Macht mir den Himmel auf und schließt die
Hölle zu.

*Rest in peace, you sacred limbs,
I shall weep for you no more,
rest in peace, and bring me also to rest.
The grave that is allotted to you
and contains no further suffering,
opens heaven for me and shuts off hell.*

The Concluding Prayers

Please rise as you are able

Priest: Grieving God,
on the cross your Son embraced death even as he had embraced life:
faithfully and with good courage.
Grant that we who have been born out of his wounded side
may hold fast to our faith in him exalted
and may find mercy in all times of need.
Lord, hear my prayer.

All: **O Lord, hear my prayer.**

Priest: O Holy and Immortal One,
hear us as we pray through Jesus, our high priest:
heal all our divisions, reconcile all who are estranged, console all who suffer,
and finally raise up to new life
all that is bound by death.
Lord, hear my prayer.

All: **O Lord, hear my prayer.**

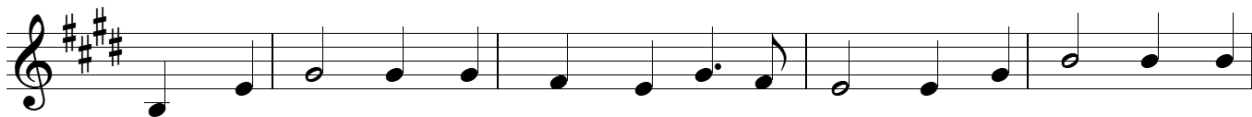
Priest: Christ our God,
your love is poured out in death for our sakes:
Hold us in your embrace as we wait for Easter's dawn.
Comfort us with the promise that no power on earth,
not even death itself, can separate us from your love;
and strengthen us to wait
until you are revealed to us in all your risen glory.
Lord, hear my prayer.

All: **O Lord, hear my prayer.**

All: **O God of peace,
who has taught us
that in returning and rest we shall be saved,
in quietness and in confidence shall be our strength:
By the might of your Spirit lift us, we pray, to your presence,
where we may be still and know that you are God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Departing Hymn: #192 (Common Praise) “Were You There”

All sing



1. Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you there when they
2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you there when they
3. Were you there when they pierced him in the side? Were you there when they
4. Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine? Were you there when the



cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh! Some - times it caus - es me to trem - ble,
nailed him to the tree? Oh! Some - times it caus - es me to trem - ble,
pierced him in the side? Oh! Some - times it caus - es me to trem - ble,
sun re - fused to shine? Oh! Some - times it caus - es me to trem - ble,



trem - ble, trem - ble: were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
trem - ble, trem - ble: were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
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trem - ble, trem - ble: were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?

Text: African-American spiritual. Music: WERE You There. Melody African-American spiritual; harm. C. Winfred Douglas (1867-1944).

All depart in silence



Liturgical Texts excerpted from the following: Opening Collect: Church of England Common Worship Times and Seasons: The Liturgy for Good Friday; Concluding Prayers: “Grieving God...”, Vanderbilt Lectionary Website, Prayers section; “O Holy and Immortal...”, Anglican Church of Canada, Prayers for Trial Use; “Christ our God...”, Vanderbilt Lectionary Website, Prayers section; “O God of Peace...”, Book of Common Prayer, The Episcopal Church. All texts are reproduced with the generous permission of their rights holders.
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HOLY WEEK AT REDEEMER

9:00 PM – The Great Vigil (in the Church and through YouTube)

Sunday March 31 (Easter Sunday)

9:00 AM – Spiritual Communion (on Zoom only)

10:30 AM – Holy Eucharist (in the Church and through YouTube)

8:00 PM – Compline (on Zoom only)