

# Good Friday—The Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

St Michael and All Angels—19 April 2025

**Celebrant:** Fr Jordan Greatbatch

**Soloists:** Matthew Harris, Craig Knowles

*The Clergy and Servers enter in silence, all kneel.*

Remember, Lord, you tender mercies, which you showed in ages past; watch over and sanctify your servants, for whom Christ your Son, by shedding his blood, has established the paschal mystery. Grant this in the name of Jesus, the Lord. **Amen.**

**Hymn:** 95 (*stand – words in green hymnal*)

**First Reading:** (*sit*) Isaiah 52: 13–53: 12

Johnann Williams

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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm:** 31

**R. Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.**

In you, Lord, I have taken refuge: let me never be put to shame, deliver me in your righteousness. Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O Lord God of truth. **R.**

I am the scorn of my enemies and a byword among my neighbours. Those of my acquaintance shudder at the sight of me; when they see me in the street, they shrink away from me. **R.**

I have passed out of mind like one who is dead; I have become like a broken vessel, but my trust is in you, O Lord; I say, "You are my God, my fortunes are in your hands." **R.** Make your face to shine on your servant, and save me for your mercy's sake. Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you that wait on the Lord. **R.**

**Second Reading:** Hebrews 4: 14–16, 5: 7–9 Rachel Watson

Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathise with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

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*The Passion is sung, without candles or incense, greeting, ending, or sign of the cross. All stand after "We have no king but Cæsar", and genuflect at "And gave up the ghost".*

**The Passion Gospel:** John 18, 19 Tomas Luis de Victoria  
Soloists: Matthew Harris, Craig Knowles

*(Sit) Silence is kept following The Passion*

**Hymn:** 83 *(stand)*

**Solemn Prayers:** *(sit)*

Each Intention is introduced.

After a pause for silent prayer the priest brings the petitions together in a Collect.

Prayers are offered:

for the Church,	for the ministry of the Church,
for those preparing for baptism,	for the unity of Christians,
for the Jewish people,	for those who do not believe in Christ,
for those who do not believe in God,	for all in public office,
for those in special need.	

## Veneration of the Cross

**Hymn:** 83 (*stand*)

*The cross is carried in procession from the west door.*

*Each time the procession stops, the cross is lifted up and the following is sung:*

Behold the wood of the Cross,  
on which was hung the world's Salvation.  
(*all kneel*)      **O come, let us worship.**

*The cross is placed in front of the altar. All may come to venerate it: clergy, servers, choir, and people, showing their respect by a single genuflection or bowing before the cross.*

*During the Veneration the choir sings:*

**The Reproaches:** (*sit*)

Tomas Luis de Victoria

Popule meus, quid feci tibi?  
Aut in quo contristavi te?  
Responde mihi.  
Quia eduxi te de terra Aegypti:  
parasti crucem Salvatori tuo.  
Agius o Theos. Sanctus Deus.  
Agius ischyros. Sanctus fortis.  
Agius athanatos, eleison imas.  
Sanctus et immortalis, miserere nobis.  
Quia eduxi te per desertum  
quadraginta annis: et manna cibavi te,  
et introduxi in terram satis optimam:  
parasti crucem Salvatori tuo.  
Agius o Theos...  
Quid ultra debui facere tibi,  
et non feci?  
Ego quidem plantavi te  
vineam meam speciosissimam:  
et tu facta es mihi nimis amara:  
aceto namque sitim meam potasti:  
et lancea perforasti latus Salvatori tuo.  
Agius o Theos...

(O my people, what have I done to you?  
Or how have I caused you sorrow?  
Answer me.  
Because I led you out of the land of Egypt,  
you prepared a cross for your Saviour.  
Agius o Theos. Holy God.  
Agius ischyros. Holy and strong.  
Agius athanatos, eleison imas.  
Holy and immortal one, have mercy on us.  
Because I led you through the desert  
for forty years, fed you with manna,  
and brought you to a land of plenty,  
you prepared a cross for your Saviour.  
Agius o Theos...  
What more ought I to have done for you,  
and have not done?  
Indeed, I planted you  
as my fairest vine,  
but you have become too bitter for me.  
For my thirst you gave me vinegar,  
and with a lance you pierced the side of  
your Saviour. Agius o Theos...)

## Holy Communion

**Hymn:** 90 (*stand*)

*It is not customary on Good Friday to consecrate bread and wine for the Eucharist. As this hymn is sung the Blessed Sacrament, reserved from the Mass on Maundy Thursday, is brought from the Pilgrims' Chapel.*

*Silence*

As Christ teaches us we pray: (*said*)

**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.**

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.  
Happy are we who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

*For Communion, leave your seat by the side aisle and come down the central aisle. You are encouraged to use the hand sanitiser.*

**Motets:** Crux fidelis  
O vos omnes

John VI of Portugal  
Giovanni Croce

### **Prayer after Communion:**

Let us pray (*silence*)

Almighty and ever-living God, you have restored us to life through the blessed death and resurrection of your Christ. Preserve within us the work of your mercy, that, being united with his paschal mystery, we may never cease to offer your faithful service. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Lord. **Amen.**

### **Prayer over the People: (*stand*)**

Lord, send down your abundant blessing, Lord, upon your people, who have recalled your Son's death in the sure hope of rising again. Grant them pardon and renew their strength; deepen their faith and confirm in them your work of eternal redemption. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*All depart in silence.*

**Health & Safety Regulations:** In an emergency, use the closest exit and assemble in the drop-off zone. In an earthquake, drop down and shelter behind or under a pew, covering your head. Follow instructions.