

St Luke's Church, Jersey

GOOD FRIDAY

2 April 2021



The Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

The Gathering

The Liturgy begins in silence as we gather in absolute submission and homage to the Lord of all, who offered himself on the Cross for the salvation of the world.

The Opening Prayer

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 Liturgy of the Word

A reading from the prophecy of Isaiah

See, my servant will prosper, he shall be lifted up, exalted, rise to great heights. As the crowds were appalled on seeing him – so disfigured did he look that he seemed no longer human – so will the crowds be astonished at him, and kings stand speechless before him; for they shall see something never told and witness something never heard before: 'Who could believe what we have heard, and to whom has the power of the Lord been revealed?'

Like a sapling he grew up in front of us, like a root in arid ground. Without beauty, without majesty we saw him, no looks to attract our eyes; a thing despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and familiar with suffering, a man to make people screen their faces; he was despised and we took no account of him.

And yet ours were the sufferings he bore, ours the sorrows he carried. But we, we thought of him as someone punished, struck by God, and brought low. Yet he was pierced through for our faults, crushed for our sins. On him lies a punishment that brings us peace, and through his wounds we are healed.

We had all gone astray like sheep, each taking their own way, and the Lord burdened him with the sins of all of us. Harshly dealt with, he bore it humbly, he never opened his mouth, like a lamb that is led to the slaughter-house, like a sheep that is dumb before its shearers never opening its mouth.

By force and by law he was taken; would anyone plead his cause?

Yes, he was torn away from the land of the living; for our faults struck down in death. They gave him a grave with the wicked, a tomb with the rich, though he had done no wrong and there had been no perjury in his mouth.

The Lord has been pleased to crush him with suffering. If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life and through him what the Lord wishes will be done.

His soul's anguish over he shall see the light and be content. By his sufferings shall my servant justify many, taking their faults on himself.

Hence I will grant whole hordes for his tribute, he shall divide the spoil with the mighty, for surrendering himself to death and letting himself be taken for a sinner, while he was bearing the faults of many and praying all the time for sinners.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The Responsorial Psalm

Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.

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

In you, O Lord, I take refuge.
Let me never be put to shame.
In your justice, set me free,
Into your hands I commend my spirit.
It is you who will redeem me, Lord.

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

In the face of all my foes
I am a reproach,
an object of scorn to my neighbours
and of fear to my friends.

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

Those who see me in the street
run far away from me.
I am like a dead man, forgotten in men's hearts,
like a thing thrown away.

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

But as for me, I trust in you, Lord;
I say: 'You are my God.
My life is in your hands, deliver me
from the hands of those who hate me.

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

Let your face shine on your servant.
Save me in your love.'
Be strong, let your heart take courage,
all who hope in the Lord.

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

**Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise:
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.**

**O loving wisdom of our God!
when all was sin and shame,
a second Adam to the fight
and to the rescue came.**

**O wisest love! that flesh and blood,
which did in Adam fail,
should strive afresh against the foe,
should strive and should prevail;**

**And that a higher gift than grace
should flesh and blood refine,
God's presence and his very self,
and essence all-divine.**

**O generous love! that he, who smote
in Man for man the foe,
the double agony in Man
for man should undergo;**

**And in the garden secretly,
and on the Cross on high,
should teach his brethren, and inspire
to suffer and to die.**

**Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise:
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.**

The Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory
Christ was humbler yet,
even to accepting death, death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name which is above all names.

All **Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory**

The Singing of Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John (18:1-19:42)

The Homily

The Veneration of the Cross

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 to 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?

His dying crimson like a robe,
spreads o'er his body on the Tree;
then I am dead to all the globe,
and all the globe is dead to me.

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.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)
Music: Edward Miller (1731-1807)

At the conclusion of the hymn, a large crucifix will be carried into church and lifted high three times, with the invitation:

Behold the wood of the cross.
All **Come, let us worship.**

*The Veneration of the Cross follows. During the Veneration, **The Reproaches** will be sung by the choir. These verses, some of which are drawn from the words of Old Testament prophets, call to mind the many events in salvation history when God saved his chosen people and questioned them, asking why they had turned away from him. They call to mind the reality that our sins are the cause of Jesus' crucifixion.*

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

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? How have I offended you? Answer me!
Answer me!

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

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...

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...

I opened the sea before you, but you opened my side with a spear.
O my people, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? How have I offended you? Answer me!
Answer me!

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

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

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

I gave you a royal sceptre, but you gave me a crown of thorns.
O my people...

I raised you to the height of majesty, but you have raised me high on a cross.
O my people, O my people, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me! Answer me!

The Solemn Prayers

Prayer is offered for

the Church
the nations of the world
the Jewish people
those who do not believe
those who suffer
those afflicted in time of pandemic

Each time a bidding is made, followed by a period of silence; after the silence, this response is used:

Lord, hear us
All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Each prayer concludes with a Collect.

Holy Communion

**Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle,
sing the ending of the fray
o'er the cross, the victor's trophy,
sound the loud triumphant lay:
tell how Christ, the world's Redeemer,
as a victim won the day.**

**God in pity saw man fallen,
shamed and sunk in misery,
when he fell on death by tasting
fruit of the forbidden tree:
then another tree was chosen
which the world from death should free.**

**Therefore when the appointed fullness
of the holy time was come,
he was sent who maketh all things
forth from God's eternal home:
thus he came to earth, incarnate,
offspring of a maiden's womb.**

**Thirty years among us dwelling
now at length his hour fulfilled,
born for this, he meets his Passion,
for that this he freely willed,
on the cross the Lamb is lifted,
where his life-blood shall be spilled.**

**To the Trinity be glory,
to the Father and the Son,
with the co-eternal Spirit,
ever Three and ever One,
one in love and one in splendour,
while unending ages run. Amen**

Words: Thomas Aquinas (1227-1274)

Music: John F. Wade (1711-1786)

As the hymn ends, the Blessed Sacrament, consecrated at the Mass of the Lord's Supper last night and before which we watched and prayed, is brought to the altar from the Place of Repose..

The Lord's Prayer

The priest invites us to join in the Lord's Prayer

All **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.**

Invitation to Communion

The Priest invites us to receive a spiritual Communion

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

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

and we say together

**My Jesus, I believe that you
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love you above all things,
and I desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you as if you were already there
and unite myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.**

The Priest and congregation present in the church now receive Communion.

Following Communion we will sing the following hymn:

**Glory be to Jesus,
who, in bitter pains,
poured for me the life-blood
from his sacred veins.**

**Grace and life eternal
in that Blood I find;
blest be his compassion,
infinitely kind.
Blest through endless ages
be the precious stream,
which from endless torment
doth the world redeem.**

**Abel's blood for vengeance
pleaded to the skies;
but the Blood of Jesus
for our pardon cries.**

**Oft as it is sprinkled
on our guilty hearts,
Satan in confusion
terror-struck departs.**

**Oft as earth exulting
wafts its praise on high,
Hell with terror trembles,
Heav'n is filled with joy.**

**Lift ye then your voices;
swell the mighty flood;
louder still and louder
praise the precious Blood.**

*Words: Italian (author unknown) Tr Edward Caswell (1814-78)
Music: F Filitz (1804-76)*

Prayer after Communion

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross
we may triumph in the power of his victory;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Prayer over the People

The Priest offers a prayer over the people and the Liturgy then ends in silence

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