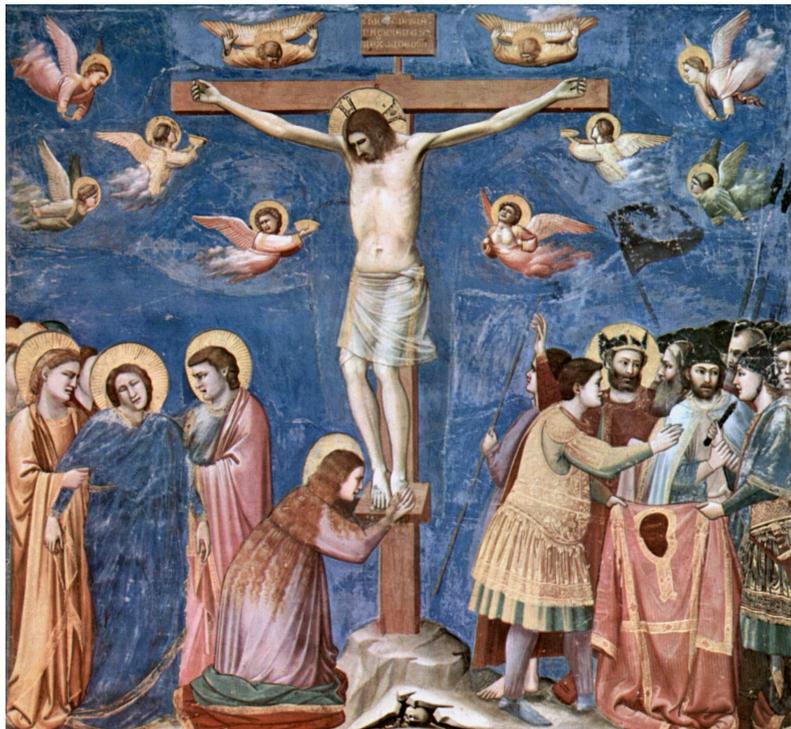


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HAMILTON TERRACE



Good Friday

10th April 2020

Seven candles are lit in preparation for the service.

Gathering words

Along this way
We have walked with Christ.

Along this way
We have shared his table.

Along this way
He has washed our feet.

Along this way
We approach the cross.

Along this way
We fear the path.

The Sacrament is brought from the Altar of Repose and placed on the altar with the seven lit candles

Behold the lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Introduction and opening prayer

Let us pray:
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

1ST MOMENT: 'ECCE HOMO'

Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. They kept coming up to him, saying, 'Hail, King of the Jews!' and striking him on the face. Pilate went out again and said to them, 'Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him.' So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, 'Here is the man!' When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted, 'Crucify him! Crucify him!' Pilate said to them, 'Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him.' The people answered him, 'We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God.'

John 19:1-7 (NRSV)

We pray:
**Lord, have mercy,
Christ, have mercy,
Lord, have mercy.**

The 1st candle is extinguished.

Silence

Reflection:

2ND MOMENT: GABBATHA

Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus, 'Where are you from?' But Jesus gave him no answer. Pilate therefore said to him, 'Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?' Jesus answered him, 'You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin.' From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the Jews cried out, 'If you release this man, you are no friend of the emperor. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against the emperor.'

When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat on the judge's bench at a place called the Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew Gabbatha. Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. He said to the people, 'Here is your King!' They cried out, 'Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!' Pilate asked them, 'Shall I crucify your King?' The chief priests answered, 'We have no king but the emperor.' Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

John 19:8-16a (NRSV)

We pray:
**Lord, have mercy,
Christ, have mercy,
Lord, have mercy.**

The 2nd candle is extinguished.

Silence

3RD MOMENT: GOLGOTHA

So they took Jesus; and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, 'Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.' Many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, 'Do not write, "The King of the Jews", but, "This man said, I am King of the Jews."' Pilate answered, 'What I have written I have written.'

John 19:16b-22 (NRSV)

We pray:
**Lord, have mercy,
Christ, have mercy,
Lord, have mercy.**

The 3rd candle is extinguished.

Silence

4TH MOMENT: CASTING LOTS

When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. So they said to one another, 'Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it.' This was to fulfil what the scripture

says, 'They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots.'

And that is what the soldiers did.

John 19:23–25 (NRSV)

We pray:

**Lord, have mercy,
Christ, have mercy,
Lord, have mercy.**

The 4th candle is extinguished.

Silence

5TH MOMENT: 'HERE IS YOUR MOTHER'

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

John 19:25–27 (NRSV)

We pray:

**Lord, have mercy,
Christ, have mercy,
Lord, have mercy.**

The 5th candle is extinguished.

Silence

Reflection:

6TH MOMENT: FINISHED

After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfil the scripture), 'I am thirsty.' A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a

sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the wine, he said, 'It is finished.' Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

John 19:28–30 (NRSV)

Silence

We pray:

**Lord, have mercy,
Christ, have mercy,
Lord, have mercy.**

The 6th candle is extinguished.

Silence

Reflection:

7TH MOMENT: PIERCED

Since it was the day of Preparation, the authorities 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.

John 19:31–34 (NRSV)

We pray:

**Lord, have mercy,
Christ, have mercy,
Lord, have mercy.**

The Proclamation of the Cross

The Cross is brought to the altar.

Behold the wood of the Cross,
on which hung the saviour of the world
Come, let us worship

hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Let us pray for the nations of the world and their leaders: For Elizabeth our Queen and the Parliaments of this land. For those who administer the law and all who serve in public office. For all who strive for justice and reconciliation; That by God's help the world may live in peace and freedom.

The Veneration of the Cross

All are invited to venerate the Cross by spending a moment in reflection.

Silence is kept.

Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

Most gracious God and Father, in whose will is our peace, turn our hearts and the hearts of all to yourself; that by the power of your Spirit the peace which is founded on justice may be established throughout the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Solemn Prayers

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.
Let us pray for the Church of God throughout the world: for unity in faith, in witness and in service. For bishops and other ministers, and those whom they serve. For Sarah, our bishop, and the people of this diocese. For all Christians in this place,

Let us pray for God's ancient people, the Jews, the first to hear his word: for greater understanding between Christian and Jew, for the removal of our blindness and bitterness of heart, that God will grant us grace to be faithful to his covenant and to grow in the love of his name.

Silence is kept.

Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

Lord God of Abraham, bless the children of your covenant, both Jew and Christian; take from us all blindness and bitterness of heart, and hasten the coming of your kingdom, when the Gentiles shall be gathered in, all Israel shall be saved, and we shall dwell together in mutual love and peace under the one God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Silence is kept.

Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified:

Let us pray for those who do not believe the gospel of Christ: for those who have not heard the message of salvation, for all who have lost faith, for the contemptuous and scornful, for those who are enemies of Christ and persecute those who follow him, for all who deny the faith of Christ

crucified, that God will open their hearts to the truth and lead them to faith and obedience.

Silence is kept.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Merciful God, creator of all the people of the earth, have compassion on all who do not know you, and by the preaching of your gospel with grace and power, gather them into the one fold of the one Shepherd; Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray for all those who suffer: for those who are deprived and oppressed, for all who are sick, for those in darkness, in doubt and in despair, in loneliness and in fear, for prisoners, captives and refugees, for the victims of false accusations and violence, for all at the point of death and those who watch beside them, that God in his mercy will sustain them with the knowledge of his love.

Silence is kept.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Almighty and everlasting God, the comfort of the sad, the strength of those who suffer: hear the prayers of your children who cry out of any trouble, and to every distressed soul grant mercy, relief and refreshment, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us commend ourselves and all God's children to his unfailing love, and pray for the grace of a holy life, that, with all who have died in the peace of Christ, we may come to the fullness of eternal life and the joy of the resurrection.

Silence is kept.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light, look favourably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery, and by the tranquil

operation of your perpetual providence carry out the work of our salvation: and let the whole world feel and see that things which were cast down are being raised up and things which had grown old are being made new and that all things are returning to perfection through him from whom they took their origin, even Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Lord's Prayer

Standing at the foot of the cross,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**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.**

Communion

The president says:

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

The president receives communion, from that consecrated at the Maundy Thursday service, on behalf of all.

The 7th candle is extinguished.

Silence

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God,
set your passion, cross and death
between your judgement and our souls,
now and in the hour of our death.
Grant mercy and grace to the living,
Rest to the departed,
to your Church peace and concord
and to us sinners forgiveness,
and everlasting life and glory;
for, with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
you are alive and reign,
God, now and for ever.
Amen.

The Gospel of the Burial of Christ

During this reading, the cross is carried out

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.

John 19:38–42 (NRSV)

The service ends in silence

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