



## Good Friday

St. Augustine Parkland Anglican Church  
131 Church Road  
Spruce Grove Alberta

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*Ministers enter in silence.*

### The Ministry of the Word

*Officiant* All we like sheep have gone astray;  
we have turned every one to his own way,

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

*Officiant* Christ the Lord became obedient unto death,

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

*Silence may be kept.*

*Celebrant* 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.**

### The Collect of the Day

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Officiant* Let us pray.

**Almighty God,  
look graciously, we pray, on this your family,  
for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed  
and given into the hands of sinners,  
and to suffer death upon the cross;  
who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **The Proclamation of the Word**

### **First Testament Hymn - Who Would Ever Have Believed It - CP 199**

Who would ever have believed it? - Who could ever have conceived it?  
Who dared trace God's hand behind it - when a servant came among us?

Like a sapling in dry soil, - he was rooted in our presence;  
lacking beauty, grace, and splendour, - no one felt attracted to him.

We despised him, we disowned him, - though he clearly hurt and suffered:  
we, believing he was worthless, - never turned our eyes towards him.

Yet it was the pain and torment - we deserved which he accepted,  
while we reckoned his afflictions - must have come by heaven's instruction.

Though our sins let him be wounded, - though our cruelty left him beaten,  
yet, through how and why he suffered, - God revealed our hope of healing.

We, like sheep despite our wisdom, - all had wandered from God's purpose;  
and our due in pain and anger - God let fall on one among us.

### **Psalm 22: 1-17**

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.**

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

Our forefathers 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.**

But as for me, I am a worm and no man,  
**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,**

"He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him;  
**let him rescue him, if he delights in him."**

Yet you are he who took me out of 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.**

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.**

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-herd; my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;  
**and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.**

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.**

A READING FROM THE LETTER TO THE HEBREWS (Doug)

Since, then, 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 sympathize 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.

The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## **There Is a Green Hill Far Away - CP 202**

There is a green hill far away, - outside a city wall,  
where the dear Lord was crucified - who died to save us all.

We may not know, we cannot tell - what pains he had to bear;  
but we believe it was for us - he hung and suffered there.

There was no other good enough - to pay the price of sin;  
he only could unlock the gate - of heaven, and let us in.

O dearly, dearly has he loved, - and we must love him too,  
and trust in his redeeming blood, - and try his works to do.

## **The Gospel**

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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." 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 fulfill what the scripture says, "They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots." And that is what the soldiers did.

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.

After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill 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.

The Passion of Christ.

## **Good Friday Sermon**

### **Above All**

Above all powers - Above all kings

Above all nature and all created things - Above all wisdom and all the ways of man

You were here before the world began - Above all kingdoms

Above all thrones - Above all wonders the world has ever known

Above all wealth and treasures of the earth - There's no way to measure what You're worth

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### **The Solemn Intercession**

*Celebrant* Dear people of God,  
our heavenly Father sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world,  
but that the world through him might be saved, that all who believe in him  
might be delivered from the power of sin and death and become heirs with him of eternal life.

*The silence should be of significant length. The celebrant says the collects.*

Let us pray for the one holy catholic and apostolic Church of Christ throughout the world: for its unity in witness and service, for all bishops and other ministers and the people whom they serve, for Stephen our bishop, and all the people of this diocese, for all Christians in this community, for those about to be baptized, that the Lord will confirm his Church in faith, increase it in love, and preserve it in peace.

### *Silence*

Almighty and everlasting God,  
by your Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified.  
Receive our supplications and prayers  
which we offer before you  
for all members of your holy Church,  
that in our vocation and ministry

we may truly and devoutly serve you;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Let us pray for all nations and peoples of the earth, and for those in authority among them: for Charles our King and all the Royal Family, for Justin Trudeau the Prime Minister and for the government of this country, for Danielle Smith the premier of this province and the members of the legislature, for Jeff Acker the mayor of Spruce Grove, for William Choy the mayor of Stony Plain, for Allan Gamble the mayor of Parkland County and those who serve with them on their respective councils, for all who serve the common good, that by God's help they may seek justice and truth, and live in peace and concord.

*Silence*

Almighty God,  
kindle, we pray, in every heart  
the true love of peace,  
and guide with your wisdom  
those who take counsel for the nations of the earth, that justice and peace may increase,  
until the earth is filled  
with the knowledge of your love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for all who suffer  
and are afflicted in body or in mind:  
for the hungry and homeless,  
the destitute and the oppressed,  
and all who suffer persecution or prejudice,  
for the sick, the wounded, and the handicapped, for those in loneliness, fear, and anguish, for those who face temptation, doubt, and despair, for the sorrowful and bereaved, for prisoners and captives and those in mortal danger, that God in his mercy will comfort and relieve them, and grant them the knowledge of his love,  
and stir up in us the will and patience  
to minister to their needs.

*Silence*

Gracious God,  
the comfort of all who sorrow,  
the strength of all who suffer,  
hear the cry of those in misery and need.  
In their afflictions show them your mercy,  
and give us, we pray, the strength to serve them, for the sake of him who suffered for us,  
your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for all who have not received the gospel of Christ: for all who have not heard the words of salvation, for all who have lost their faith, for all whose sin has made them indifferent to Christ, for all who actively oppose Christ by word or deed, for all who are enemies of the cross of Christ, and persecutors of his disciples, for all who in the name of Christ have persecuted others, that God will open their hearts to the truth, and lead them to faith and obedience.

*Silence*

Merciful God,  
creator of the peoples of the earth and lover of souls, have compassion on all who do not know you  
as you are revealed in your Son Jesus Christ.  
Let your gospel be preached with grace and power  
to those who have not heard it,  
turn the hearts of those who resist it,  
and bring home to your fold those who have gone astray; that there may be one flock under one shepherd,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us commit ourselves to God,  
and pray for the grace of a holy life,  
that with all who have departed this life  
and have died in the peace of Christ,  
and those whose faith is known to God alone,  
we may be accounted worthy  
to enter into the fullness of the joy of our Lord,  
and receive the crown of life in the day of resurrection.

*Silence*

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light, look favourably on your whole Church, that wonderful and  
sacred mystery.  
By the effectual working of your providence,  
carry out in tranquillity the plan of salvation.  
Let the whole world see and know  
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 being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son  
Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**Meditation on the Cross of Jesus**

Christ the Lord became obedient unto death.

**Come let us worship.**

**We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,**

**Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

If we have died with him, we shall live with him;

if we endure, we shall also reign with him.

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**because of your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

## **How Deep the Father's Love for Us**

How deep the Father's love for us, - How vast beyond all measure,  
That He should give His only Son - To make a wretch His treasure.

How great the pain of searing loss – The Father turns His face away,  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One - Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross, - My sin upon His shoulders;  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice - Call out among the scoffers.

It was my sin that held Him there - Until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life – I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, - No gifts, no power, no wisdom;  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, - His death and resurrection.

Why should I gain from His reward? - I cannot give an answer;  
But this I know with all my heart – His wounds have paid my ransom.

*Celebrant* O Saviour of the world,  
by your cross and precious blood you have redeemed us.  
**Save us and help us, we humbly beseech you, O Lord.**

## **The Lord's Prayer - CP 684**

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 them that 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.

*Celebrant* Send down your abundant blessing, Lord,  
upon your people  
who have devoutly recalled the death of your Son  
in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection.  
Grant them pardon; bring them comfort.  
May their faith grow stronger  
and their eternal salvation be assured.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.