

# St. Augustine's Church

A Church Family in the Heart of the City



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**Good Friday**  
**April 2, 2021**

**GOOD FRIDAY**  
*The Celebration of the Lord's Passion*  
**April 2, 2021 11:00 AM**

**The Ministry of the Word**

*When the congregation has assembled and the ministers, having entered in silence, are in their places, all shall stand.*

*Leader* 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.**

*Leader* Christ the Lord became obedient unto death,

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

*(all kneel)*

*Silence is kept.*

*Leader* Almighty God,

*All* **Our heavenly Father, we have sinned in thought 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**

*Leader* The Lord be with you.

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

*Leader* Let us pray.

*All* **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

*At the conclusion of each reading, the reader shall say:* The word of the Lord.

*And the people shall respond:* **Thanks be to God.**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Sara Gateman

<sup>13</sup> See, my servant will act wisely<sup>[a]</sup>;

he will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted.

<sup>14</sup> Just as there were many who were appalled at him<sup>[b]</sup>—

his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any human being  
and his form marred beyond human likeness—

<sup>15</sup> so he will sprinkle many nations,<sup>[c]</sup>

and kings will shut their mouths because of him.

For what they were not told, they will see,

and what they have not heard, they will understand.

53 Who has believed our message

and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

<sup>2</sup> He grew up before him like a tender shoot,

and like a root out of dry ground.

He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him,

nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

<sup>3</sup> He was despised and rejected by mankind,

a man of suffering, and familiar with pain.

Like one from whom people hide their faces

he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.

<sup>4</sup> Surely he took up our pain

and bore our suffering,

yet we considered him punished by God,

stricken by him, and afflicted.

<sup>5</sup> But he was pierced for our transgressions,

he was crushed for our iniquities;

the punishment that brought us peace was on him,

and by his wounds we are healed.

<sup>6</sup> We all, like sheep, have gone astray,

each of us has turned to our own way;

and the LORD has laid on him

the iniquity of us all.

<sup>7</sup> He was oppressed and afflicted,

yet he did not open his mouth;

he was led like a lamb to the slaughter,

and as a sheep before its shearers is silent,

so he did not open his mouth.

<sup>8</sup> By oppression<sup>[d]</sup> and judgment he was taken away.

Yet who of his generation protested?

For he was cut off from the land of the living;

for the transgression of my people he was punished.<sup>[e]</sup>

<sup>9</sup> He was assigned a grave with the wicked,

and with the rich in his death,

though he had done no violence,

nor was any deceit in his mouth.

<sup>10</sup> Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer,

and though the LORD makes<sup>[f]</sup> his life an offering for sin,

he will see his offspring and prolong his days,

and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand.

<sup>11</sup> After he has suffered,

he will see the light of life<sup>[g]</sup> and be satisfied<sup>[h]</sup>;

by his knowledge<sup>[i]</sup> my righteous servant will justify many,

and he will bear their iniquities.

<sup>12</sup> Therefore I will give him a portion among the great,<sup>[j]</sup>

and he will divide the spoils with the strong,<sup>[k]</sup>

because he poured out his life unto death,

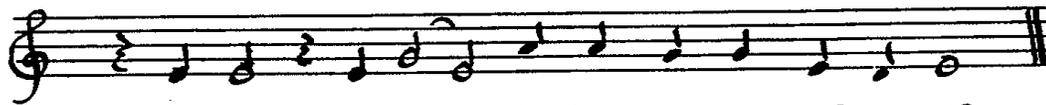
and was numbered with the transgressors.

For he bore the sin of many,

and made intercession for the transgressors.

Psalm #22:1-17

Karen Hudson



My God, my God, why have you for-sak-en 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 forefathers put their trust in you;  
they trusted, and you delivered them. *Refrain*

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. *Refrain*

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." *Refrain*

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. *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*

**Second Reading:** Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9

Joanne Collier

<sup>14</sup> Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. <sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every

way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. <sup>16</sup> Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

<sup>7</sup> During the days of Jesus’ life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup> Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered <sup>9</sup> and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him

**Anthem** “Ave Verum Corpus”- Stephanie Martin  
Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary,  
having truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for mankind,  
from whose pierced side water and blood flowed:  
Be for us a foretaste in the trial of death.

O sweet Jesus, O holy Jesus,  
O Jesus, son of Mary have mercy on me. Amen.

*All stand*

**The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John 18:33-19:37**

*Readers: Len Robinson, Karen Hudson, Beth Songer*

**Narrator:** Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him,

**Pilate:** “Are you the king of the Jews?”

**Narrator:** Jesus replied:

**Jesus:** “Is that your own idea, or did others talk to you about me?”

**Narrator:** Pilate replied:

**Pilate:** “Am I a Jew? Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?”

**Narrator:** Jesus said,

**Jesus:** “My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place.”

**Narrator:** Pilate said.

**Pilate said:** “You are a king, then!”

**Narrator:** Jesus answered,

**Jesus:** “You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.”

**Pilate:** “What is truth?”

**Narrator:** retorted Pilate.

With this he went out again to the Jews gathered there and said,

**Pilate:** “I find no basis for a charge against him. But it is your custom for me to release to you one prisoner at the time of the Passover. Do you want me to release ‘the king of the Jews’?”

**Narrator:** They shouted back,

**People:** “No, not him! Give us Barabbas!”

**Narrator:** Now Barabbas had taken part in an uprising. Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. The soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head. They clothed him in a purple robe and went up to him again and again, saying,

**People:** “Hail, king of the Jews!”

**Narrator:** And they slapped him in the face. Once more Pilate came out and said to the Jews gathered there,

**Pilate:** “Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no basis for a charge against him.”

**Narrator:** When Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe, Pilate said to them,

**Pilate:** “Here is the man!”

**Narrator:** As soon as the chief priests and their officials saw him, they shouted,

**People:** “Crucify! Crucify!”

**Narrator:** But Pilate answered,

**Pilate:** “You take him and crucify him. As for me, I find no basis for a charge against him.”

**Narrator:** The Jewish leaders insisted,

**People:** “We have a law, and according to that law he must die, because he claimed to be the Son of God.”

**Narrator:** When Pilate heard this, he was even more afraid, and he went back inside the palace.

**Pilate:** “Where do you come from?”

**Narrator:** he asked Jesus, but Jesus gave him no answer.

**Pilate:** Do you refuse to speak to me?” “Don’t you realize I have power either to free you or to crucify you?”

**Narrator:** Jesus answered,

**Jesus:** “You would have no power over me if it were not given to you from above. Therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin.”

**Narrator:** From then on, Pilate tried to set Jesus free, but the Jewish leaders kept shouting,

**People:** “If you let this man go, you are no friend of Caesar. Anyone who claims to be a king opposes Caesar.”

**Narrator:** When Pilate heard this, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judge’s seat at a place known as the Stone Pavement (which in Aramaic is Gabbatha). It was the day of Preparation of the Passover; it was about noon. Pilate said to the Jews.

**Pilate:** “Here is your king,”

**Narrator:** But they shouted,

**People:** “Take him away! Take him away! Crucify him!”

**Narrator:** Pilate asked.

**Pilate:** “Shall I crucify your king?”

**Narrator:** the chief priests answered.

**People:** “We have no king but Caesar,”

**Narrator:** Finally Pilate handed him over to them to be crucified. So the soldiers took charge of Jesus. Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). There they crucified him, and with him two others—one on each side and Jesus in the middle. Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews. Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the sign was written in Aramaic, Latin and Greek. The chief priests of the Jews protested to Pilate,

**People:** “Do not write ‘The King of the Jews,’ but that this man claimed to be King of the Jews.”

**Narrator:** Pilate answered,

**Pilate:** “What I have written, I have written.”

**Narrator:** When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with the undergarment remaining. This garment was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom.

“Let’s not tear it,” they said to one another. “Let’s decide by lot who will get it.” This happened that the scripture might be fulfilled that said,

“They divided my clothes among them and cast lots for my garment.” So this is what the soldiers did.

Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her,

**Jesus:** “Woman, here is your son,”

**Narrator:** and to the disciple,

**Jesus:** “Here is your mother.”

**Narrator:** From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said,

**Jesus:** “I am thirsty.”

**Narrator:** A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus’ lips. When he had received the drink, Jesus said,

**Jesus:** “It is finished.”

**Narrator:** With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

*(Silence is observed: the final Tennebrae candle is extinguished.)*

**Narrator:** Now it was the day of Preparation, and the next day was to be a special Sabbath. Because the Jewish leaders did not want the bodies left on the crosses during the Sabbath, they asked Pilate to have the legs broken and the bodies taken down. The soldiers therefore came and broke the legs of the first man who had been crucified with Jesus, and then those of the other. But when they came to Jesus and found that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water. The man who saw it has given testimony, and his testimony is true. He knows that he tells the truth, and he testifies so that you also may believe. These things happened so that the scripture would be fulfilled: "Not one of his bones will be broken," and, as another scripture says, "They will look on the one they have pierced."

## **The Sermon**

**Dr. Gillian Breckenridge**

### **Hymn**

#634 "Jesus, Remember Me" (x3) (Kneeling)

**Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom**

**Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom**

### **The Solemn Intercession**

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.

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 Greg our Archbishop and all the people of this diocese, for all Christians in this community, 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 Elizabeth our Queen and all the Royal family, for Justin the Prime Minister and for the government of this country, we pray for Jason, premier of this province and the members of the legislature, for Chris the mayor of this municipality and those who serve with him on the city

council, 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 God's creation and for the whole web of life. For those people and creatures who have been betrayed by human greed and faithlessness; for nations and communities suffering deluge or drought, for species on the brink of extinction, for families and those dispossessed of home and land, for future generations inheriting the fruits of human neglect and exploitation.

That God, Source of all life, will show us anew the miracle of creation, proclaimed in our beginnings, and promised in our future.

*Silence*

Oh, God, you created the heavens and the earth and saw that it was good. Give us the eyes to see your goodness in all that gives life, and give us the will to put to death our indifference to your creation, that rising with you to new life we may participate in the healing and restoration of the earth. **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 affliction 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.**

*(all stand)*

**Hymn #202**      “There Is a Green Hill Far Away”

- 1.    There is a green hill far away,  
      Outside a city wall,  
      Where the dear Lord was crucified,  
      Who died to save us all.**
  
- 2.    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.**
  
- 3.    He died that we might be forgiven  
      He died to make us good,  
      That we might go at last to heaven,  
      Saved by his precious blood.**

4. **There was no other good enough  
To pay the price of sin.  
He only could unlock the gate  
Of heaven and let us in.**

5. **Oh, dearly, dearly has he loved!  
And we must love him too,  
And trust in his redeeming blood,  
And try his works to do.**

*Leader* Christ our Lord became obedient unto death.

*All* **Come let us worship.**

*(all kneel)*

## **Meditation on the Cross of Jesus**

**'Behold the Wood'**

Beth Songer

### **The Reproaches**

Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by? Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow which was brought upon me, which the Lord inflicted on the day of his fierce anger.

*(sung response)*

*All* **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy, immortal one, have mercy upon us.**

O my people, O my church, what have I done to you, or in what have I offended you? Testify against me. I led you forth from the land of Egypt, and delivered you by the waters of baptism, but you have prepared a cross for your Saviour.

*All* **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy, immortal one, have mercy upon us.**

I led you through the desert forty years, and fed you with manna. I brought you through tribulation and penitence, and gave you my body, the bread of heaven, but you have prepared a cross for your Saviour.

*All* **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy, immortal one, have mercy upon us.**

What more could I have done for you that I have not done? I planted you, my chosen and fairest vineyard, I made you the branches of my vine; but when I was thirsty, you gave me vinegar to drink, and pierced with a spear the side of your Saviour.

*All* **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy, immortal one, have mercy upon us.**

I went before you in a pillar of cloud, and you have led me to the judgement hall of Pilate. I scourged your enemies and brought you to a land of freedom, but you have scourged, mocked, and beaten me. I gave you the water of salvation from the rock, but you have given me gall and left me to thirst.

**All Holy God, holy and mighty, holy, immortal one, have mercy upon us.**

I gave you a royal sceptre, and bestowed the keys to the kingdom, but you have given me a crown of thorns. I raised you on high with great power, but you have hanged me on the cross.

**All Holy God, holy and mighty, holy, immortal one, have mercy upon us.**

My peace I gave, which the world cannot give, and washed your feet as a sign of my love, but you draw the sword to strike in my name, and seek high places in my kingdom. I offered you my body and blood, but you scatter and deny and abandon me.

**All Holy God, holy and mighty, holy, immortal one, have mercy upon us.**

I sent the Spirit of truth to guide you, and you close your hearts to the Counsellor. I pray that all may be as one in the Father and me, but you continue to quarrel and divide. I call you to go and bring forth fruit, but you cast lots for my clothing.

**All Holy God, holy and mighty, holy, immortal one, have mercy upon us.**

I grafted you into the tree of my chosen Israel, and you turned on them with persecution and mass murder. I made you joint heirs with them of my covenants, but you made them scapegoats for your own guilt.

**All Holy God, holy and mighty, holy, immortal one, have mercy upon us.**

I came to you as the least of your brothers and sisters; I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.

**All Holy God, holy and mighty, holy, immortal one, have mercy upon us.**

## **Our Thanksgiving for our Saviour's Sacrifice**

*(All Stand)*

We glory in your cross, O Lord,

**All And praise and glorify your holy resurrection; for by virtue of your cross joy has come to the whole world.**

May God be merciful to us and bless us, show us the light of his countenance, and come to us.

**All Let your ways be known upon the earth, your saving health among all nations.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

**All We glory in your cross, O Lord, and praise and glorify your holy resurrection; for by virtue of your cross joy has come to the whole world.**

### **The Prayer of St. Richard:**

**Thanks be to you, O Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits which you have given us, for all the pains and insults which you have borne for us. O merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother, may we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, now and for evermore. Amen**

#### **“Were You There”**

**Were you there when they crucified my Lord?**

**Were you there when they crucified my Lord?**

**Oh! sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.**

**Were you there when they crucified my Lord?**

**Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?**

**Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?**

**Oh! sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.**

**Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?**

**Were you there when they pierced Him in the side?**

**Were you there when they pierced Him in the side?**

**Oh! sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.**

**Were you there when they pierced Him in the side?**

**Were you there when the sun refused to shine?**

**Were you there when the sun refused to shine?**

**Oh! sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.**

**Were you there when the sun refused to shine?**

**Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?**

**Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?**

**Oh! sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.**

**Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?**

*Leader* 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. **Amen**

**The congregation departs in silence.**

Thank you to our technical crew this morning.

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