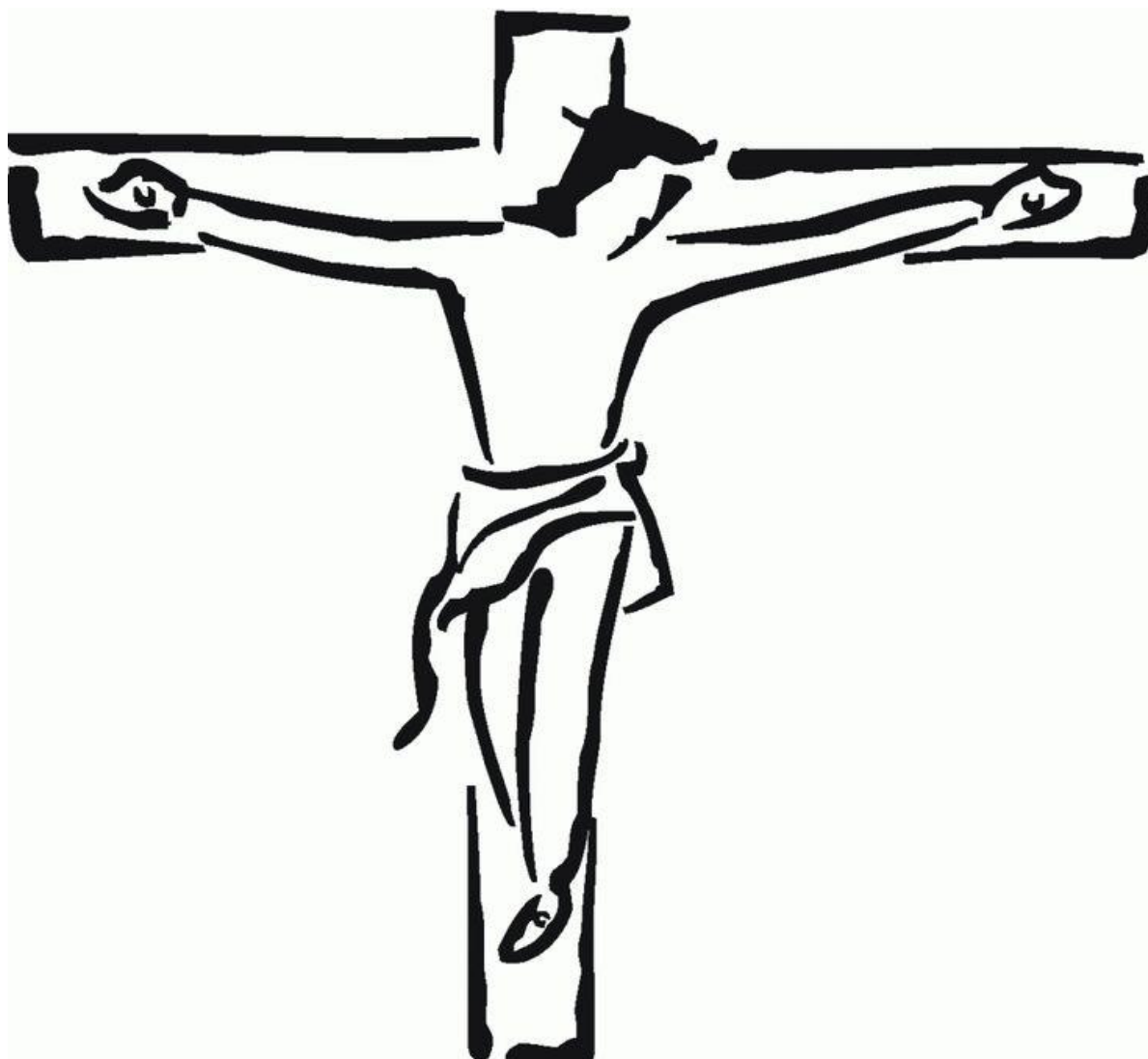




# St. Augustine's Church

A Church Family in the Heart of the City



Good Friday March 29, 2024

**GOOD FRIDAY**  
*The Celebration of the Lord's Passion*  
**March 29, 11:00 AM**

**Procession enters in Silence**

**The Ministry of the Word**

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

*Minister* 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.**

*Minister* Christ the Lord became obedient unto death,

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

*Silence is kept. (all kneeling)*

*Minister* 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**

*Minister* The Lord be with you.

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

*Minister* 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.**

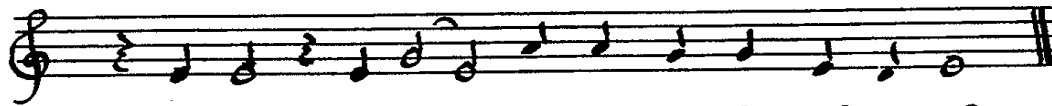
**The Proclamation of the Word**

*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

## Psalm 22:1-17



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

**Anthem** Ah Holy Jesus

Craig Courtney

*(all stand)*

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

Readers:

*(Congregation responds where marked "People")*

Narrator: So Pilate went back into the Praetorium and called Jesus to him. He asked:

Pilate: "Are you the king of the Jews?"

Narrator: Jesus replied:

Jesus: "Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?"

Narrator: Pilate answered:

Pilate: "Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?"

Narrator: Jesus replied:

Jesus: "Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind."

Narrator: Pilate said:

Pilate: "So you are a king, then?"

Narrator: Jesus answered:

Jesus: "It is you who say it. Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice."

Narrator: Pilate said:

Pilate: "What is truth?"

Narrator: and with that, he went out again to the Jews and said:

Pilate: "I find no case against him. But according to custom of yours, I should release one prisoner at the Passover, would you like me, then, to release the king of the Jews?"

Narrator: At this they shouted:

People: **"Not this man, but Barabbas."**

Narrator: Barabbas had taken part in a rebellion.

Narrator: Pilate then had Jesus taken away and scourged, and after this, the soldiers twisted some thorns into a crown and put it on his head, and dressed him in a purple robe. They kept coming up to him and saying:

People: **"Hail, king of the Jews!"**

Narrator: And they slapped his face. Pilate came outside again and said to them:

Pilate: "Look, I am going to bring him out to you to let you see that I find no case."

Narrator: Jesus then came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said:

Pilate: "Here is the man."

Narrator: When they saw him, the chief priests and the guards shouted:

People: **"Crucify him! Crucify him!"**

Narrator: Pilate said:

Pilate: "Take him yourselves and crucify him: I can find no case against him."

Narrator: The Jews replied:

People: **"We have a Law, and according to that Law he ought to die, because he has claimed to be the Son of God."**

Narrator: When Pilate heard them say this his fears increased. Re-entering the Praetorium, he said to Jesus:

Pilate: "Where do you come from?"

Narrator: But Jesus made no answer. Pilate then said to him:

Pilate: "Are you refusing to speak to me? Surely you know I have power to release you

and I have power to crucify you?”

Narrator: Jesus replied:

Jesus: “You would have no power over me if it had not been given you from above; that is why the one who handed me over to you has the greater guilt.”

Narrator: From that moment Pilate was anxious to set him free, but the Jews shouted:

People: **“If you set him free you are no friend of Caesar’s; anyone who makes himself king is defying Caesar.”**

Narrator: Hearing these words, Pilate had Jesus brought out, and seated himself on the chair of judgment at a place called the Pavement, in Hebrew, Gabbatha. It was Passover Preparation Day, about the sixth hour. Pilate said to the Jews:

Pilate: “Here is your king.”

Narrator: They said:

People: **“Take him away, take him away! Crucify Him!”**

Narrator: Pilate said:

Pilate: “Do you want me to crucify your King?”

Narrator: The chief priests answered:

People: **“We have no king except Caesar.”**

Narrator: So in the end, Pilate handed him over to them to be crucified. They then took charge of Jesus, and carrying his own cross he went out of the city to the place of the skull or, as it was called in Hebrew, Golgotha, where they crucified him with two others, one on either side with Jesus in the middle. Pilate wrote out a notice and had it fixed to the cross. It read: “Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews.” This notice was read by many of the Jews, because the place where Jesus was crucified was not far from the city, and the writing was in Hebrew, Latin, and Greek. So the Jewish chief priests said to Pilate,

People: **“You should not write ‘King of the Jews,’ but ‘This man said: I am King of the Jews.’”**

Narrator: Pilate answered:

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

Narrator: When the soldiers had finished crucifying Jesus, they took his clothing and

divided it into four shares, one for each soldier. His undergarment was seamless, woven in one piece from neck to hem; so they said to one another, "Instead of tearing it, let's throw dice to decide who is to have it." In this way, the words of scripture were fulfilled:

"They shared out my clothing among them.

They cast lots for my clothes."

This is exactly what the soldiers did.

Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. Seeing his mother and the disciple he loved standing near her, Jesus said to his mother:

Jesus: "Woman, this is your son."

Narrator: Then to the disciple he said:

Jesus: "This is your mother."

Narrator: And from that moment the disciple made a place for her in his home. After this, Jesus knew that everything had now been completed, and to fulfill the scripture perfectly he said:

Jesus: "I am thirsty."

Narrator: A jar full of vinegar stood there, so putting a sponge soaked in the vinegar on a hyssop stick, they held it up to his mouth. After Jesus had taken the vinegar he said:

Jesus: "It is accomplished."

Narrator: And bowing his head, he gave up his spirit.

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

It was Preparation Day, and to prevent the bodies remaining on the crosses during the Sabbath – since that Sabbath was a day of special solemnity – the Jews asked Pilate to have the legs broken and the bodies taken away. Consequently the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first man who had been crucified with him and then the other. When they came to Jesus, they found he was already dead, and so instead of breaking his legs one of the soldiers pierced his side with a lance; and immediately there came out blood and water. This is the evidence of one who saw it - trustworthy evidence, and

he knows he speaks the truth – and he gives it so that you may believe as well. Because all this happened to fulfill the words of scripture: “Not one bone of his will be broken,” and again, in another place scripture says: “They will look on the one whom they have pierced.”

## **The Sermon**

The Rev. Canon James Robinson

**Hymn: #634 Jesus, Remember Me (x3) (kneeling)**

## **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 Charles our King and all the Royal family, for Justin the Prime Minister and for the government of this country, we pray for Daniele premier of this province and the members of the legislature, for Blain 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 those with disabilities, 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 standing)*

**Hymn: #198 O Sacred Head, Surrounded**

*Minister* Christ our Lord became obedient unto death.

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

**Meditation on the Cross of Jesus** *(all kneeling)*

“Behold the Wood” - Karen Hudson

**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.**

*(all standing)*

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

*Minister*

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.**

*Minister*

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.**

*Minister*

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**

**Closing Hymn: #192    Were You There**

*Minister*

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.***