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*Thank you for joining us today! **Everything you need for worship can be found in this booklet;** the congregation says the text in **bold**. At Saint Andrew's, **children are included in all aspects of our worship service;** we welcome their presence and all the sounds that come with it! **There is a changing table** available in our nursery; exit the sanctuary at the front and proceed down the hallway. **ALL are invited to the Lord's table,** regardless of where you come from, what you believe, or who you love. **Ushers** are in the narthex at the back of the sanctuary and are happy to answer any questions. **WELCOME!***

Masks are optional,** but please be considerate of those who choose to mask. **Maintain social distancing** as appropriate. **Stay home if you are sick** or have recently tested positive for or been around others who have Covid-19; and **get vaccinated ASAP!

THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The stations of the Cross have many related meanings. In one sense, the stations of the Cross refer to the liturgical practice of using various events in the final hours of Jesus' life as a structure for prayer and meditation. These events encompass Jesus' journey carrying his cross from the Hall of Pilate where he was condemned to death, to the site of his execution on Golgotha.

In another sense, the stations of the Cross refer to a series of depictions that coincide with the Stations of the Cross in Jerusalem. Since many people could not make the arduous pilgrimage to Jerusalem, in the Medieval period there developed the practice of using depictions of these Stations in local churches to allow worshippers to make the same devotional journey.

The value in the Stations of the Cross lies in the simple twofold enacted confession. First, life is sometimes dark, painful, and brings endings. That reality will not go away even for the Son of God. Second, some of God's best work is done in the darkness as we persist in the journey. Resurrection Sunday has no meaning without Good Friday. This journey reminds us of the darkness as a basis to celebrate the light.

Therefore, we need to remember that the Stations of the Cross are primarily a context for prayer and reflection. We can too easily go through the motions of the service without really allowing ourselves to encounter God. However, as we open our hearts and minds to God in this symbolic journey, we are led to communion with God that draws us closer to God's amazing love for us. It also allows us to identify with Jesus as he identifies with us. We are drawn to contemplate, not only the suffering and pain of our own journey mirrored in his, but as we follow the Christ we are compelled to identify with those around us who suffer in their own journey. - Dennis Bratcher, abridged, © 2018

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Good Friday Liturgy - *We begin in silence. You may feel called to kneel for prayer. Cushions are available.*

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the Communion of the Holy spirit be with you all.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it." Peace to you all.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold 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.

People **Amen.**

Collect of the Day *All stand as able.*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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People **Amen.**

First Reading - Isaiah 52:13-53:12 *All may be seated*

Reader: A reading from the book of Isaiah

See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up and shall be very high. Just as there were many who were astonished at him --so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of mortals-- so he shall startle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which had not been told them they shall see, and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate.

Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account.

Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

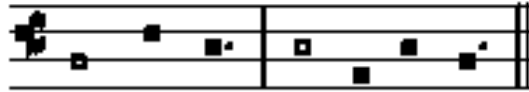
He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the Lord shall prosper. Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 22:22-31 *All remain seated.*



I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:

**You who fear the LORD, praise him! +
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;
stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!**

For he did not despise or abhor +
the affliction of the afflicted;
he did not hide his face from me, -
but heard when I cried to him.

**From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.**

The poor shall eat and be satisfied; +
those who seek him shall praise the LORD.
May your hearts live forever!

**All the ends of the earth shall remember +
and turn to the LORD;
and all the families of the nations -
shall worship before him.**

For dominion belongs to the LORD,
and he rules over the nations.

**To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, -
and I shall live for him.**

Posterity will serve him;
future generations will be told about the LORD,

**and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,
saying that he has done it.**

Epistle - Hebrews 10:16-25 *All remain seated.*

Reader A reading from the book of Hebrews.

The Holy Spirit testifies saying, "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds," adding also, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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Prayer

Leader Lord, we cry out to you. sometimes the darkness of life threatens to engulf the light. Shine the light of your presence into our lives so strongly that a new love for you will be kindled. Light within us a love beyond emotion and sentimentality, a love that is willing to lay aside all privilege and self-centeredness. Grow within us a love that is willing to surrender all our fears and uncertainties to you, and help us to love those around us with the same faithfulness with which you love us.

Now as we begin this journey of the Cross, we open our hearts and minds to you. Help us to hear, not just the words that are spoken, but your Word spoken afresh in our heart.

People **Speak, for we are listening.**

Leader Let us begin our journey.

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Jesus, Remember Me

Jacques Berthier

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Passion Gospel According to John (18:1 – 19:42)

*The Passion Gospel will be read with **congregational responses in bold**, sung interludes, and spoken Stations of the Cross. Please remain seated throughout.*

NARRATOR: Jesus went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to a place where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples. So Judas brought a detachment of soldiers together with police from the chief priests and the Pharisees, and they came there with lanterns and torches and weapons. Then Jesus, knowing all that was to happen to him, came forward and asked them,

JESUS: "Whom are you looking for?"

NARRATOR: They answered,

POLICE: "Jesus of Nazareth."

NARRATOR: Jesus replied,

JESUS: "I am he."

NARRATOR: Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. When Jesus said to them, "I am he," they stepped back and fell to the ground. Again he asked them,

JESUS: "Whom are you looking for?"

NARRATOR: And they said,

POLICE: "Jesus of Nazareth."

NARRATOR: Jesus answered,

JESUS: "I told you that I am he. So if you are looking for me, let these men go."

NARRATOR: This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken, "I did not lose a single one of those whom you gave me." Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest's slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave's name was Malchus. Jesus said to Peter,

JESUS: "Put your sword back into its sheath. Am I not to drink the cup that the Father has given me?"

NARRATOR: So the soldiers, their officer, and the Jewish police arrested Jesus and bound him. First they took him to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was better to have one person die for the people.

Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, but Peter was standing outside at the gate. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in. The woman said to Peter,

WOMAN: "You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?"

NARRATOR: He said,

PETER: "I am not."

NARRATOR: Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing around it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and warming himself.

Then the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching. Jesus answered,

JESUS: "I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. Why do you ask me? Ask those who heard what I said to them; they know what I said."

NARRATOR: When he had said this, one of the police standing nearby struck Jesus on the face, saying,

POLICE: "Is that how you answer the high priest?"

NARRATOR: Jesus answered,

JESUS: "If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong. But if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?"

NARRATOR: Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.
Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They asked him,

POLICE: **"You are not also one of his disciples, are you?"**

NARRATOR: He denied it and said,

PETER: "I am not."

NARRATOR: One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked,

SLAVE: "Did I not see you in the garden with him?"

NARRATOR: Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed.
Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate's headquarters. It was early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the headquarters, so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the Passover. So Pilate went out to them and said,

PILATE: "What accusation do you bring against this man?"

NARRATOR: They answered,

POLICE: **"If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you."**

NARRATOR: Pilate said to them,

PILATE: "Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law."

NARRATOR: The Jews replied,

POLICE: **"We are not permitted to put anyone to death."**

NARRATOR: (This was to fulfill what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.)
Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him,

PILATE: "Are you the King of the Jews?"

NARRATOR: Jesus answered,

JESUS: "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?"

NARRATOR: Pilate replied,

PILATE: "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?"

NARRATOR: Jesus answered,

JESUS: "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here."

NARRATOR: Pilate asked him,

PILATE: "So you are a king?"

NARRATOR: Jesus answered,

JESUS: "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

NARRATOR: Pilate asked him,

PILATE: "What is truth?"

NARRATOR: After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them,

PILATE: "I find no case against him. But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover. Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?"

NARRATOR: They shouted in reply,

CROWD: **"Not this man, but Barabbas!"**

NARRATOR: Now Barabbas was a bandit.
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,

SOLDIERS: "Hail, King of the Jews!"

NARRATOR: and striking him on the face. Pilate went out again and said to them,

PILATE: "Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him."

NARRATOR: So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them,

PILATE: "Here is the man!"

NARRATOR: When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted,
CROWD: "Crucify him! Crucify him!"
NARRATOR: Pilate said to them,
PILATE: "Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him."
NARRATOR: The Jews answered him,
CROWD: "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God."
NARRATOR: Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus,
PILATE: "Where are you from?"
NARRATOR: But Jesus gave him no answer. Pilate therefore said to him,
PILATE: "Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?"
NARRATOR: Jesus answered him,
JESUS: "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."
NARRATOR: From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the Jews cried out,
CROWD: "If you release this man, you are no friend of the emperor. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against the emperor."
NARRATOR: 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 Jews,
PILATE: "Here is your King!"
NARRATOR: They cried out,
CROWD: "Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!"
NARRATOR: Pilate asked them,
PILATE: "Shall I crucify your King?"
NARRATOR: The chief priests answered,
PRIESTS: "We have no king but the emperor."
NARRATOR: Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

(At the mention of Golgotha, all stand as able.)

NARRATOR: 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,
PRIESTS: "Do not write, 'The 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 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,
SOLDIERS: "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it."
NARRATOR: 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,
JESUS: "Woman, here is your son."

NARRATOR: Then he said to the disciple,

JESUS: "Here is your mother."

NARRATOR: 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),

JESUS: "I am thirsty."

NARRATOR: 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,

JESUS: "It is finished."

NARRATOR: Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jews 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. (He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth.) These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, "None of his bones shall be broken." And again another passage of scripture says, "They will look on the one whom they have pierced." 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.

Interlude - Were You There?, verse 1

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tune: WERE YOU THERE

Were you there when they cru-ci-fied my Lord? Were you

there when they cru-ci-fied my Lord? Oh!

some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.

Were you there when they cru-ci-fied my Lord?

Station of the Cross - Pilate Condemns Jesus to Die

Leader Jesus, you are alone. Where are the lepers who you healed? Where are the blind who can now see? Where are all the people who ate the bread and fish on the hillside? Where are those who followed you so easily? Yet no one speaks. No voice in the crowd comes to your defense. You stand alone.

I have been alone. I have been treated unfairly by those who could have spoken for me. I have been treated unfairly by those who could have used their power for better purposes. I can understand some of your feelings as you stand before Pilate.

But perhaps I have treated others unfairly as well. Perhaps I have not spoken up for others when they needed a voice. There are those around me who have been treated unjustly. Have I always had the courage to come to their defense? There are those around me who feel alone and abandoned. Have I always been there for them? O God, forgive me for not always being who I should be.

Narrator Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. The soldiers twisted thorny branches together as a crown and placed it onto his brow and wrapped him in a purple cloth. They drew near to him, shouting:

***Soldiers* Bow down, everyone! This is the King of the Jews!**

All stand as able

Narrator They sent Jesus out carrying his own instrument of execution, the cross, to a hill known as the Place of the Skull, or Golgotha in Hebrew.

Station of the Cross – Jesus Carries His Cross

Leader I contemplate the wood of that cross.
I imagine how heavy it is.
I reflect upon all it means that Jesus is carrying it.
I look into his eyes.
It's all there.

This is for me.
So I place myself with him in this journey.
In its anguish.
In his freedom and surrender.
In the love that must fill his heart.
With sorrow and gratitude,
I continue the journey.
Moved by the power of his love,
I am drawn to him
and express my love
in the words that come to me:

***People* Through her soul, of joy bereaved,
bowed with anguish, deeply grieved,
now at length the sword has passed.**

Narrator In that place, they crucified him along with two others. One was on his right and the other on his left. Pilate ordered that a plaque be placed above Jesus' head. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." Because the site was near an urban region, it was written in three languages (Greek, Latin, and Hebrew) so that all could understand.

***Priests* Don't write, "The King of the Jews." Write, "He said, 'I am King of the Jews!'"**

Pilate I have written what I have written.

Interlude - Were You There?, verse 2

*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?*

Narrator As Jesus was being crucified, the soldiers tore his outer garments into four pieces, one for each of them. They wanted to do the same with his tunic, but it was seamless - one piece of fabric woven from the top down. So they said,

Soldiers **Don't tear it. Let's cast lots, and the winner will take the whole thing.**

Narrator This happened in keeping with the scriptures, which said, "They divided my outer garments and cast lots for my clothes." These soldiers did exactly what was foretold in the scriptures.

Station of the Cross – Jesus Is Stripped of His Garments

Leader Jesus, I want to follow you on this journey. But I can't watch this. I must turn away from your humiliation. Just yesterday, you removed your cloak and laid it aside to wash your disciple's feet. You called them to follow your example as a symbol of humility and service to others. Now you allow others to strip you of your clothes. You allow them to publicly disgrace and ridicule you. You are left with nothing, not even human decency. We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

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

Narrator Jesus' mother was standing next to his cross along with her sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. Jesus looked to see his mother and the disciple he loved standing nearby.

Jesus Dear woman, this is your son! John, this is now your mother.

Narrator From that moment, the disciple treated her like his own mother and welcomed her into his house. Jesus knew now that his work had been accomplished, and the scriptures were being fulfilled.

Station of the Cross - Jesus Cares for His Mother

Leader What brought this one disciple to be standing before Jesus' Cross? The others have all run away in fear or disappointment. This disciple could be in real danger. Besides he is standing with the women. Men didn't associate with women who were not from their own family. What is he doing? Why is he here? Yet, Jesus trusts him enough to take care of his mother for the rest of her life.

I might visit her and bring her a meal once in a while, but to treat her like I would my own mother is a big commitment. You ask a great deal of him. Are you asking the same of me? Am I willing to accept the others that God entrusts me to love? Let us pray.

People **O Lord, make us whole so that we may love with the compassion with which you love. Give us the courage to stand beside those who are hurting and share their pain. Through your strength and by your grace, make us a conduit of your love, not just to the lovable, but to any who need to be cared for and loved.**

Jesus I am thirsty.

Narrator A jar of sour wine had been left there, so they took a hyssop branch with a sponge soaked in the vinegar and put it to his mouth. When Jesus drank, he spoke:

Jesus It is finished!

Narrator In that moment, his head fell; and he gave up the Spirit. Pilate was asked to have their legs broken so the bodies would not remain on the crosses on the Sabbath. It was the day of preparation for the Passover, and that year the Passover fell on the sabbath. The soldiers came and broke the legs of both the men crucified next to Jesus. When they came up to Jesus cross, they could see that he was dead; so they did not break his legs. instead, one soldier took his spear and pierced his abdomen, which brought a gush of blood and water.

Interlude - Were You There?, verse 3

*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?*

Narrator This testimony is true. In fact, it is an eyewitness account; and he has reported what he saw so that you may also believe. It happened this way to fulfill the scriptures that "not one of his bones shall be broken" and the scriptures also say, "They will look upon him whom they pierced."

After all this, Joseph of Arimathea, a disciple who kept his faith a secret for fear of the officials, made a request to Pilate for the body of Jesus. Pilate granted his request, and Joseph retrieved the body. Nicodemus, who first came to Jesus under the cloak of darkness, brought over 100 pounds of myrrh and ointments for his burial. Together, they took Jesus' body and wrapped him in linens soaked in essential oils and spices, according to Jewish burial customs.

Near the place he was crucified, there was a garden with a newly prepared tomb. Because it was the day of preparation, they arranged to lay Jesus in this tomb so they could rest on the sabbath.

Station of the Cross - Jesus is Laid in the Tomb

Leader They take the body of Jesus to its resting place. The huge stone over the tomb is the final sign of the permanence of death. In this final act of surrender, who would have imagined this tomb would soon be empty or that Jesus would show himself alive to his disciples, or that they would recognize him in the breaking of bread? Oh, that our hearts might burn within us, as we realize how he had to suffer and die so as to enter into his glory for us.

Interlude - Were You There?, verse 4

*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?*

Sermon

Lizzie Gillman

Silence.

People may stand or kneel.

Solemn Collects

Reader Dear people of God: God sent Jesus into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved; that all might be delivered from the power of sin and death, and become heirs with him of everlasting life. We pray, therefore, for people everywhere according to their needs.

Let us pray for the holy catholic 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 Betsy, our Bishop, and all the people of this diocese. For all Christians in this community, that God will confirm the Church in faith, increase it in love, and preserve it in peace.

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose 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 their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

People **Amen.**

Reader Let us pray for all nations and peoples of the earth, and for those in authority among them; for Donald, the President of the United States; for the Congress and the Supreme Court; for the Members and Representatives of the United Nations; for all who serve the common good. That by God's help they may seek justice and truth, and live in peace and concord. 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 in tranquility your dominion may increase, until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Reader Let us pray for all who suffer and are afflicted in body or in mind; for the hungry and the homeless, the destitute and the oppressed; for the sick, the wounded, and the crippled; 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 mercy will comfort and relieve them, and grant them the knowledge of God's love, and stir up in us the will and patience to minister to their needs.

Gracious God, the comfort of all who sorrow, the strength of all who suffer: Let the cry of those in misery and need come to You, that they might find your mercy present with them in all their afflictions; 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.

People **Amen.**

Reader Merciful God, creator of all 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.

People **Amen.**

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

Reader O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation: let the whole world see and know that 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.

People **Amen.**

Entrance of the Cross

All stand or kneel as able in silence as the cross is borne into the church.

Celebrant We glory in your cross, O Lord, and praise you for your mighty resurrection;

People **By virtue of your cross, joy has come into our world.**

Celebrant God be gracious to us and bless us:

People **Show us the light of God's countenance, and come to us.**

Celebrant Let your ways be made known on earth:

People **Your liberating power among all nations.**

Celebrant Let the peoples praise you, O God:

People **All the peoples praise you.**

Celebrant We glory in your cross, O Lord, and praise you for your mighty resurrection;

People **By virtue of your cross, joy has come into your world.**

Celebrant Almighty God, as we stand at the foot of the cross of your son, may we know your love for us, that in humility, love, and joy we may place at his feet all that we have and all that we are; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

People **Amen.**

*In silence, people may venerate the cross by kissing or touching the wood,
or kneeling or bowing in reverence.*

Hymn



Holy Communion *All stand as able*

Celebrant Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People You asked for my hands, that you might use them for your purpose. I gave them for a moment, then withdrew them, for the work was hard. You asked for my mouth to speak out against injustice. I gave you a whisper that I might not be accused. You asked for my eyes to see the pain of poverty. I closed them, for I did not want to see. You asked for my life, that you might work through me. I gave a small part, that I might not get too involved. Lord, forgive my calculated efforts to serve you - only when it is convenient for me to do so, only in those places where it is safe to do so, and only with those who make it easy to do so. God, forgive me, renew me. send me out as a usable instrument, that I might take seriously the meaning of your cross. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People Amen.

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All then pray preferred translation of the Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

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,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

All are invited to come forward for communion, sanitizing hands, forming a line. The **wine will be offered in the common cup** (wiping and turning after each use). **Intinction will also be available using a separate bowl and non-alcoholic wine.** The **fullness of communion** is available by receiving both or either the bread and wine. **If you would like a blessing** instead of bread and wine, please cross your arms over your chest. Individuals at a higher risk of Covid infection are encouraged to participate (or not!) in the way that makes them **most comfortable**.

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross where the young
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet sor - row and
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were an

Prince of Glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
 cross of Christ, my God: all the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
 of - fering far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Closing Prayer *All stand as able*

Leader Let us pray together:

People Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, we pray you to set your passion, cross, and death between your judgment and our souls, now and in the hour of our death. Give mercy and grace to the living; pardon and rest to the dead; to your holy Church peace and concord; and to us sinners everlasting life and glory; for with the Father and Holy Spirit you live and reign, on God, now and forever. Amen.

Please depart in silence.