



Good Friday  
April 3, 2026 - 10:00 a.m.

# MINISTRY OF THE WORD

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*When the Congregation has assembled and the Choristers and Clergy,  
having entered in silence, are in their places, all shall stand.*

## **Opening Responses**

*Presider* All we like sheep have gone astray;  
we have turned every one to their own way,  
*People* **and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.**

*Presider* Christ the Lord became obedient unto death,  
*People* **even death on a cross.**

*Silence*

*Presider* Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
*All* **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.**

## **Collect of the Day**

*Presider* May God be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* 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.

*All* **Amen.**

*The Congregation sits.*

## **First Reading**

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

*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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm**

22:1-21

*The Cantor chants the Psalm. The Congregation joins in the Refrain (R).*



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. **R**

Yet you are the Holy One, enthroned upon the praises of Israel. Our ancestors put their trust in you; they trusted, and you delivered them. **R**



My God, my God, — why have you for-sak-en me?

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. **R**

All who see me laugh me to scorn; they curl their lips and wag their heads. “He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him; let him rescue him, if he delights in him.” **R**

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. **R**

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. **R**

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. **R**

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. **R**

Be not far away, O Lord; you are my strength; hasten to help me. Save me from the sword, my life from the power of the dog. Save me from the lion’s mouth, my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls. I will declare your name to my brethren; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you. **R**

## Second Reading

Hebrews 10:16-25

*Reader* A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

“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,” he also adds, “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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

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

*The Congregation stands.*

**Hymn** 202—There is a Green Hill Far Away

Horsley

*The Congregation sits.*

**The Passion of the Lord**

Matthew 26:14-27:66

*The Congregation reads the parts in bold.*

*Narrator* The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.  
One of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said,

*Judas* What will you give me if I betray him to you?

*Narrator* They paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him. On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying,

*Disciples* **Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?**

*Narrator* Jesus said,

*Jesus* Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, ‘The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.’

*Narrator* So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal. When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; and while they were eating, he said,

*Jesus* Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.

*Narrator* And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another,

*Disciples* **Surely not I, Lord?**

*Narrator* Jesus answered,

*Jesus* The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.

*Narrator* Judas, who betrayed him, said,

*Judas* Surely not I, Rabbi?

*Narrator* Jesus replied,

*Jesus* You have said so.

*Narrator* While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said,

*Jesus* Take, eat; this is my body.

*Narrator* Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying,

*Jesus* Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.

*Narrator* When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them,

*Jesus* You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee.

*Narrator* Peter said to him,

*Peter* Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you.

*Narrator* Jesus said to him,

*Jesus* Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.

*Narrator* Peter said to him,

*Peter* Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.

*Narrator* And so said all the disciples. Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples,

*Jesus* Sit here while I go over there and pray.

*Narrator* He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them,

*Jesus* I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.

*Narrator* And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed,

*Jesus* My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want.

*Narrator* Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter,

*Jesus* So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

*Narrator* Again he went away for the second time and prayed,

*Jesus* My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.

*Narrator* Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he

came to the disciples and said to them,

*Jesus* Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.

*Narrator* While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying,

*Judas* The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him.

*Narrator* At once he came up to Jesus and said,

*Judas* Greetings, Rabbi!

*Narrator* and kissed him. Jesus said to him,

*Jesus* Friend, do what you are here to do.

*Narrator* Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to him,

*Jesus* Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?

*Narrator* At that hour Jesus said to the crowds,

*Jesus* Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled.

*Narrator* Then all the disciples deserted him and fled. Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered. But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and said,

*Witnesses* **This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.'**

*Narrator* The high priest stood up and said,

*High Priest* Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?

*Narrator* But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him,

*High Priest* I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God.

*Narrator* Jesus said to him,

*Jesus* You have said so. But I tell you, From now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.

*Narrator* Then the high priest tore his clothes and said,

*High Priest* He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your verdict?

*Narrator* They answered,

*Priests* **He deserves death.**

*Narrator* Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him, saying,

*Priests* **Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?**

*Narrator* Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said,

*Girl 1* You also were with Jesus the Galilean.

*Narrator* But he denied it before all of them, saying,

*Peter* I do not know what you are talking about.

*Narrator* When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders,

*Girl 2* This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.

*Narrator* Again he denied it with an oath,

*Peter* I do not know the man.

*Narrator* After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter,

*Crowd* **Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you.**

*Narrator* Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath,

*Peter* I do not know the man!

*Narrator* At that moment the cock crowed. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: 'Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.' And he went out and wept bitterly.

When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor.

When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. He said,

*Judas* I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.

*Narrator* But they said,

*Priests* **What is that to us? See to it yourself.**

*Narrator* Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged

himself. But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said,

*Priests* **It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money.**

*Narrator* After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter's field as a place to bury foreigners. For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah, 'And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price, and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me.' Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him,

*Pilate* Are you the King of the Jews?

*Narrator* Jesus said,

*Jesus* You say so.

*Narrator* But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him,

*Pilate* Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?

*Narrator* But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them,

*Pilate* Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?

*Narrator* For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him,

*Pilate's wife* Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.

*Narrator* Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them,

*Pilate* Which of the two do you want me to release for you?

*Narrator* And they said,

*Crowd* **Barabbas.**

*Narrator* Pilate said to them,

*Pilate* Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?

*Narrator* All of them said,

*Crowd* **Let him be crucified!**

*Narrator* Then he asked,

*Pilate* Why, what evil has he done?

*Narrator* But they shouted all the more,

*Crowd* **Let him be crucified!**

*Narrator* So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying,

*Pilate* I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.

*Narrator* Then the people as a whole answered,

*Crowd* **His blood be on us and on our children!**

*Narrator* So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

*The Congregation stands.*

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying,

*Soldiers* **Hail, King of the Jews!**

*Narrator* They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him. As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.' Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

*Crowd* **You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.**

*Narrator* In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying,

*Crowd* **He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.'**

*Narrator* The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice,

*Jesus* Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?

*Narrator* that is,

*Jesus* My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

*Narrator* When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

*Crowd* **This man is calling for Elijah.**

*Narrator* At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said,

*Crowd* **Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.**

*Narrator* Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said,

*Centurion* Truly this man was God's Son!

*Narrator* Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him. Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said,

*Priests* **Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise again.' Therefore command the tomb to be made secure until the third day; otherwise his disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people, 'He has been raised from the dead,' and the last deception would be worse than the first.**

*Narrator* Pilate said to them,

*Pilate* You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can.

*Narrator* So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

## **Sermon**

*A silence for reflection follows the sermon.  
The Congregation stands for the hymn.*

## THE SOLEMN INTERCESSION

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*The Congregation sits for the prayers.*

### The Bidding

*Presider* 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 Prayers

*Presider* 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 Sarah Archbishop of Canterbury, Shane our Primate, Anne our Metropolitan, Andrew our Diocesan Bishop, Riscylla and Kevin our Suffragan Bishops, 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.

*All* **Amen.**

*Presider* 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 Mark the Prime Minister and for the government of this country, for Doug the premier of this province and the members of the legislature, for Jeff 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.

*All* **Amen.**

*Presider* Let us pray for the Jewish people who possess an eternal covenant with the Lord, who delivered them from bondage to freedom; for continued faithfulness to God's covenant with them; for their flourishing in peace as witnesses to God's sustaining love; for safety from all malice and harm; for the fullness of redemption for the sake of God's Name; that unity and concord may exist between Jews and Christians, in obedience to God's will. *Silence*

O God of Abraham, you planted your people Israel as the root and grafted Gentiles as wild branches into a single olive tree of praise to you: as we come near to the cross, we lament Christian acts of prejudice and violence against your faithful people, of whom Jesus Christ was born. Bless the children of your covenant, so that together we may attain the fullness of your blessing for the world.

*All* **Amen.**

*Presider* Let us pray for all who suffer and are afflicted in body or in mind: for those who are hungry, unhoused, destitute or oppressed; for those who are ill or disabled, in body, mind, or spirit; for those in loneliness, fear, and anguish; for those who face temptation, doubt, and despair; for those who are sorrowful and bereaved; for those who are persecuted for the sake of Christ; for prisoners, refugees, and captives; for victims of war, genocide, and trafficking, and all those in mortal danger, that God in God's 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.

*All* **Amen.**

*Presider* Let us pray for all who have not embraced God's redemptive love: for all who have not heard the word of salvation; for all who have lost their faith; for all who have been hardened by sin and indifference; for the contemptuous and scornful; for all who are persecutors of Christ's 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, the source of life and fountain of mercy, let the Gospel of your Son Jesus Christ be preached with grace and love; turn the hearts of the followers of Jesus who have harmed others in his name; lead all to repentance and amendment of life; and sustain by your loving grace all who lift their eyes to you.

*All* **Amen.**

*Presider* 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.

*All* **Amen.**

*The Congregation stands.*

**Hymn** 386—When I Survey the Wondrous Cross Rockingham

## **MEDITATION ON THE CROSS OF JESUS**

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*Presider* This is the wood of the cross, on which hung the Saviour of the world.

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

*All sit. Those who desire may come forward to meditate at the foot of the cross.*

### **Music during the Meditation**

“Were You There?”

arr. Melva Costen

“Crux Fidelis”

attr. John IV, King of Portugal

*Crux fidelis, inter omnes, arbor una nobilis: nulla silva talem proffert fronde, flore, germine:*

*Dulce lignum, dulces clavos, dulce pondus sustinet. Amen*

(Faithful cross, noble among every tree: No forests bring forth such foliage, flowers, sprouts. Sweet wood, sweet nails, bear a sweet weight. Amen.)

**Anthem** “And No Bird Sang” Douglas E. Wagner, soloists Cole Hayward and Alex Meinhardt

### **Responsory**

*Presider* 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.**

*Presider* 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.**

*Presider* 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 Lord's Prayer**

*Presider* As our Saviour taught us, let us pray.

*All* **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 for ever. Amen.**

**Hymn** 184—My Song is Love Unknown

Love Unknown

### **Closing Prayer**

*Presider* 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.

*All* **Amen.**

*The assembly leaves in silence.*

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# Welcome!

## **Children's Ministry**

We welcome children and youth, who may remain with you to worship and do not have to remain perfectly still and quiet! Please feel free to allow them to roam if they wish. Families are most welcome to use the activities in the children's area in the church and to bring colouring sheets, toys, and snacks for their children.

## **On Posture in Worship**

It is customary that we stand to pray and sing and sit to hear God's Word proclaimed and interpreted. Some people prefer to kneel to pray. Please adopt the posture that helps you to worship.

## **Visitor's Cards**

If you're visiting, please do take the time to complete a visitor's card, which can be found in the rack on the bookcase in the Chapel. We would love the opportunity to stay in touch with you.

## **Making an Offering (Donation)**

To support the ministry of the parish, an offering may be made by placing cash or a cheque in an envelope available where you picked up this order of service. Please write your name and address on the envelope, then place it on the brass offering plate. Tax receipts are issued for gifts of \$25 or more. We also have a convenient pre-authorised giving program for monthly donations that are debited from your bank account or we accept e-transfers to [office@stjohnspeterborough.ca](mailto:office@stjohnspeterborough.ca). Please visit [www.stjohnspeterborough.ca/donate](http://www.stjohnspeterborough.ca/donate) for more information.

## **Accessibility**

The facility is entirely accessible through the Brock St entrance, from where all levels of the facility are accessible via elevator.

## **Washrooms/Change Table**

Accessible washrooms are located down the hall from the narthex (lobby). A change table is in the nursery at the end of the hall.

## **Fragrances**

We ask that you refrain from wearing strong fragrances in order to accommodate those with breathing sensitivities.