

St James' Anglican Church
Good Friday 10 April 2020, 6.30 pm

Cross Prayers

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:
because by your holy cross
you have redeemed the world.

When I survey the wondrous Cross,
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See from his head, his hands, his feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

His dying crimson like a robe,
Spreads o'er his body on the Tree;
Then I am dead to all the globe,
And all the globe is dead to me.

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

Isaac Watts

A reading from the Gospel according to St John.

After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfil the scripture), 'I am thirsty.' A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the wine, he said, 'It is finished.' Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

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.

John 19.28-42

Silence

**Holy God,
Holy and strong,
Holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.**

On the cross, Jesus offered himself to the Father for the whole world.
At the foot of his cross, we join our prayers with his.

Have mercy on your people,
for whom your Son laid down his life: **Lord, have mercy.**

Bring healing and wholeness to people and nations,
and have pity on those torn apart by division: **Lord, have mercy.**

Strengthen all who are persecuted for your name's sake,
and deliver them from evil: **Lord, have mercy.**

Look in mercy upon all who suffer in this time of pandemic,
and hear those who cry out in pain and desolation: **Lord, have mercy.**

Bring comfort to the dying,
and gladden their hearts with the vision of your glory: **Lord, have mercy.**

Give rest to the departed
and bring them, with your saints, to glory everlasting: **Lord, have mercy.**

Let us commend the world, for which Christ died,
to the mercy and protection of God.

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.**

Coming to the foot of the Cross, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:
**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,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

O King of the Friday
Whose limbs were stretched on the Cross,
O Lord who did suffer The bruises, the wounds, the loss,
We stretch ourselves
Beneath the shield of thy might,
Some fruit from the tree of thy passion
Fall on us this night!

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Easter Eve and Easter Day at St. James', via Zoom:

*Saturday 9.00 pm **Easter Proclamation**
Sunday 10.30 am **Liturgy at Home for Easter Morning***

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