

Cross Prayers

St. James' Anglican Church



Good Friday
March 29, 2024 | 7:00 pm



Cross Prayers

THE GATHERING

As we gather together on the traditional, ancestral and unceded lands of the Tsleil Waututh, Squamish and Musqueam First Nations, we come to the foot of the Cross:

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

**because by your holy cross
you have redeemed the world.**

Hymn:

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 am I 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

GOSPEL READING

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 this, Joseph of Arimathea, secretly a disciple of Jesus for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate if he could remove the body of Jesus. And Pilate permitted it. So he came and took his body. Nicodemus, the one who had first come to him at night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about one hundred pounds. They took the body of Jesus and bound it with burial cloths along with the spices, according to the Jewish burial custom. Now in the place where he had been crucified there was a garden and, in the garden, a new tomb, in which no one had yet been buried. So they laid Jesus there because of the Jewish preparation day, for the tomb was near at hand.

(John 19:28-42)

Silence

REFLECTION

Father Kevin Hunt

HYMN

Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle,
Sing the ending of the fray,
O'er the Cross, the victor's trophy,
Sound the loud triumphant lay:
Tell how Christ, the world's Redeemer,
As a Victim won the day.

Faithful Cross! above all other
One and only noble Tree!
None in foliage, none in blossom,
None in fruit thy peer may be;
Sweetest wood and sweetest iron!
Sweetest weight is hung on thee.



Christ of Saint John of the Cross, Salvador Dali, 1951

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant:

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.

Intercessor:

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,
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.

Holy God,

Holy and strong,

Holy and immortal,

have mercy upon us.

Celebrant:

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.

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.
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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Notices

EASTER AT ST. JAMES'

Easter Eve March 30

9:00 pm The Great Vigil & First Mass of Easter - in church

Easter Day March 31:

9:00 am Liturgy at Home - on Zoom

Meeting ID: 854 9899 7549

Passcode: 236832

Phone: 778-907-2071

10:30 am Solemn Mass - in church

EASTER GIVING

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