

A Service of the Word and Prayer

Good Friday

15 April 2022 | 9.00 am, 11.00 am



Synod of the Diocese of West Malaysia

St Mary's Cathedral

Making disciples of Jesus Christ

*The Ministers enter in silence. All kneel or be seated for a time of silent prayer.
Please remain seated for the procession.*

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

(Psalm 51:17)

To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, for we
have rebelled against him and have not obeyed the voice
of the LORD our God by walking in his laws, which he set
before us.

(Daniel 9:9f)

Enter not into judgment with your servant,
for no one living is righteous before you.

(Psalm 143:2)

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are
justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption
that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a
propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.

(Romans 3:24f)

Collects

(Please stand)

**All: Almighty Father,
look with mercy on this your family
for which our Lord Jesus Christ
was content to be betrayed
and given up into the hands of sinners
and to suffer death upon the cross;
who is alive and glorified
with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.**

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 52:13-53:12

(Please be seated)

This prophecy of Isaiah was written 600 years before Christ, yet it speaks clearly of his death, and anticipates his resurrection.

¹³ Behold, my servant shall act wisely;

he shall be high and lifted up,

and shall be exalted.

¹⁴ As many were astonished at you—

his appearance was so marred, beyond human
semblance,

and his form beyond that of the children of
mankind—

¹⁵ so shall he sprinkle many nations.

Kings shall shut their mouths because of him,
for that which has not been told them they see,
and that which they have not heard they understand.

¹ Who has believed what he has heard from us?

And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

² 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,
and no beauty that we should desire him.

³ He was despised and rejected by men,
a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief;
and as one from whom men hide their faces
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

⁴ Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.

⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.

⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned—every one—to his own way;
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

⁷ He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he opened not his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he opened not his mouth.

⁸ By oppression and judgment he was taken away;
and as for his generation, who considered
that he was cut off out of the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people?

⁹ And they made his grave with the wicked
and with a rich man in his death,
although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰ Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him;
he has put him to grief;
when his soul makes an offering for guilt,
he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days;
the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

¹¹ Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be
satisfied;
by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant,
make many to be accounted righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.

¹² Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many,
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong,
because he poured out his soul to death
and was numbered with the transgressors;

yet he bore the sin of many,
and makes intercession for the transgressors.

At the end of the reading the reader says

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn: Alas and Did My Saviour Bleed

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

(Please kneel)

Alas! and did my saviour bleed,
And did my Sovereign die!
Would He devote that sacred
head For such a worm as I?

Was it for crimes that I have
done, he groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity! Grace unknown!
And love beyond degree!

Well might the sun in darkness
hide, And shut its glories in,
When God, the mighty maker,
died For his own creature's sin.

Thus might I hide my blushing
face while his dear cross appears;
dissolve my heart in thankfulness,
And melt mine eyes to tears.

But drops of tears can ne'er
repay the debt of love I owe.
Here, Lord, I give myself away;
'tis all that I can do.

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The Psalm: Psalm 22:1-18

This Psalm of David speaks of the death and resurrection of the Messiah of who David pointed forward to. At this point in the service, we read the first half of the Psalm. (Please stand for the responsive reading)

To the choirmaster: according to The Doe of the Dawn. A Psalm of David.

¹ My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?

² **O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer, and by night, but I find no rest.**

³ Yet you are holy,
enthroned on the praises of Israel.

⁴ **In you our fathers trusted;
they trusted, and you delivered them.**

⁵ To you they cried and were rescued;
in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

⁶ **But I am a worm and not a man,
scorned by mankind and despised by the people.**

⁷ All who see me mock me;
they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;

**8 “He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him;
let him rescue him, for he delights in him!”**

**9 Yet you are he who took me from the womb;
you made me trust you at my mother's breasts.**

**10 On you was I cast from my birth,
and from my mother's womb you have been my God.**

**11 Be not far from me,
for trouble is near,
and there is none to help.**

**12 Many bulls encompass me;
strong bulls of Bashan surround me;**

**13 they open wide their mouths at me,
like a ravening and roaring lion.**

**14 I am poured out like water,
and all my bones are out of joint;
my heart is like wax;
it is melted within my breast;**

**15 my strength is dried up like a potsherd,
and my tongue sticks to my jaws;
you lay me in the dust of death.**

**16 For dogs encompass me;
a company of evildoers encircles me;
they have pierced my hands and feet—**

**17 I can count all my bones—
they stare and gloat over me;**

**18 they divide my garments among them,
and for my clothing they cast lots.**

Scripture Reading: Luke 23:32-43

(Please be seated)

³² Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³ And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴ And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” And they cast lots to divide his garments. ³⁵ And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!” ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷ and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!”

⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?” ⁴¹ And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has

done nothing wrong.”⁴² And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”⁴³ And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

At the end of the reading the reader says

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All: **Thanks be to God.**

Reflection 1

Hymn: O Sacred Head

Bernard of Clairvaux 1090-1153 James W. Alexander 1804-1859

(Please kneel)

O sacred head, once wounded
With grief and pain weighed down
How scornfully surrounded
With thorns, Thine only crown!
How pale art Thou with anguish
With sore abuse and scorn!
How does that visage languish
Which once was bright as morn!

O Lord of life and glory
What bliss till now was Thine!
I read the wondrous story
I joy to call Thee mine
Thy grief and Thy compassion
Were all for sinners' gain
Mine, mine was the transgression
But Thine the deadly pain

What language shall I borrow
To praise Thee, heavenly Friend
For this, Thy dying sorrow
Thy pity without end?
Lord, make me Thine for ever
Nor let me faithless prove
O let me never, never
Abuse such dying love!

Be near me, Lord, when
dying O show Thyself to me
And for my succour flying
Come, Lord, to set me free
These eyes, new faith
receiving From Jesus shall not
move For he who dies
believing Dies safely through
Thy love

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Confession

(Please kneel)

Silence is kept for self-examination and confession of sins.

Minister: Man born of woman has but a short time to live.
Like a flower we blossom and then wither; like a
shadow we flee and never stay.

All: **Holy God**
Holy and mighty
Holy and immortal,
Have mercy upon us.

Minister: In the midst of life we are in death;
to whom can we turn for help, but to you, Lord,
who are justly angered by our sins?

All: **Holy God**
Holy and mighty
Holy and immortal,
Have mercy upon us.

Minister: Lord, you know the secrets of our hearts;
hear our prayer, O God most mighty;
Spare us, most worthy judge eternal;
at our last hour let us not fall from you,
O holy and merciful Saviour.

All: **Holy God**
Holy and mighty
Holy and immortal,
Have mercy upon us.

Minister: Lord God most holy, Lord most mighty,
O holy and most merciful Saviour,
deliver us from the bitter pain of eternal death.

All: **Holy God**
Holy and mighty
Holy and immortal,
Have mercy upon us.

Minister: Receive God's forgiveness through our Lord Jesus Christ:

He bore our griefs and carried our sorrows

He was pierced for our transgressions

Crushed for our iniquities

The punishment that brings us peace was upon him

By his wounds we are healed.

We all like sheep have gone astray

Each of us has wandered to his own way

And the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

(Isaiah 53:4-6)

All: **Amen**

Scripture Reading: Luke 23:44-49

(Please be seated)

⁴⁴ It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, ⁴⁵ while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶ Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last. ⁴⁷ Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying, "Certainly this man was innocent!" ⁴⁸ And all the crowds that had assembled for this spectacle, when they saw what had taken place, returned home beating their breasts. ⁴⁹ And all his acquaintances and the women who had followed him from Galilee stood at a distance watching these things.

At the end of the reading the reader says

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Reflection 2

Hymn: Here is Love

Words: William Rees & William Williams, Music: Robert Lowry, 1876

Here is love, vast as the ocean,
Loving kindness as the flood,
When the Prince of Life, our Ransom,
Shed for us His precious blood.
Who His love will not remember?
Who can cease to sing His praise?
He can never be forgotten,
Throughout Heav'n's eternal days.

On the mount of crucifixion,
Fountains opened deep and wide;
Through the floodgates of God's mercy
Flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Grace and love, like mighty rivers,
Poured incessant from above,
And Heav'n's peace and perfect justice
Kissed a guilty world in love.

Let me all Thy love accepting,
Love Thee, ever all my days;
Let me seek Thy kingdom only
And my life be to Thy praise;
Thou alone shalt be my glory,
Nothing in the world I see.
Thou hast cleansed and sanctified me,
Thou Thyself hast set me free.

In Thy truth Thou dost direct me
By Thy Spirit through Thy Word;
And Thy grace my need is meeting,
As I trust in Thee, my Lord.
Of Thy fullness Thou art pouring
Thy great love and power on me,
Without measure, full and boundless,
Drawing out my heart to Thee.

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Acclamations

(Please stand)

Minister: You are worthy, O Lamb, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and nation; you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God.

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

**To him who loves us
and has freed us from our sins by his blood,
and made us a kingdom of priests
to stand and serve before our God;
All to him who sits
upon the throne and to the Lamb
be praise and honour, glory and might,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 10:15-25

(Please be seated)

¹⁵ And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying,

¹⁶ “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds,”

¹⁷ then he adds,

“I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

¹⁸ Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

¹⁹ Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near 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. ²³ Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

At the end of the reading the reader says

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All: **Thanks be to God.**

Reflection 3

The Psalm: Psalm 22:19-31

We continue reading this Psalm of David that anticipated the Messiah's death. In the second half of the Psalm, God rescues him in response his prayers, anticipating the resurrection. This shall be proclaimed all over the word, from generation to generation. (Please stand for the responsive reading)

¹⁹ But you, O LORD, do not be far off!

O you my help, come quickly to my aid!

²⁰ **Deliver my soul from the sword,**

my precious life from the power of the dog!

²¹ Save me from the mouth of the lion!

You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!

²² **I will tell of your name to my brothers;**

in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:

²³ You who fear the LORD, praise him!

All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him,

and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

²⁴ **For he has not despised or abhorred**

the affliction of the afflicted,

and he has not hidden his face from him,

but has heard, when he cried to him.

²⁵ From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will perform before those who fear him.

²⁶ **The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek him shall praise the LORD!
May your hearts live forever!**

²⁷ All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the LORD,
and all the families of the nations
shall worship before you.

²⁸ **For kingship belongs to the LORD,
and he rules over the nations.**

²⁹ All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,
even the one who could not keep himself alive.

³⁰ **Posterity shall serve him;
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;**

³¹ they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a
people yet unborn,
that he has done it.

Prayers

(Please kneel or be seated)

Minister: God sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Therefore, we pray to our heavenly Father for people everywhere according to their needs.

Minister: Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is
governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer
for all your faithful people;
that in their vocation and ministry
each may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your Name:
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

All: **Amen.**

Minister: Most gracious God and Father,
in whose will is our peace:
turn our hearts and the hearts of all to yourself,
that by the power of your Spirit
the peace which is founded on justice
may be established throughout the world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Minister: Merciful God,
creator of all the people of the earth,
have compassion on those who do not know you,
and by the preaching of your Gospel with grace
and power,
gather them into the one fold of the one
Shepherd, Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Minister: Almighty and everlasting God,
the comfort of the sad, the strength of those who
suffer;
hear the prayers of your children who cry out of
any trouble:
and to every distressed soul grant mercy, relief,
and refreshment,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Minister: Let us commend ourselves and all God's children
to his unfailing love,
and pray for the grace of a holy life,
that, with all who have died in the peace of Christ,
we may come to the fullness of eternal life
and the joy of the resurrection.

Minister: Merciful Father,

All: **accept these prayers,
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Minister: Let us pray for the coming of the kingdom in the words our Saviour taught us:

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.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Hymn: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Isaac Watts 1674-1748

(Please remain kneeling)

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 cross 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.

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Closing Prayer

Minister: Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of your Son
Jesus Christ delivered and saved mankind:
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the
cross,
we may triumph in the power of his victory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: **Amen.**

The ministers depart in silence. All kneel for a time of silent prayer.

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