



# St Paul's Cathedral

*Together transforming our City and Diocese*

## The Liturgy of Good Friday

10 April 2020 • 9am

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### WELCOME

*Wominjeka* means 'Welcome' in Woiwurrung, a language of the Kulin nation, on whose land this Cathedral stands. We acknowledge and pay our respects to their elders past, present and emerging and to Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders with us today.

St Paul's is home to worshippers from more than two dozen nations, and home church for Anglicans in Melbourne and Victoria. We are delighted that you have joined us this morning: you are most welcome to worship with us again.

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### ABOUT THIS SERVICE

In our worship we remember the crucifixion of Jesus, and his death on the cross. At the heart of our worship stands the singing of the Passion according to St John. As we consider the cost of our salvation by the self-giving of Jesus on the cross, in preaching and prayer, a wooden cross is situated in front of the Altar Table.

Later we will share bread and the cup of wine to give thanks that Christ's own body was broken on the cross for our salvation, and that his blood was shed so that the sins of the whole world may be forgiven.

## ORDER OF SERVICE

*The ministers enter in silence and all kneel for a time of silent prayer.*

*The clergy stand and the Dean prays the Collect:*

Let us pray.

Almighty Father, look with mercy on this your family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was willing 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 ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

### THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 52.13–53.12

Behold, 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 the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*The Cantors sing*

PSALM 22.1 - 21

Plainsong

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me:  
why are you so far from helping me  
and from the words of my groaning?  
My God, I cry to you by day, but you do not answer:  
and by night also I take no rest.  
But you continue holy:  
you that are the praise of Israel.  
In you our forebears trusted:  
they trusted, and you delivered them;  
To you they cried and they were saved:  
they put their trust in you and were not confounded.  
But as for me, I am a worm and no man:  
the scorn of all and despised by the people.  
Those that see me laugh me to scorn:  
they shoot out their lips at me  
and wag their heads, saying,  
'He trusted in the Lord – let him deliver him:  
let him deliver him, if he delights in him.'  
But you are he that took me out of the womb:  
that brought me to lie at peace on my mother's breast.  
On you have I been cast since my birth:  
you are my God, even from my mother's womb.  
O go not from me, for trouble is hard at hand:  
and there is none to help.  
Many oxen surround me:  
fat bulls of Bashan close me in on every side.  
They gape wide their mouths at me:  
like lions that roar and rend.  
I am poured out like water,  
and all my bones are out of joint:  
my heart within my breast is like melting wax.

My mouth is dried up like a potsherd:  
and my tongue clings to my gums.  
My hands and my feet are withered:  
and you lay me in the dust of death.  
For many dogs are come about me:  
and a band of evildoers hem me in.  
I can count all my bones:  
they stand staring and gazing upon me.  
They part my garments among them:  
and cast lots for my clothing.  
O Lord, do not stand far off:  
you are my helper, hasten to my aid.  
Deliver my body from the sword:  
my life from the power of the dogs.

THE SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1.18-31

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.'

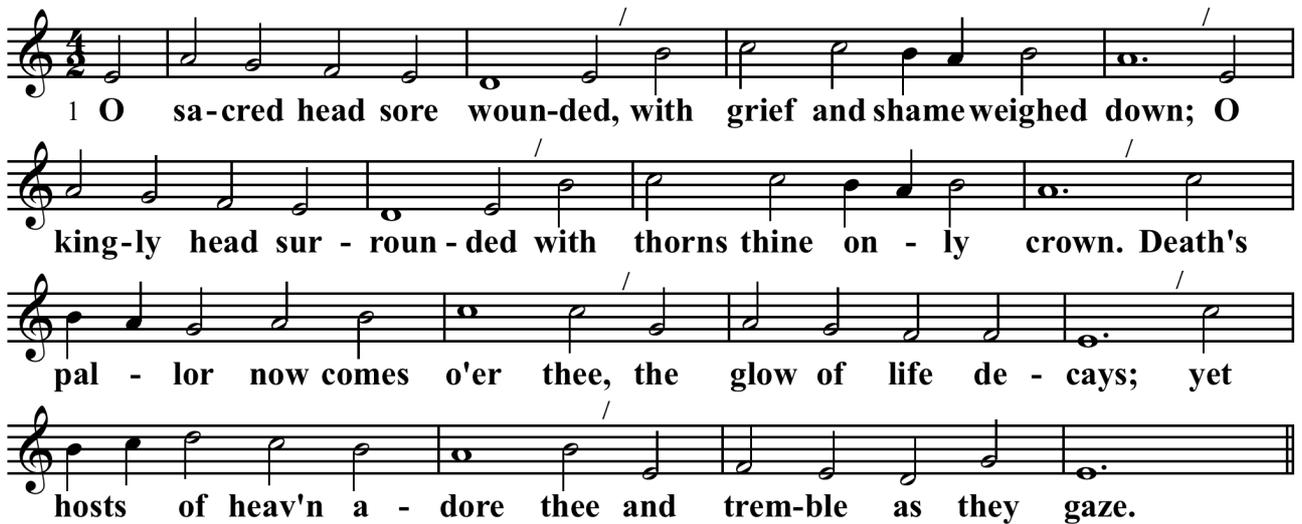
Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, 'Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.'

Hear the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand to sing*

THE GRADUAL HYMN



1 O sa-cred head sore woun-ded, with grief and shameweighed down; O  
king-ly head sur - roun - ded with thorns thine on - ly crown. Death's  
pal - lor now comes o'er thee, the glow of life de - cays; yet  
hosts of heav'n a - dore thee and trem-ble as they gaze.

2  
What language shall I borrow  
to praise thee, heavenly friend,  
for this thy dying sorrow,  
thy pity without end?  
O agony and dying!  
O love to sinners free!  
Jesus, all grace supplying,  
turn thou thy face on me.

3  
In this thy bitter Passion,  
good Shepherd, think of me  
with thy most sweet compassion,  
unworthy though I be:  
beneath thy cross abiding  
for ever would I rest,  
in thy dear love confiding,  
and with thy presence blessed.

4  
Be thou my consolation,  
my shield, when I must die;  
remind me of thy Passion,  
when my last hour draws nigh.  
My eyes shall then behold thee,  
upon thy cross shall dwell,  
my heart by faith enfold thee;  
who dieth thus, dies well.

Paul Gerhardt (1607-76), trans. James Waddell Alexander (1804-59)  
*Australian Hymn Book 255*

*Remain standing, if able, for*

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE PASSION

*The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John (Chapter 19.1-37, NRSV)  
is sung to a plainsong setting*

*Following the Proclamation of the Passion, silence is kept.*

*Silence is kept. Then please stand to sing*

THE HYMN

*During the hymn preparations for the Proclamation of the Cross are made and a collection is received to support the ministry of this Cathedral.*

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous Cross on which the  
Prince of Glo - ry died, — my rich - est gain I  
count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all — my pride.

2  
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.

3  
See from his head, his hands, his feet,  
sorrow and love flow mingling down;  
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose so rich a crown.

4  
Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were an offering far too small:  
love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748) alt.  
*Hymns Ancient and Modern Revised* 108

*Please sit or kneel for*

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE CROSS

*The Precentor proclaims:*

Behold the wood of the Cross on which was hung the Saviour of the world.  
**Come, let us worship him.**

*Silence is kept.*

*Ministers pray in silence at the foot of the cross.*

## THE GREAT INTERCESSIONS

*The Dean introduces the prayers:*

God sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Therefore let us pray for people everywhere according to their needs.

*For the church*

In peace let us pray for the holy Church of God throughout the world that God the almighty Father will guide and gather it together in peace and tranquillity:

*Silent prayer*

God of compassion, you have shown your glory to all nations in Christ your Son: guide the work of your Church, help it to persevere in faith, to proclaim your Name, and to bring your salvation to all people. **Amen.**

*For all clergy and people*

Let us pray for all bishops, priests and deacons, especially for Philip, our Primate and Archbishop, and Andreas, our Dean. For all men and women who have a special ministry in the Church, for those preparing for baptism and confirmation, and for all God's people:

*Silent prayer*

God of compassion, by your Holy Spirit you teach your Church and make us holy: help each of us to do your work more faithfully. **Amen.**

*For Christian unity*

Let us pray for all who share our faith in Christ, that God may gather and keep together in one community all those who sincerely seek the truth:

*Silent prayer*

God of compassion, by our baptism you have made us one with Christ in the life of his Church: make us one with each other in faith, and love, and service. **Amen.**

*For all who seek after Christ*

Let us pray for all who seek after Christ, that the light of the Holy Spirit may show them the way to salvation:

*Silent prayer*

God of compassion, whose Son was lifted up from the earth to draw all people to himself: may all who long to find you, and, in you, find their peace, come to acknowledge you as the maker and redeemer of us all. **Amen.**

*For all in Public Office*

Let us pray for all who serve in public office, that God may guide their minds and hearts so that all may live in peace and freedom.

*Silent prayer*

God of compassion, you know the longings of our hearts and you desire justice for all: guide those in authority, that people everywhere may enjoy, and rightly use, freedom, security, and peace. **Amen.**

*For any in Special Need*

Let us pray that the God, from whom all tenderness and healing flows, may heal the sick, comfort the dying, give safety to travellers, free those unjustly deprived of liberty, and rid the world of falsehood, hunger, and disease:

*Silent prayer*

God of compassion, you give strength to the weary and new courage to those who have lost heart: have mercy on all who are in trouble, that they may know the joy of receiving your help in their hour of need. **Amen.**

*The Dean concludes the prayers:*

Let us commit ourselves to God, and pray for the grace of a holy life, that, with all who have departed this world and have died in the peace of Christ and those whose faith is known to God alone, we may be counted worthy to enter into the fullness of the joy of our Lord, and receive the crown of life in the day of resurrection. We make our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*During the hymn, the Table is covered with a linen cloth. Consecrated bread and wine reserved at yesterday's Maundy Thursday service are brought to the Table.*

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1 And now, O Fa-ther, mind-ful of the love that bought us, once for  
all, on Cal-vary's Tree, and hav-ing with us him that pleads a - bove, we  
here pre-sent, we here spread forth to thee that on - ly Of-fering  
per-fect in thine eyes, the one, true, pure, im - mor-tal Sa - cri - fice.

2

Look, Father, look on his anointed face,  
and only look on us as found in him;  
look not on our misusings of thy grace,  
our prayer so languid, and our faith so dim:  
for lo, between our sins and their reward  
we set the Passion of thy Son our Lord.

3

And then for those, our dearest and our best,  
by this prevailing Presence we appeal:  
O fold them closer to thy mercy's breast,  
O do thine utmost for their souls' true weal;  
from tainting mischief keep them pure and clear,  
and crown thy gifts with strength to persevere.

4

And so we come: O draw us to thy feet,  
most patient Saviour, who canst love us still;  
and by this food, so awful and so sweet,  
deliver us from every touch of ill:  
in thine own service make us glad and free,  
and grant us never more to part with thee.

William Bright (1824–1901)  
*Hymns Ancient and Modern Revised* 397ii

*The Dean leads*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Standing at the foot of the cross, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we pray, each in the language of our hearts:

**Notre Père..., Padre nuestro..., Vater unser..., 我們在天上的父 ...,**

**हे हमारे स्वरगिक पिता..., Bapa kami..., E to matou Matua..., 天の父よ ...,**

**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.**

## THE INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

## FINAL GOSPEL AND PRAYER

*The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John (Chapter 19.38-42, NRSV)*

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

*Clergy and people depart in silence.*

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