

**“Christ became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.  
Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the  
name which is above every name.”**

**(Philippians 2:8-9)**

*Please stand as the clergy enter in silence.*

### **The Ministry of the Word**

**Celebrant:** All we like sheep have gone astray;  
we have turned every one to his own way.

**People:** **And the Lord laid on him  
the iniquity of us all.**

**Celebrant:** Christ the Lord became obedient unto death,  
**People:** **Even death on a cross.**

*Silence may be kept.*

**Celebrant:** Almighty God,  
**All:** **our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned  
in thought 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.**

### **The Collect of the Day**

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

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

**Celebrant:** 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. **Amen.**

### **The Readings**

First Reading Isaiah 52:13; 53:1-9

Gail Sulpher

### **Hymn (CP 386)**

Rockingham

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?

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.

**The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.**

(John 18:1-19:42)

*Those asked to read the Passion come forward  
and stand at the front of the church.*

**Sermon** “Famous Last Words: The Word of Victory” The Rector

**Offertory Hymn** (CP 202)

Horsley

There is a green hill far away,  
outside a city wall,  
where the dear Lord was crucified  
who died to save us all.

We may not know, we cannot tell,  
what pains He had to bear;  
but we believe it was for us  
he hung and suffered there.

He died that we might be forgiven,  
he died to make us good,  
that we might go at last to heaven,  
saved by His precious blood.

There was no other good enough  
to pay the price of sin,  
he only could unlock the gate  
of heaven, and let us in.

O dearly, dearly has He loved,  
and we must love Him too,  
and trust in His redeeming blood,  
and try His works to do.

**The Solemn Intercession**

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.  
Let us pray.

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 Charlie, our bishop,  
and all the people of this diocese,  
for all Christians in this community,  
for those about to be baptized,  
and for all people, as they seek to live out their baptismal  
covenant,

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. **Amen.**

Let us pray for all nations and peoples of the earth,  
and for those in authority among them:

for Elizabeth our Queen and all the Royal Family,  
for Justin Trudeau the Prime Minister  
and for the government of this country,  
for Kathleen Wynne the Premier of this province  
and the members of the legislature,  
for Bryan Paterson the Mayor of this municipality  
and those who serve with him on the city council,  
for Police Officers, Fire Fighters,  
and 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. **Amen.**

Let us pray for all who suffer  
and are afflicted in body, mind, or spirit:

for the hungry and homeless,  
the destitute and the oppressed,  
an all who suffer persecution or prejudice,  
for the sick, the wounded, and the handicapped,  
for those in loneliness, fear, and anguish,  
for those who face temptation, doubt, and despair,  
for the sorrowful and bereaved,  
for prisoners and captives  
and those in mortal danger,

that God in his 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. **Amen.**

Let us pray for all  
who have not received the gospel of Christ:

for all who have not heard the words of salvation,  
for all who have lost their faith,  
for all whose sin has made them indifferent to Christ,  
for all who actively oppose Christ by word or deed,  
for all who are enemies of the cross of Christ,  
and persecutors of his 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,  
creator of the peoples of the earth and lover of souls,  
have compassion on all who do not know you  
as you are revealed in your Son Jesus Christ.  
Let your gospel be preached with grace and power  
to those who have not heard it,

turn the hearts of those who resist it,  
and bring home to your fold those who have gone astray;  
that there may be one flock under one shepherd,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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 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 tranquility 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. **Amen.**

### **Meditation on the Cross**

*A wooden cross is carried into the church and placed on the altar.*

**Celebrant:** This is the wood of the cross,  
on which hung the Saviour of the world.  
**People:** **Come let us worship.**

*The Celebrant continues and the people respond;*

It is nothing to you, all you who pass by?  
Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow  
which was brought upon me,  
which the Lord inflicted on the day of his fierce anger.  
**Holy God, holy and mighty,  
holy and immortal one, have mercy upon us.**

O my people, O my Church,  
what have I done to you,  
or in what have I offended you?  
Testify against me.  
I led you forth from the land of Egypt,  
and delivered you by the waters of baptism,  
but you have prepared a cross for your Saviour.  
**Holy God, holy and mighty,  
holy and immortal one, have mercy upon us.**

I led you through the desert forty years,  
and fed you with manna.  
I brought you through tribulation and penitence,  
and gave you my body, the bread of heaven,  
but you have prepared a cross for your Saviour.  
**Holy God, holy and mighty,  
holy and immortal one, have mercy upon us.**

What more could I have done for you  
that I have not done?  
I planted you, my chosen and fairest vineyard,  
I made you the branches of my vine;  
but when I was thirsty, you gave me vinegar to drink,  
and pierced with a spear the side of your Saviour.  
**Holy God, holy and mighty,  
holy and immortal one, have mercy upon us.**

I went before you in a pillar of cloud,  
and you have led me to the judgement hall of Pilate.  
I scourged your enemies and brought you to a land of freedom,

but you have scourged, mocked, and beaten me.  
I gave you the water of salvation from the rock,  
but you have given me gall and left me to thirst.

**Holy God, holy and mighty,  
holy and immortal one, have mercy upon us.**

I gave you a royal sceptre,  
and bestowed the keys to the kingdom,  
but you have given me a crown of thorns.  
I raised you high with great power,  
but you hanged me on the cross.

**Holy God, holy and mighty,  
holy and immortal one, have mercy upon us.**

My peace I gave, which the world cannot give,  
and washed your feet as a sign of my love,  
but you draw the sword to strike in my name,  
and seek the high places in my kingdom.  
I offered you my body and blood,  
but you scatter and deny and abandon me.

**Holy God, holy and mighty,  
holy and immortal one, have mercy upon us.**

I sent forth the Spirit of truth to guide you,  
and you close your hearts to the Counsellor.  
I pray that all may be as one in the Father and me,  
but you continue to quarrel and divide.  
I call you to go and bring forth fruit,  
but you cast lots for my clothing.

**Holy God, holy and mighty,  
holy and immortal one, have mercy upon us.**

I grafted you into the tree of my chosen Israel,  
and you turned on them with persecution and mass murder.  
I made you joint heirs with them of my covenants,  
but you made them scapegoats for your own guilt.

**Holy God, holy and mighty,  
holy and immortal one, have mercy upon us.**

I came to you as the least of your brothers and sisters;  
I was hungry and you gave me no food,  
I was thirsty and you gave me no drink,  
I was a stranger and you did not welcome me,  
naked and you did not clothe me,  
sick and in prison and you did not visit me.

**Holy God, holy and mighty,  
holy and immortal one, have mercy upon us.**

O Saviour of the world,  
by your cross and precious blood you have redeemed us.  
**Save us and help us, we humbly pray, O Lord.**

*The community prays in silence.*

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

Celebrant: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are  
bold to pray,

**All: 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.**

**Closing Prayer**

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 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. **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn (CP 198)**

O Sacred Head surrounded  
by crown of piercing thorn!  
O royal head, so wounded,  
reviled and put to scorn,  
death's shadows rise before you,  
the glow of life decays,  
yet angel-hosts adore you,  
and tremble as they gaze.

Your youthfulness and vigour,  
are spent, your strength is gone,  
and in your tortured figure  
I see death drawing on:  
what agony of dying,  
what love, to sinners free!  
My Lord, all grace supplying,  
O turn your face on me!

Your sinless soul's oppression  
was all for sinners' gain;  
mine, mine was the transgression,  
but yours the deadly pain:  
I bow my head, my Saviour,  
for I deserve your place;  
O grant to me your favour,  
and heal me by your grace.

## Passion Chorale

What language shall I borrow  
to thank you, dearest friend,  
for this your dying sorrow,  
your mercy without end?  
Lord, make me yours forever:  
your servant let me be,  
and may I never, never  
betray your love for me.

*The clergy and congregation leave in silence.*

**The Day of Resurrection: Easter Sunday**

**Sunday, March 27, 2016**

10:00 AM - Holy Communion with Children's Program