

CHRIST CHURCH CRANBROOK



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THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY

SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2020
FIVE O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING

SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2020
TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING

Welcome to Christ Church Cranbrook

We are delighted you have come to worship with us today. We seek to meet you, know you, and bring you more deeply into our life and ministry as a diverse and dynamic faith community. If you are visiting us or our “Church at Home” website for the first time, please help us to get to know you by introducing yourself and by filling out a Welcome Card found in your pew rack or online registration at www.christchurchcranbrook.org. If you are looking for a church home, there is a place for you here!

THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME

The people stand.

OPENING ANTHEM

Officiant Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord:

People **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

The Officiant says

We praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

KYRIE

New Plainsong, David Hurd (b. 1950)

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

The people sit.

THE LESSON

ISAIAH 50: 4-9a

Lector A Reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah.

The Lord God has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens—
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.
The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.
I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.
The Lord God helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
It is the Lord God who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GRADUAL: PSALM 31: 9-16 *In te, Domine, speravi*

The psalm is said responsively.

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow,
and also my throat and my belly.

**For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.**

I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors,
a dismay to those of my acquaintance;
when they see me in the street they avoid me.

**I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind;
I am as useless as a broken pot.**

For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around;
they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

**But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord.
I have said, "You are my God.**

My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

**Make your face to shine upon your servant,
and in your loving-kindness save me."**

THE EPISTLE

PHILIPPIANS 2: 5-11

Lector A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death
—even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted.

The people sit for the first part of the Passion. At the verse which mentions the arrival at Golgotha, all stand.

THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 27: 11-54

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You say so." But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?" But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?" For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him." Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" All of them said, "Let him be crucified!" Then he asked, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!"

So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." Then the people as a whole answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him,

they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. **And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull)**, they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, “This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.”

Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, “You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.” In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, “He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, ‘I am God’s Son.’” The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o’clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, “This man is calling for Elijah.” At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.” Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, “Truly this man was God’s Son!”

Deeper Still

by David Wilcox

In the tears you gave to me
I found a river to an ocean
A concrete sky and a stone cold sea
That came to where the emptiness cracked open.

Then all my fears came crashing through
And met the fire of my sorrow,
But I found my strength in forgiving you;
I never even dreamed how far my heart could go.

To give my life beyond each death
From this deeper well of trust
To know that when there's nothing left
You will always have what you gave to love.

In this life the love you give
Becomes the only lasting treasure,
So that what you lose will be what you win
A well that echoes down too deep to measure.

A silver coin rings down that well;
You can never spend too much;
A diamond echoes deeper still;
You will always have what you gave to love,
You will always have what you gave to love.

The people stand.

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Officiant In our Affirmation of Faith, our response will be, “We believe and trust in God.”

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

People **We believe and trust in God.**

Officiant Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

People **We believe and trust in God.**

Officiant Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

People **We believe and trust in God.**

Officiant This is the faith of the Church.

People **This is our faith.**
We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Officiant In penitence and faith let us make our prayer to God our Creator,
asking for mercy and grace.

The Leader begins.

For your holy people,
that they may triumph over evil and grow in grace,
we pray to you, O Lord:
Lord, hear our prayer.

For the leaders of the nations,
especially Donald, our president, and Gretchen, our governor,
that you will guide them in the ways of mercy and truth,
we pray to you, O Lord:
Lord, hear our prayer.

For the needy,
that they may not be forgotten, especially those burdened financially by this pandemic,
nor the hope of the poor be taken away,
we pray to you, O Lord:
Lord, hear our prayer.

For the sick in body, mind and spirit;
for their doctors, nurses, and caretakers, especially those on the front lines the
COVID-19 pandemic;
for all those afraid and alone, and for those who mourn;
that they may know your comfort in anxiety, your strength in crisis,
and your power to heal;
we pray to you, O Lord:
Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who have asked for our prayers, especially for Mary Barnes, Ian Bass,
Bill Bolle, Shannon Bongers, Rachel Canavesio, Douglas Clark, Ovidiu Creanga,
Michael W. R. Davis, Rebecca DeMovellan, Kent Gamble, Heather Halls,
Charlie Hammond, Mannie Herdade, Ryan Hoshaw, Chris Johnson, Maria Kosmas,
Karen Martin, Arnold Matthews, Gene Muenchausen, Geoff Moore, Lidiya Nesterova,
Richard Patterson, Sarah Whitfield, Missy Williams, Eula Mae Zollicoffer, Ella, Kim,
Maggie, Mike, Reggie, Robert, and Villoo;
we pray to you, O Lord:
Lord, hear our prayer.

For what and for whom are you praying at home?

Silence as we offer prayers silently and aloud.

we pray to you, O Lord:
Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who have died, especially for Robert Beaupre, Michael Carmichael,
Manly Cox, Stuart Jeske, Verdell Kaigler, James McLernon, Adam Schlesinger,
Mark Schuette, Lynn Solner, Joyce Turland, Beverly Anne Williams, and Ellis Williams;
that they may inherit the kingdom of heaven
and see you face to face,
we pray to you, O Lord:
Lord, hear our prayer.

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

Silence

Officiant O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of
your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help;
for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and
Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Officiant Jesus says: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OFFERTORY

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HYMN



1. Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you
2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you
3. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you



1. there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh!
2. there when they nailed him to the tree? Oh!
3. there when they laid him in the tomb? Oh!



1-3. Some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.



1. Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
3. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

The people stand.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Officiant says

Blessed are you, Lord our God.
How sweet are your words to the taste,
sweeter than honey to the mouth.
How precious are your commands for our life,
more than the finest gold in our hands.
How marvellous is your will for the world,
unending is your love for the nations.
Our voices shall sing of your promises
and our lips declare your praise.
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray in the words our Savior gave us:
**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, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

A PRAYER OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

**Almighty God,
you have given us grace at this time with one accord
to make our common supplication to you;
and you have promised through your well-beloved Son
that when two or three are gathered together in his Name
you will be in the midst of them:
Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us;
granting us in this world knowledge of your truth,
and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

The Officiant blesses the people saying,

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Officiant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The service ends in silence.

The Prayers of the People are adapted from *Common Worship* Lenten prayers.

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