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# Good Friday

The Meditation on the Cross  
A Service of the Word

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## **Land Acknowledgement**

*St. Albans gathers on the unceded territory  
of the Algonquin Anishnaabeg people.*

*We enter in silence.*

## **The Ministry of the Word**

All we like sheep have gone astray;  
we have turned everyone to their own way  
**And the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.**

Christ the Lord became obedient unto death,  
**Even death on a cross**

*Silence*

Most merciful God  
**we have sinned in thought and 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 Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

*We pray silently*

Crucified Saviour, naked God,  
**You hang disgraced and powerless.**  
**Grieving, we dare to hope, as we wait at the cross  
with your mother and your friend.**  
**Hear this prayer for your love's sake. Amen.**

## **The First Reading: Isaiah 52:13-53:12**

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 22**

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me  
and are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress?

**O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer;  
by night as well, but I find no rest.**

Yet you are the Holy One,  
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.

**Our ancestors put their trust in you;  
they trusted, and you delivered them.**

They cried out to you and were delivered;  
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.

**But as for me, I am a worm and not human,  
scorned by all and despised by the people.**

All who see me laugh me to scorn;  
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,  
**“You trusted in the Lord; let the Lord deliver you;  
let God rescue you, if God delights in you.”**

Yet you are the one who took me out of the womb,  
and kept me safe upon my mother’s breast.

**I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born;  
you were my God when I was still in my mother’s womb.**

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

**Many young bulls encircle me;  
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.**

They open wide their jaws at me,  
like a ravening and a roaring lion.

**I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint;  
my heart within my breast is melting wax.**

My mouth is dried out like a potsherd;  
my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;  
and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.

**Packs of dogs close me in  
and gangs of evildoers circle around me;  
they pierce my hands and my feet.**

I can count all my bones while they stare and gloat over me.  
**They divide my garments among them;  
they cast lots for my clothing.**

Be not far away, O Lord;  
you are my strength; hasten to help me.  
**Save me from the sword,  
my life from the power of the dog.**

Save me from the lion's mouth,  
my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.  
**I will declare your name to my kindred;  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.**

Praise the Lord, you that fear God;  
stand in awe of God, O offspring of Israel;  
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.  
**For God does not despise  
nor abhor the poor in their poverty;  
neither turns away from them;  
when they cry to the Lord, they are heard.**

My praise is of God in the great assembly;  
I will perform my vows  
in the presence of those who worship the Lord.

**The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the Lord shall give praise:  
“May your heart live for ever!”**

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before God.

**For sovereignty belongs to the Lord,  
who rules over the nations.**

To God alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship;  
all who go down to the dust fall before God.

**My soul shall live for God;  
my descendants shall serve God;  
they shall be known as the Lord’s for ever.**

They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn  
the saving deeds that God has done.

### **The Second Reading—Hebrews 10:16-25**

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Little Things with Great Love**

*Madison Cunningham, Audrey Assad*

In the garden of our Savior, no flower grows unseen;  
His kindness rains like water on every humble seed.  
No simple act of mercy escapes Your watchful eye —  
for there is One who loves me: Her hand is over mine.

In the kingdom of the heavens, no suff’ring is unknown;  
each tear that falls is holy, each breaking heart is known.  
There is a song of beauty on ev’ry weeping eye —  
for there is One who loves me: His heart, it breaks with mine.

Oh, the deeds forgotten; oh, the works unseen,  
every drink of water flowing graciously,  
every tender mercy, You're making glorious.  
This You have asked us: do little things with great love,  
little things with great love.

At the table of our Savior, no mouth will go unfed;  
Your children in the shadows stream in and raise their heads.  
Oh give us ears to hear them and give us eyes that see —  
for there is One who loves them: I am Your hands and feet.

### **The Gospel (John 18.1 – 19.42)**

*The term 'the Jews' in St. John's Gospel applies to particular individuals and not to the whole Jewish people.*

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*The Gospel is proclaimed*

### **Homily**

*Rev. Jonathan Askwith*

### **The Times They Are A-Changin' | Bob Dylan**

Come gather 'round people  
Wherever you roam  
And admit that the waters  
Around you have grown  
And accept it that soon  
You'll be drenched to the bone  
If your time to you is worth savin'  
And you better start swimmin'  
Or you'll sink like a stone  
For the times they are a-changin'

Come writers and critics  
Who prophesize with your pen  
And keep your eyes wide  
The chance won't come again  
And don't speak too soon  
For the wheel's still in spin  
And there's no tellin' who  
That it's namin'  
For the loser now  
Will be later to win  
For the times they are a-changin'

Come senators, congressmen  
Please heed the call  
Don't stand in the doorway  
Don't block up the hall  
For he that gets hurt  
Will be he who has stalled  
The battle outside ragin'  
Will soon shake your windows  
And rattle your walls  
For the times they are a-changin'

Come mothers and fathers  
Throughout the land  
And don't criticize  
What you can't understand  
Your sons and your daughters  
Are beyond your command  
Your old road is rapidly agin'  
Please get out of the new one  
If you can't lend your hand  
For the times they are a-changin'

The line it is drawn  
The curse it is cast  
The slow one now  
Will later be fast  
As the present now  
Will later be past  
The order is rapidly fadin'  
And the first one now  
Will later be last  
For the times they are a-changin'

### **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 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 Shane our bishop,  
and all the people of this diocese,  
for all Christians in this community,  
for those about to be baptized  
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 the Prime Minister  
and for the government of this country,  
for Doug the premier of this province  
and the members of the legislature,  
for Jim the mayor of this city  
and those who serve with him on the city council,  
for 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 or in mind:  
for the hungry and homeless, the destitute and the oppressed,  
and 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 her mercy will comfort and relieve them,  
and grant them the knowledge of her 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.**

*Silence*

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 into 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 tranquillity 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 of Jesus**

This is the wood of the cross,  
on which hung the Saviour of the world.

**Come let us worship.**

Is it 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 judgment 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 on high with great power,  
but you have 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 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 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 kindred;  
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 beseech you, O Lord.**

May God be merciful to us and bless us,  
show us the light of his countenance, and come to us.

**Let your ways be known upon the earth,  
your saving health among all nations.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.

**We glory in your cross, O Lord,  
and praise and glorify your holy resurrection;  
for by virtue of your cross  
joy has come to the whole world.**

### **Great Is Thy Faithfulness- Latifah Alattas**

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, Creator  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not  
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love

Mercy and love

Great is Thy faithfulness  
Great is Thy faithfulness  
Morning by morning new mercies we see  
Amidst the pain of this world you breathe with us  
Unfailing faithfulness dwelling so near

Dwelling so near

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide  
Strength for today and the same for tomorrow  
Blessings for all, Christ within us resound

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

*Please feel free to use the language and words of your choice*

**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 for ever. Amen.**

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 the resurrection.  
Grant them pardon; bring them comfort.  
May their faith grow stronger and their eternal salvation be assured.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*We depart in silence.*

## **Holy Week and Easter at St. Albans Church**

Holy Saturday, April 3, 11am, [Zoom](#) and [Livestream](#)

Easter Sunday, April 4, 10am [Livestream](#), Holy Eucharist

## **St. Alban's Worship**

*St. Albans worships via Livestream every Sunday, with a 10am morning service at [www.facebook.com/saintalbans](http://www.facebook.com/saintalbans).*

*We also have a **French-language service** every Sunday at 12h00 at [www.facebook.com/CommunauteStBernard](http://www.facebook.com/CommunauteStBernard).*

*To participate in our mid-week activities – morning and evening prayer, bible study, coffee hours, yoga and more – please email [rev.mark@stalbanschurch.ca](mailto:rev.mark@stalbanschurch.ca) to get connected.*

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