

April 10, 2020

The Rev. George Adamik, Celebrant The Rev. J. Carr Holland III, Homilist

# Silent Meditation

Please rise as the procession enters in silence.

**BCP 276** Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be our God. For ever and ever. Amen. People

# Collect of the Day

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold 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.

# First Reading

Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12

A Reading from Isaiah.

See, 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord. People Thanks be to God.

**Psalm** 

Psalm 22: 1-11 Cantor, Russell McKinney



- 1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? \* and are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress?
- 2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; \* by night as well, but I find no rest.
- 3 Yet you are the Holy One. \* enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
- Our forefathers put their trust in vou: \* 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 no man, \* scorned by all and despised by the people.
- 7 All who see me laugh me to scorn; \* they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,
- 8 " He trusted in the Lord: let him deliver him: \* let him rescue him, if he delights in him."
- 9 Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, \* and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.
- 10 I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; \* you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.
- 11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near, \* and there is none to help.

# **Second Reading**

Hebrews 10:16-25

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Hebrews.

The Holy Spirit testifies saying,

"This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds,"

he also adds.

"I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."

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

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach 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. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Reader The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God. People

All who are able, stand.

Ah, Holy Jesus Gradual Verses 1 and 4 Hymn 158



Please be seated.

# The Gospel

John 18:1 - 19:42

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Narrator Jesus went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to a place where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples. So Judas brought a detachment of soldiers together with police from the chief priests and the Pharisees, and they came there with lanterns and torches and weapons. Then Jesus, knowing all that was to happen to him, came forward and asked them.

Whom are you looking for? Jesus

Narrator They answered,

Jesus of Nazareth. Soldier

Narrator Jesus replied,

I am he. Jesus

Narrator Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. When Jesus said to them, "I am he," they stepped back and fell to the ground. Again

Jesus asked them.

Whom are you looking for? Jesus

Narrator And they said,

Soldier Jesus of Nazareth.

Narrator Jesus answered,

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I told you that I am he. So if you are looking for me, let these men go. Narrator (This was to fulfill what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.) Narrator This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken, Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and I did not lose a single one of those whom you gave me. asked him. Narrator Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest's Pilate Are you the King of the Jews? slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave's name was Malchus. Jesus said to Peter, Narrator Jesus answered, Put your sword back into its sheath. Am I not to drink the cup that the Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me? Jesus Father has given me? Narrator Pilate replied, Narrator So the soldiers, their officer, and the Jewish police arrested Jesus and I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handbound him. First they took him to Annas, who was the father-in-law of ed you over to me. What have you done? Caiaphas, the high priest that year. Caiaphas was the one who had Narrator Jesus answered, advised the Jews that it was better to have one person die for the peo-My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, ple. my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Since that disciple the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here. was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of Narrator Pilate asked him, the high priest, but Peter was standing outside at the gate. So the other Pilate So you are a king? disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in. Narrator Jesus answered, You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into The woman said to Peter, the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth lis-You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you? Guard tens to my voice. Narrator Peter said, Narrator Pilate asked him, Peter I am not. Pilate What is truth? Narrator Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was Narrator After Pilate had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them, cold, and they were standing around it and warming themselves. Peter I find no case against him. But you have a custom that I release somealso was standing with them and warming himself. one for you at the Passover. Do you want me to release for you the Then the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about King of the Jews? his teaching. Jesus answered, Narrator They shouted in reply. I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together. I have said noth-Not this man, but Barabbas! ing in secret. Why do you ask me? Ask those who heard what I said to Narrator Now Barabbas was a bandit. them; they know what I said. Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. And the soldiers wove a Narrator When he had said this, one of the police standing nearby struck Jesus crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a puron the face, saying, ple robe. They kept coming up to him, saying, Is that how you answer the high priest? Police Soldier Hail, King of the Jews! Narrator Jesus answered. Narrator and striking him on the face. If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong. But if I have spoken Pilate went out again and said to the Jews, rightly, why do you strike me? Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case Pilate Narrator Then Annas sent Jesus bound to Caiaphas the high priest. against him. Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. Those who were Narrator So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. standing near the fire asked him, Pilate said to them. You are not also one of Jesus' disciples, are you? Pilate Here is the man! Narrator Peter denied it and said, Narrator When the chief priests and the police saw Jesus, they shouted, Peter I am not. Priest Crucify him! Narrator One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Crucify him! Police Peter had cut off, asked, Narrator Pilate said to them, Did I not see you in the garden with Jesus? Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him. Pilate Narrator Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed. Narrator The Jews answered him, Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate's headquarters. It was Police We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the headquarters, because he has claimed to be the Son of God. so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the Passover. So Narrator Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. He entered Pilate went out to them and said, his headquarters again and asked Jesus, What accusation do you bring against this man? Pilate Where are you from? Narrator They answered. Narrator But Jesus gave him no answer. Pilate therefore said to him,

Narrator From then on Pilate tried to release Jesus, but the Jews cried out, If you release this man, you are no friend of the emperor. Police Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against the emperor. Narrator When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat on the judge's bench at a place called The Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew Gabbatha. Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. Pilate said to the Jews. Here is your King! Pilate Narrator They cried out, Priest Away with him! Police Away with him! Priest Crucify him! Narrator Pilate asked them, Pilate Shall I crucify your King? Narrator The chief priests answered, We have no king but the emperor. Narrator Then Pilate handed Jesus over to them to be crucified (A Moment of Silence) So they took Jesus; and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." Many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, Priest Do not write, "The King of the Jews," but, "This man said, I am King of the Jews." Narrator Pilate answered. What I have written I have written. Narrator When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. So they said to one another, Soldier Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it. Narrator This was to fulfill what the scripture says, "They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots." And that is what the soldiers did. Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, Woman, here is your son. Jesus Narrator Then he said to the disciple, Here is your mother. Narrator And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home. After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), I am thirsty. Jesus Narrator A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the wine, he said, It is finished. Jesus Narrator Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. (Silence may be kept.)

Elder 1 If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to

Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law.

Elder 2 We are not permitted to put anyone to death.

Narrator Pilate said to them,

Narrator The Jews replied,

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Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jews did not want the bodies

release you, and power to crucify you?

Narrator Jesus answered him.

greater sin.

Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to

You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from

above; therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a

left on the cross during the sabbath, especially because that sabbath was a day of great solemnity. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men broken and the bodies removed.

Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out.

(He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth.)

These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, "None of his bones shall be broken." And again another passage of scripture says, "They will look on the one whom they have pierced."

After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body. Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified. and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

# Homily

The Rev. J. Carr Holland III

#### **Solemn Collects**

All who are able, stand as the Deacon, or the person appointed, says to the people

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 everlasting life.

We pray, therefore, for people everywhere according to their needs.

All who are able kneel. Deacon or person appointed continues

Let us pray for the holy catholic 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 Sam and Anne, our Bishops, and all the people of this diocese

For all Christians in this community

For those about to be baptized

That God will confirm his Church in faith, increase it in love, and preserve it in peace.

#### Silence

## Celebrant continues

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose 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 their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Deacon or person appointed continues

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

For Donald, the President of the United States

For the Congress and the Supreme Court

For the Members and Representatives of the United Nations

For all who serve the common good

That by God's help they may seek justice and truth, and live in peace and concord.

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#### Silence

#### Celebrant continues

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 in tranquillity your dominion may increase, until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Deacon or person appointed continues

Let us pray for all who suffer and are afflicted in body or in mind;

For the hungry and the homeless, the destitute and the oppressed

For the sick, the wounded, and the crippled

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

## Celebrant continues

Gracious God, the comfort of all who sorrow, the strength of all who suffer: Let the cry of those in misery and need come to you, that they may find your mercy present with them in all their afflictions; 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.

#### Deacon or person appointed continues

Let us pray for all who have not received the Gospel of Christ;

For those who have never heard the word of salvation

For those who have lost their faith

For those hardened by sin or indifference

For the contemptuous and the scornful

For those who are enemies of the cross of Christ and

persecutors of his disciples

For those 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 all 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 our 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 accounted worthy to enter into the fullness of the joy of our Lord, and receive the crown of life in the day of resurrection.

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably 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.

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# The Reverencing of the Cross

The Celebrant goes to the door of the church and takes up the cross and carries the cross through the church to the Altar, pausing three times, each time saying the invitation,

Celebrant Behold, the wood of the cross, whereon was hung the savior

of the world.

O Come. Let Us Worship. ΑII

Hymn Sing My Tongue, the Glorious Battle Hymn 166

Cantor, Russell McKinnev

The Celebrant then continues

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

### Lord's Prayer

**BCP 364** 

People and Celebrant

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.

# All who are able kneel.

# **Closing Prayer**

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Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, we pray you to set your passion, cross, and death between your judgment and our souls, now and in the hour of our death. Give mercy and grace to the living; pardon and rest to the dead; to your holy Church peace and concord; and to us sinners everlasting life and glory; for with the Father and Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

All leave the church in silence.

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