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# Good Friday 2021

While the COVID19 restrictions are in place St Philip's is delighted to be celebrating the Eucharist online on *Facebook* at 8.00am this morning. It will then be available on either our *YouTube channel* or *Facebook*. All links and details are on our web page *www.stphilipsoconnor.org.au* 



Please kneel or remain seated as the ministers enter.

#### **Prayer of the Day**

Almighty Father, look graciously upon this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and to be 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 Ministry of the Word

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah (52:13 – 53:12)

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—

15 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.

<sup>1</sup> Who has believed what we have heard?

And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases;

yet we accounted him stricken,

struck down by God, and afflicted.

<sup>5</sup> 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.

<sup>6</sup> 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.

<sup>7</sup> 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.

so he did not open his modeli.

<sup>8</sup> 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.

<sup>9</sup> 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.

and there was no deceit in his moduli.

<sup>10</sup> 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;

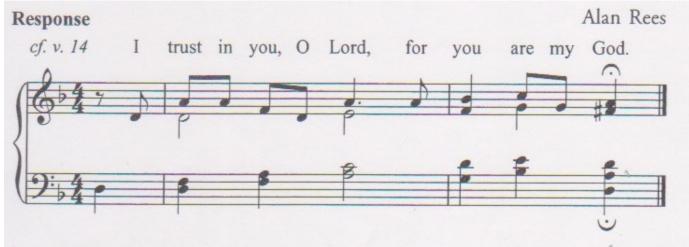
he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.

The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.

<sup>12</sup> 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.

Psalm 31:11-18



I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbours, an object of dread to my acquaintances; when they see me in the street they flee from me. I am forgotten like one that is dead, out of mind; I have become like a broken vessel. Response.

For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is on every side; they scheme together against me, and plot to take my life. But my trust is in you, O Lord. I have said, 'You are my God.' Response.

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

Make your face to shine upon your servant, and save me for your mercy's sake.' Response.

Lord, let me not be confounded for I have called upon you; but let the wicked be put to shame; let them be silent in the grave. Let the lying lips be put to silence that speak against the righteous with arrogance, disdain and contempt. *Response*.

#### A reading from the letter to the Hebrews (10:16-25)

'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', <sup>17</sup>he also adds, 'I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.' <sup>18</sup>Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. <sup>19</sup>Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup>by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), <sup>21</sup>and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup>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. <sup>23</sup>Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup>And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup>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.

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ Opening Prayer:

God of power and mercy, in love you sent your Son that we might be cleansed of sin and live with you forever.
Bless us as we gather to reflect on his suffering and death that we may learn from his example the way we should go.
We ask this through that same Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

#### Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

First station: Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane

Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." He took along Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to feel sorrow and distress. Then he said to them, "My soul is sorrowful even to death. Remain here and keep watch with me." He advanced a little and fell prostrate in prayer, saying, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet, not as I will, but as you will." When he returned to his disciples he found them asleep. He said to Peter, "So you could not keep watch with me for one hour? Watch and pray that you may not undergo the test. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak." *Matthew 26:36-41* 

Lord, grant us your strength and wisdom, that we may seek to follow your will in all things

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

#### Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Second station: Jesus is betrayed by Judas and arrested

While Jesus was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived, accompanied by a crowd with swords and clubs, who had come from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. His betrayer had arranged a signal with them, saying, "the man I shall kiss is the one; arrest him and lead him away securely." He came and immediately went over to him and said, "Rabbi." And he kissed him. At this they laid hands on him and arrested him. *Mark 14: 43-46* 

Lord, grant us the courage of our convictions that our lives may faithfully reflect the good news you bring.

Choir: Chorale from St John Passion JS Bach. Christ whose life was as the light.

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

#### Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Third station: Jesus is condemned by the Sanhedrin

When day came the council of elders of the people met, both chief priests and scribes, and they brought him before their Sanhedrin. They said, "If you are the Messiah, tell us," but he replied to them, "If I tell you, you will not believe, and if I question, you will not respond. But from this time on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God." They all asked, "Are you then the Son of God?" He replied to them, "You say that I am." Then they said, "What further need have we for testimony? We have

heard it from his own mouth." Luke 22: 66-71

Lord, grant us your sense of righteousness that we may never cease to work to bring about the justice of the kingdom that you promised.

Choir: Chorale from St John Passion JS Bach. Our Lord in prison cell confined.

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Fourth station: Jesus is denied by Peter

Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. One of the maids came over to him and said, "You too were with Jesus the Galilean." But Peter denied in front of everyone, saying, "I do not know what you are talking about!" As he went out to the gate, another girl saw him and said to those who were there, "This man was with Jesus the Nazorean." Again he denied it with an oath, "I do not know the man!" A little later the bystanders came over and said to Peter, "Surely you too are one of them; even your speech gives you away." At that he began to curse and to swear, "I do not know the man." And immediately a cock crowed. Then Peter remembered the word that Jesus had spoken: "Before the cock crows you will deny me three times."

He went out and began to weep bitterly. *Matthew 26: 69-75* 

Lord, grant us the gift of honesty that we may not fear to speak the truth even when difficult.

Choir: Chorale from St John Passion JS Bach. Peter with his faithless lies.

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Fifth station: Jesus is judged by Pontius Pilate

The chief priests with the elders and the scribes, that is, the whole Sanhedrin, held a council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pontius Pilate. Pilate questioned him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" He said to him in reply, "You say so." The chief priests accused him of many things. Again Pilate questioned him, "Have you no answer? See how many things they accuse you of." Jesus gave him no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed.... Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas and handed Jesus over to be crucified. *Mark 15: 1-5, 15* 

Lord, grant us discernment that we may see as you see, not as the world sees.

Choir: Chorale from St John Passion JS Bach. O mighty love, O love beyond all measure.

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Sixth station: Jesus is scourged at the pillar and crowned with thorns

Then Pilate took Jesus and had him scourged. And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and placed it on his head, and clothed him in a purple

cloak, and they came to him and said, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they struck him repeatedly. *John 19: 1-3* 

Lord, grant us patience in times of suffering that we may offer our lives as a sacrifice of praise.

Choir: Chorale from St John Passion JS Bach. O Lord, who dares to smite thee.

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Seventh station: Jesus bears the cross

When the chief priests and the guards saw [Jesus] they cried out, "Crucify him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him. I find no guilt in him." ... They cried out, "Take him away, take him away! Crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your king?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." Then he handed him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus, and carrying the cross himself he went out to what is called the Place of the Skull, in Hebrew, Golgotha. *John 19: 6, 15-17* 

Lord, grant us strength of purpose that we may faithfully bear our crosses each day.

Solo: Aria from St John Passion JS Bach. I follow thee gladly, my Lord and my Master.

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Eighth station: Jesus is helped by Simon the Cyrenian to carry the cross
They pressed into service a passer-by, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross. Mark 15: 21

Lord, grant us willing spirits that we may be your instruments on earth.

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

#### Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Ninth station: Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem

A large crowd of people followed Jesus, including many women who mourned and lamented him. Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep instead for yourselves and for your children, for indeed, the days are coming when people will say, 'Blessed are the barren, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed.' At that time, people will say to the mountains, 'Fall upon us!' and to the hills, 'Cover us!' for if these things are done when the wood is green what will happen when it is dry?" *Luke 23: 27-31* 

Lord, grant us gentle spirits that we may comfort those who mourn.

Choir: Chorale from St John Passion JS Bach. Thy name O Lord, is shining.

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

#### Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Tenth station: Jesus is crucified

When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him and the criminals there, one on his right, the other on his left. [Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do."] Luke 23: 33-34

Lord, grant us merciful hearts that we may bring your reconciliation and forgiveness to all.

Choir: Chorale from St John Passion JS Bach. Thy will, O God, be always done.

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

#### Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Eleventh station: Jesus promises his Kingdom to the repentant thief

Now one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus, saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save
yourself and us." The other, the "repentant thief", however, rebuking him, said in reply, "Have you
no fear of God, for you are subject to the same condemnation? And indeed, we have been
condemned justly, for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes, but this man has done
nothing criminal." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He
replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." Luke 23: 39-43

Lord, grant us perseverance that we may never stop seeking you.

Hymn TiS 349: In the cross of Christ I glory.

In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.

Through the cross, Christ's love empowers us worldliness and self deny; by his Spirit it inspires us him, through love, to glorify.

When the woes of life o'ertake us, hopes deceive, and fears annoy,

never shall the cross forsake us. From it shines our peace and joy.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, by the cross are sanctified; peace is there that knows no measure, joys that through all time abide.

In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.

John Bowring (1792-1872)

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

#### Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Twelfth station: Jesus speaks to his mother and the Beloved Disciple
Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother Mary, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of
Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. When Jesus saw his mother and the Beloved Disciple, he said to his
mother, "Woman, behold, your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother." And from
that hour the disciple took her into his home. John 19: 25-27

Lord, grant us constancy that we may be willing to stand by those in need.

Choir: Chorale from St John Passion JS Bach. See him in his agony.

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

#### Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Thirteenth station: Jesus dies on the cross

(It is optional but appropriate to remain kneeling while in this station)

It was now about noon and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon because of an eclipse of the sun. Then the veil of the temple was torn down the middle. Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit"; and when he had said this he breathed his last. Luke 23: 44-46

Lord, grant us trust in you that when our time on earth is ended we may see your face.

Choir: Chorale from St John Passion JS Bach. Help us, Christ, God's only Son.

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

#### Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Fourteenth station: Jesus is placed in the tomb

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea named Joseph, who was himself a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be handed over. Taking the body, Joseph wrapped it [in] clean linen and laid it in his new tomb that he had hewn in the rock. Then he rolled a huge stone across the entrance to the tomb and departed. *Matthew 27: 57-60* 

# Lord, grant us your compassion that we may always provide for those in need.

Choir: Chorale from St John Passion JS Bach. O mighty King, how marvellous thy glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, your passion and death is the sacrifice that unites earth and heaven and reconciles all people to you. May we who have faithfully reflected on these mysteries follow in your steps and so come to share your glory in heaven where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Choir: Chorale from St John Passion JS Bach. O Jesus, when I come to die.

#### The Sermon The Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon

The cross is brought into the church
Behold the wood of the cross on which was hung the Saviour of the world.

Come let us worship.

Hymn TiS 342: When I survey the wondrous Cross

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 death 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 a present far too small; Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

# The Great Intercessions

God sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

Therefore we pray for people everywhere according to their needs.

Let us pray for the Church of God throughout the world for unity in faith, in witness and in service,
for bishops and other ministers, and those whom they serve,
for Mark our bishop, and the people of this diocese,
for all Christians in this place, for those to be baptized,
for those who are mocked and persecuted for their faith
that God will confirm his Church in faith,
increase it in love, and preserve it in peace.

Silent prayer

Lord in your mercy

**Hear our prayer** 

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people; that in their vocation and ministry each may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your Name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Let us pray for the nations of the world and their leaders for Elizabeth our Queen and the Parliaments of this land, for those who administer the law and all who serve in public office, for all who strive for justice and reconciliation that by God's help the world may live in peace and freedom.

Silent prayer

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Most gracious God and Father, in whose will is our peace: turn our hearts and the hearts of all to yourself, that by the power of your Spirit the peace which is founded on justice may be established throughout the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us pray for God's ancient people, the Jews, the first to hear his word - for greater understanding between Christian and Jew, for the removal of our blindness and bitterness of heart that God will grant us grace to be faithful to his covenant and to grow in the love of his name.

Silent prayer

Lord in your mercy

**Hear our prayer** 

Lord God of Abraham, bless the children of your covenant, both Jew and Christian; take from us all blindness and bitterness of heart, and hasten the coming of your kingdom, when Israel shall be saved, the Gentiles gathered in, and we shall dwell together in mutual love and peace under the one God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Let us pray for those who do not believe the Gospel of Christ, for those who have not heard the message of salvation, for all who have lost faith, for the contemptuous and scornful, for those who are enemies of Christ and persecute those who follow him, for all who deny the faith of Christ crucified that God will open their hearts to the truth and lead them to faith and obedience.

Silent prayer

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Merciful God, creator of all the people of the earth, have compassion on all who do not know you, and by the preaching of your Gospel with grace and power,

#### gather them into the one fold of the one Shepherd; Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us pray for all those who suffer for those who are deprived and oppressed, for all who are sick,
for those in darkness, in doubt and in despair,
in loneliness and in fear, for prisoners, captives and refugees,
for the victims of false accusations and violence,
for all at the point of death and those who watch beside them
that God in his mercy will sustain them with the knowledge of his love.

Silent prayer

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, the comfort of the sad, the strength of those who suffer; hear the prayers of your children who cry out of any trouble: and to every distressed soul grant mercy, relief, and refreshment, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us commend ourselves and all God's children to his unfailing love and pray for the grace of a holy life, that with all who have died in the peace of Christ, we may come to the fullness of eternal life and the joy of the resurrection.

Silent prayer

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

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 is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### The Ministry of the Sacrament

The priest lays a corporal on the altar and places upon it the sacrament reserved from the Eucharist of Maundy Thursday.

As our saviour Christ has taught us we are confident to pray:

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.

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us. Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.

#### **Invitation to Communion**

♣ Jesus is the Lamb of God

who takes away the sins of the world.

Happy are those who are called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

The Sacrament is administered in one kind. Please come forward to the chancel step if you wish to make your communion.

Hymn: All for Jesus

All for Jesus! all for Jesus! This our song shall ever be; For we have no hope, nor Saviour, If we have not hope in thee.

All for Jesus! thou wilt give us Strength to serve thee hour by hour; None can move us from thy presence While we trust thy love and power.

All for Jesus at thine altar Thou dost give us sweet content; There, dear saviour, we receive thee In thy holy sacrament.

All for Jesus, thou hast loved us, All for Jesus, thou hast died, All for Jesus, thou art with us, All for Jesus, glorified.

All for Jesus, all for Jesus! This the Church's song shall be Till at last the flock is gathered, One in love, and one in thee.

WJ Sparrow-Simpson (1859-1952)

#### The Conclusion

Let us pray

Most merciful God, by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have delivered and saved all people of the world. Grant that, by faith in him who suffered on the cross, we may triumph in the power of his victory over sin and death, and live in newness of life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### Amen.

Lord, send down your abundant blessing upon your people who have devoutly recalled the death of your Son in the sure 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 Christ our Lord.

#### Amen.

The ministers leave in silence.

The church will remain open for private prayer.

Holy Week & Easter @ St Philip's 2021

Saturday 3 April Holy Saturday

5pm Reflective offering: Piano Sonata No. 17 in D minor, Op. 31, No. 2

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Sunday 4 April Easter Day

6am **Lighting of the New Fire, Vigil & Eucharist** 

8am Easter Breakfast

9.30am **Festal Eucharist** – Livestreamed