



ST NICHOLAS
ANGLICAN CHURCH, BIRCH CLIFF

Good Friday

March 29, 2024
10:30am Solemn Liturgy

Responding to God's love for us and all people,
the parish of St. Nick's seeks to know Christ
and make him known in worship, friendship and service
with our neighbourhood and in the world.

Everyone is welcome to join us in our common life
of faith, doubt, trust, challenge and love.

Welcome to St. Nick's!

As we continue our journey through Holy Week that leads to the joyful celebration of the Resurrection this coming Sunday, we are blessed that you have joined us. Whether you're here virtually or in-person, for the first time or the hundredth time, we pray that this is a sacred time for you. Our sidespeople are the friendly people at the back of the church who can help you with anything you need. Everything you need today is in this leaflet. We hope you'll participate as you feel comfortable.



Washrooms

Our washrooms are downstairs, which you can get to by the staircase near the left-side chapel, or by the elevator, also in the chapel. For help with the elevator, speak to one of our sidespeople.

Accessibility

If you need extra space for a walker or wheelchair, our sidespeople will show you to the accessibility pew near the front of the church. If you need communion brought to you in your pew, let one of the sidespeople know.



Better Sight and Sound

Large-print copies of this leaflet are also available: just ask a sidesperson. If you have difficulty hearing, we have audio-assistive devices that will help you hear the service better.

Offertory

If you wish to make a monetary gift while you're here, you can place your offering on the plate at the back of the church on your way in or out. There are guest envelopes in the pews you can use. Tax receipts will be issued for donations over \$20. You can also make an e-offering through Canada Helps, using this QR code.



Territorial Acknowledgment & Commitment to Reconciliation



We acknowledge that the land on which our parish sits is the traditional territory of the Wendat, the Anishinabek Nation, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, the Mississaugas of Scugog, Hiawatha and Alderville First Nations and the Métis Nation. This territory was the subject of the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement between the Iroquois Confederacy and the Ojibwe and allied nations to peaceably share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. The treaties that were signed for this particular parcel of land are collectively referred to as the Williams Treaties of 1923. We also recognize, and pray for the continual grace to honour the enduring presence of Indigenous peoples on this land.



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The Celebration of the Lord's Passion

The service begins with no announcement. When the altar party enters, you do not need to stand, but may remain seated.

Opening Response

Officiant: All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned each to our own way.

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

Officiant: Christ the Lord became obedient unto death,

People: **even death on a cross.**

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

(a time of silence is kept)

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.

People: **Amen.**

The Proclamation of God's Word

You may be seated during the readings.

Reading: Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12

Reader: A Reading from the prophet 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 22 — *Deus, Deus meus.*

- 1 MY GOD, my God, why hast thou for-**sa**-ken^{me} : and art so far from my help, and from the **words** of my^{com}-^{plaint}?
- 2 O my God, I cry in the day-time, but thou hearest **not** : and in the night-season **al-so** I take^{no}-^{rest}.
- 3 And thou continuest **ho**-ly : O thou wor-**ship** of Is^{ra}-^{el}.
- 4 Our fathers trusted in **thee** : they trusted in thee, and thou **didst** de-liv^{er}-^{er} them.
- 5 They called upon thee, and were **sa**-ved : they put their trust in thee, and were **not** con-found^{ed}.
- 6 But as for me, I am a worm and no **man** : a very scorn of men, and the outcast **of** the peo^{ple}.
- 7 All they that see me laugh me to **scorn** : they shoot out their **lips**, and shake^{their}-^{heads},
- 8 Saying, 'He trusted in God, that he would de-**liv**-er^{him} : let him deliver him, if he de-**light**-eth in^{him}.'
- 9 But thou art he that took me from the **womb** : thou wast my hope, when I hanged yet up-**on** my mo^{ther}'s^{breasts}.
- 10 I have been left unto thee ever since I was **born** : thou art my God even **from** my mo^{ther}'s^{womb}.
- 11 O go not from me, for trouble is hard at **hand** : and there is **none** to help^{me}.
- 12 Many oxen are come a-**bout** me : strong bulls of Bashan close me **in** on ev-ery^{side}.
- 13 They gape upon me with their **mouths** : as it were a ramping and a **roar**-ing li^{on}.
- 14 I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of **joint** : my heart also in the midst of my body is e-**ven** like melt^{ing}-^{wax}.
- 15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue cleaveth to my **gums** : and thou bringest me in-**to** the dust^{of}-^{death}.
- 16 For many dogs are come a-**bout** me : and the council of the wicked layeth **siege** a-^{gainst}-^{me}.
- 17 They pierced my hands and my feet; I may count all my **bones** : they stand staring and look-**ing** up-^{on}-^{me}.



- 18 They part my garments a-**mong** them : and cast lots up-**on** my ves^{ture}.
- 19 But be not thou far from me, O **Lord** : thou art my succour, haste **thee** to help^{me}.
- 20 Deliver my soul from the **sword** : and my life from the power **of** the dog.
- 21 Save me from the lion's **mouth** : thou hast heard me also from among the horns of the **wild** ox^{en}.
- 22 I will declare thy Name unto my **breth**-ren : in the midst of the congregation **will** I praise^{thee}.
- 23 O praise the Lord, ye that **fear** him : magnify him, all ye of the seed of Jacob, and stand in awe of him, all ye **seed** of Is^{ra}el.
- 24 For he hath not despised nor abhorred the low estate of the **poor** : he hath not hid his face from him; but when he called unto **him** he heard^{him}.
- 25 Of thee cometh my praise in the great congre-**ga**-tion : my vows will I perform in the sight of **them** that fear^{him}.
- 26 The poor shall eat and be satisfi^{ed}; they that seek after the Lord shall **praise** him : may your heart **live** for ev^{er}.
- 27 All the ends of the world shall remember, and be turned unto the **Lord** : and all the kindreds of the nations shall wor-**ship** be-fore^{him}.
- 28 For the kingdom is the **Lord's** : and he is the Governor a-**mong** the na^{tions}.
- 29 Surely to him shall all the proud of the earth bow **down** : and before him shall kneel all that go down into the dust, and he that cannot **keep** his soul^a-live.
- 30 Their posterity shall **serve** him : it shall be told of the Lord unto a generation **yet** to come.
- 31 And men shall declare his **righ**-teous^{ness} : unto a people that shall be born, that **he** hath done^{it}.

Reading: Hebrews 10:16-25

Reader: A Reading from the book of Hebrews

'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.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn: *O Sacred Head, Surrounded* (Common Praise #198)

During this hymn, you may remain seated.

**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 sinner's 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.**

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 Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (18:1 – 19:42)

*Everyone may remain seated while we hear the Passion story read. This reading can be found in the insert that came with this leaflet, and you're welcome to participate with boldness in the parts marked **congregation**.*

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| Readers: | Narrator: | Anne Moir |
| | Jesus: | Joan-Mary Spencer |
| | Peter: | Fr. Andrew |
| | Pilate: | Michael Braley |
| | Soldiers/Slave/Woman: | Vicky Morgan |

Homily The Rev. Joan Wilson

After an opening prayer, the preacher will invite you to be seated.

Hymn: Abide with Me (Common Praise #24)

During this hymn, you may remain seated.

Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
change and decay in all around I see:
O thou, who changest not, abide with me.

I need thy presence every passing hour;
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

**Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;
heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee:
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.**

The Solemn Intercessions

Leader: 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 Andrew our bishop, and Kevin and Riscylla, our suffragan bishops, and all the people of this diocese, for all Christians in this community, that the Lord will confirm his Church in faith, increase it in love, and preserve it in peace.

A time of silence is kept.

Officiant: 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.

All: Amen.

Leader: Let us pray for all nations and peoples of the earth, and for those in authority among them: for Charles our King 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 Olivia, mayor of Toronto and those who serve with her on the city council, and for all who serve the common good, that by God's help they may seek justice and truth, and live in peace and concord.

A time of silence is kept.

Officiant: 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.

All: Amen.

Leader: 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 those who struggle in body, mind or spirit; 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.

A time of silence is kept.

Officiant: 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.

All: Amen.

Leader: 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.

A time of silence is kept.

Officiant: 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.

All: Amen.

Leader: 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.

A time of silence is kept.

Officiant: 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.

All: Amen.

The Reverence of the Cross

Hymn: *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* (Common Praise #386)

You may remain seated for this hymn, while the priest and server go to the back of the church to retrieve the cross from its place.

**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.**

*At the conclusion of the hymn, the cross is brought up the aisle.
The procession stops **three times** for this invitation.*

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

People: Come, let us worship.

Meditation & Responory

Leader: We glory in your cross, O Lord,

People: And praise and glorify your holy resurrection; for by virtue of your cross joy has come to the whole world.

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

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

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

People: 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.

Veneration of the Cross

Anyone who wishes to come forward to reverence, meditate or offer prayer at the foot of the cross. For those who would like to come forward but are unsure of what to do at the cross, at the kneeler there is a suggested prayer you could silently offer.

Music during Veneration of the Cross

Hymn: *Jesus, Remember Me* (Common Praise #634)

All: Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. *(repeated)*

Hymn: *Were You There?*

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Were you there when God raised him from the tomb?
Were you there when God raised him from the tomb?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when God raised him from the tomb?

When everyone has returned to their seats, the service continues.

Canticle: Salvator Mundi

Leader: You, who saved your disciples when death was near.

People: Hear us and save us, we humbly beseech you.

Leader: Let the depth of your great mercy,

People: Save us from sin, we humbly beseech you.

Leader: Come to us, our saviour and mighty deliverer,

People: Save us that we may praise you, we humbly beseech you.

Leader: Draw near from the throne of your glory, according to your promise.

People: Look down and hear our cry, we humbly beseech you.

Leader: Come again and dwell with us, O Lord Christ Jesus,

People: Abide with us forever, we humbly beseech you.

Leader: And when you appear with power and great glory,

People: May we be made as you, in your glorious kingdom.

Officiant: And now as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
Our Father,

All: **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.**

Officiant: 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 Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

The service ends without any formal conclusion. The clergy and choir disperse in silence, and you may leave as you wish.

The cross will remain in the church for those who wish to stay for a time to offer their own silent prayers after the service.

Assisting in today's service:

Readers: Dennis Newman, Jill Cruse

Intercessor: Janet Baron

Servers: Wendy Barber

Livestreaming Tech: Julia Hanson

Congregational Voice: Vicky Morgan

Sidespeople: Sonia Halloran, Dennis Newman, Joan-Mary Spencer,
Vivienne Radford



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