



THE PARISH CHURCH  
— AT HABERSHAM —

*Good Friday Service*  
April 7, 2023  
5:30 pm

# Good Friday

Officiant: All we like sheep have gone astray;  
we have turned every one to his own way.

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

Officiant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, we beseech 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.**

*Please be seated to hear the reading of God's Word.*

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

<sup>13</sup> Behold, my servant shall act wisely;  
he shall be high and lifted up,  
and shall be exalted.

<sup>14</sup> As many were astonished at you—  
his appearance was so marred, beyond human  
semblance,  
and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—

<sup>15</sup> so shall he sprinkle many nations.  
Kings shall shut their mouths because of him,  
for that which has not been told them they see,  
and that which they have not heard they understand.

<sup>1</sup> Who has believed what he has heard from us?  
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,  
and no beauty that we should desire him.

<sup>3</sup> He was despised and rejected by men,  
a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief;  
and as one from whom men hide their faces  
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

<sup>4</sup> Surely he has borne our griefs  
and carried our sorrows;  
yet we esteemed him stricken,  
smitten by God, and afflicted.

<sup>5</sup> But he was pierced for our transgressions;  
he was crushed for our iniquities;  
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,  
and with his wounds we are healed.

<sup>6</sup> All we like sheep have gone astray;  
we have turned—every one—to his 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 opened not his mouth;  
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,  
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,  
so he opened not his mouth.

<sup>8</sup> By oppression and judgment he was taken away;  
and as for his generation, who considered  
that he was cut off out of the land of the living,  
stricken for the transgression of my people?

<sup>9</sup> And they made his grave with the wicked  
and with a rich man in his death,  
although he had done no violence,  
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

<sup>10</sup> Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him;  
he has put him to grief;  
when his soul makes an offering for guilt,

he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days;  
the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand.

<sup>11</sup> Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be  
satisfied;

by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant,  
make many to be accounted righteous,  
and he shall bear their iniquities.

<sup>12</sup> Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many,  
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong,  
because he poured out his soul to death  
and was numbered with the transgressors;  
yet he bore the sin of many,  
and makes intercession for the transgressors.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

### Psalm 22:1-11

- 1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me, \*  
*and are so far from my cry, and from the words of  
my complaint?*
- 2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not hear; \*  
*in the night season also, but I find no rest.*
- 3 But you remain holy, \*  
*enthroned upon the praises of Israel.*
- 4 Our fathers hoped in you; \*  
*they trusted in you, and you delivered them.*
- 5 They called upon you, and were delivered; \*  
*they put their trust in you, and were not  
confounded.*
- 6 But as for me, I am a worm, and no man, \*  
*scorned by all, and the outcast of the people.*
- 7 All those who see me laugh me to scorn; \*  
*they curl their lips, and shake their heads, saying,*

- 8 “He trusted in God, that he would deliver him; \*  
*let him deliver him, if he will have him.*”
- 9 But you are he that took me out of my mother’s womb; \*  
*you were my hope, when I was yet upon my  
mother’s breasts.*
- 10 I have been cast upon you ever since I was born; \*  
*you are my God, even from my mother’s womb.*
- 11 O go not far from me, for trouble is near at hand, \*  
*and there is none to help me.*

### **New Testament: Hebrews 10:1-25**

1 For since the law has but a shadow of the good things to come instead of the true form of these realities, it can never, by the same sacrifices that are continually offered every year, make perfect those who draw near. 2 Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered, since the worshipers, having once been cleansed, would no longer have any consciousness of sins? 3 But in these sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year. 4 For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. 5 Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, “Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me; 6 in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. 7 Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.’” 8 When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), 9 then he added, “Behold, I have come to do your will.” He does away with the first in order to establish the second. 10 And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. 11 And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. 12 But when Christ had offered for all

time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, <sup>13</sup> waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. <sup>14</sup> For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified. <sup>15</sup> And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying, <sup>16</sup> “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds,” <sup>17</sup> then he 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, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places 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 draw near 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 the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup> And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, <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 drawing near.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

*People: Thanks be to God.*

*The congregation stands.*

Hymn: *Herzliebster Jesus*  
Ah Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended,  
that we to judge thee have in hate pretended?  
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,  
O most afflicted!

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?  
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee!  
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee;  
I crucified thee.

For me, kind Jesus, was thy incarnation,  
thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation;  
thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion,  
for my salvation.

Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee,  
I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee,  
think on thy pity and thy love unswerving,  
not my deserving.

*The customary responses  
before and after the Gospel are omitted.*

*At the verse which mentions the arrival at Golgotha,  
the congregation stands.*

**The Gospel:** John 19:1-37

<sup>1</sup> Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged him. <sup>2</sup> And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head and arrayed him in a purple robe. <sup>3</sup> They came up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and struck him with their hands.

<sup>4</sup> Pilate went out again and said to them, "See, I am bringing him out to you that you may know that I find no guilt in him." <sup>5</sup> So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Behold the man!"

<sup>6</sup> When the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out, "Crucify him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no guilt in him."

<sup>7</sup> The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to

that law he ought to die because he has made himself the Son of God.”<sup>8</sup> When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid.<sup>9</sup> He entered his headquarters again and said to Jesus, “Where are you from?” But Jesus gave him no answer.<sup>10</sup> So Pilate said to him, “You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have authority to release you and authority to crucify you?”<sup>11</sup> Jesus answered him, “You would have no authority over me at all unless it had been given you from above. Therefore he who delivered me over to you has the greater sin.”<sup>12</sup> From then on Pilate sought to release him, but the Jews cried out, “If you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar.”<sup>13</sup> So when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Stone Pavement, and in Aramaic Gabbatha.<sup>14</sup> Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, “Behold your King!”<sup>15</sup> They cried out, “Away with him, away with him, crucify him!” Pilate said to them, “Shall I crucify your King?” The chief priests answered, “We have no king but Caesar.”<sup>16</sup> So he delivered him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus,<sup>17</sup> and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha.<sup>18</sup> There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them.<sup>19</sup> Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.”<sup>20</sup> Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek.<sup>21</sup> So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but rather, ‘This man said, I am King of the Jews.’”<sup>22</sup> Pilate answered, “What I have written I have written.”<sup>23</sup> When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four



parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, <sup>24</sup> so they said to one another, “Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be.” This was to fulfill the Scripture which says, “They divided my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.” So the soldiers did these things, <sup>25</sup> but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. <sup>26</sup> When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “Woman, behold, your son!” <sup>27</sup> Then he said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother!” And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home. <sup>28</sup> After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “I thirst.” <sup>29</sup> A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. <sup>30</sup> When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. <sup>31</sup> Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away. <sup>32</sup> So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him. <sup>33</sup> But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. <sup>34</sup> But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. <sup>35</sup> He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe. <sup>36</sup> For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: “Not one of his bones will be broken.” <sup>37</sup> And again another Scripture says, “They will look on him whom they have pierced.”

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Dr. Chris Seitz

## Adoration of the Cross

Officiant: Behold the wood of the Cross, on which was  
hung the world's Salvation.

*People: O come, let us adore him.*

*During the hymn, you are invited to come forward  
and contemplate the work of salvation.*

**Hymn:** Were You There

*Spiritual*

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 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?

**Hymn:** O Sacred Head, Sore Wounded

*Passion Chorale*

O sacred head, sore wounded, defiled and put to scorn,  
O kingly head, surrounded with mocking crown of thorn,  
What sorrow mars thy grandeur?  
Can death thy bloom deflow'r?  
O countenance whose splendor the hosts of heav'n adore!

Thy beauty, long-desired, hath vanished from our sight;  
Thy pow'r is all expired, and quench'd the light of light.  
Ah me! for whom thou diest, hide not so far thy grace;  
Show me, O Love most highest, the brightness of thy face.

In thy most bitter passion my heart to share doth cry,  
With thee for my salvation upon the cross to die.  
Ah, keep my heart thus moved to stand thy cross beneath,  
To mourn thee, well-beloved, yet thank thee for thy death.

My days are few, O fail not, with thine immortal pow'r,  
To hold me, that I quail not in death's most fearful hour;  
That I may fight befriended, and see in my last strife,  
To me thine arms extended upon the cross of life.

### The Reproaches

Officiant: O my people, what have I done to you?  
How have I wearied you? Testify against me.  
I brought you forth from the land of bondage,  
and led you through the waters of salvation,  
and you have prepared a Cross for your Savior.

*People: Holy God,  
Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,  
Have mercy upon us.*

Officiant: I led you through the desert forty years,  
and fed you with the bread of heaven;  
I brought you into the land of promise,  
and you have prepared a Cross for your Savior.

*People: Holy God,  
Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,  
Have mercy upon us.*

Officiant: What could I have done for you that I have not  
done? I planted you, my vineyard, to bear sweet  
fruit; but you have become very bitter to me,  
and gave me vinegar for my thirst.

**People:** *Holy God,  
Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,  
Have mercy upon us.*

**Officiant:** I passed over your first-born and delivered them from death, and you have delivered me into the hands of my enemies; I led you in the pillar of cloud, and you have led me into the judgment hall of Pilate. O my people, what have I done to you? How have I wearied you? Testify against me.

**People:** *Holy God,  
Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,  
Have mercy upon us.*

**Officiant:** I struck down the kings of the Canaanites for your sake, and you struck my head with a reed; I gave you a royal inheritance, and you have crowned my head with thorns. O my people, what have I done to you? How have I wearied you? Testify against me.

**People:** *Holy God,  
Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,  
Have mercy upon us.*

**Officiant:** I opened the rock and gave you to drink from the water of life, and you have opened my side with a spear. I raised you on high with great power, and you have hanged me high upon the Cross. O my church, what have I done to you? How have I wearied you? Testify against me.

*People: Holy God,  
Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,  
Have mercy upon us.*

## Confession and Absolution of Sin

Deacon: All who truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and seek to be reconciled with your neighbors, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking in his holy ways: draw near with faith and make your humble confession to Almighty God.

*People: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker and judge of us all: We acknowledge and lament our many sins and offenses, which we have committed by thought, word, and deed against your divine majesty, provoking most justly your righteous anger against us. We are deeply sorry for these our transgressions; the burden of them is more than we can bear. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may evermore serve and please you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Officiant: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon

and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*Amen.*

## The Lord's Prayer

*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.*

Hymn: Beneath the Cross of Jesus

*St. Christopher*

Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,  
The shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land,  
A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,  
From the burning of the noontide heat,  
And the burden of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus mine eyes at time can see  
The very dying form of one who suffered there for me;  
And from my smitten heart, with tears,  
Two wonders I confess:  
The wonders of redeeming love,  
And mine own worthlessness.

I take, O cross, thy shadow for mine abiding place;  
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face,  
Content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,  
My sinful self my only shame, My glory all the cross.

### Concluding Collect

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; peace and rest to the dead; to your holy Church unity and concord; and to us sinners everlasting life and glory; for with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The Ministers and People depart in silence.*

## Thank You for Worshipping with Us!

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