

## **The Celebration of the Lord's Passion (for Households)**

*This rite is prepared for those who might not have online access to view and participate with the Cathedral liturgy led by Anne, our Archbishop.*

*To prepare for this service, you will need to have a copy of the Bible, and a cross (or picture of a cross) to be placed on a table or place of honour for viewing during the Meditation on the Cross. You may also wish to use candles as art of the Meditation.*

*If you are a household of one and cannot participate with another individual by phone, the dialogues between presider and people still may be said as they are written.*

### **THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

*Presider:* All we like sheep have gone astray;  
we have all turned to our own way.

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

*Presider:* Christ the Lord became obedient unto death.

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

*Presider:* Almighty God,

*All:* **we have sinned  
in thought and word and deed;  
we have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
We pray you of your mercy,  
Forgive us all that is past,  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

## **The Collect of the Day**

Almighty God, look graciously, we pray, on 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.**

## **Psalm 22.1-7, 14-19**

1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?  
Why so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?

2 My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer;  
by night, but I find no rest.

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

4 Our ancestors put their trust in you,  
they trusted, and you rescued them.

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

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

7 All who see me laugh me to scorn;  
they curl their lips; they shake their heads.

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

15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd; my tongue sticks to the  
roof of my mouth; and you have laid me in the dust of death.

16 Packs of dogs close me in, a band of evildoers circles round me;  
they pierce my hands and my feet.

17 I can count all my bones  
while they stare at me and gloat.

18 They divide my garments among them;  
for my clothing, they cast lots.

19 But you, O LORD, be not far away;  
O my help, hasten to my aid.

**Passion Gospel** \_\_\_\_\_ *John 18.1-19.42*

*In households of more than one, the reading may be divided up into sections and read by different individuals.*

**For Conversation or Reflection** \_\_\_\_\_

1. What word, phrase, or image stands out for you from the reading?
2. In what ways does this reading reveal the power of God at work even in the midst of Jesus' betrayal, trials, suffering, and execution?
3. Where have you known this power at work in your life? Where have you seen it at work in the world?

### **THE SOLEMN INTERCESSION**

*If you have a Book of Alternative Services, you may wish to use the form that begins on p. 309. The following form maybe used instead, the text in bold indicating how to alter petitions if there is more than one participant:*

Confident that Jesus Christ hears our prayer, we/I offer petitions with an open heart:

For the church, for Anne our Archbishop,  
for our Incumbent and other church leaders, N.,  
and for all people who live their lives in service of God:  
**May they know the intimacy of authentic relationship with Christ.**

For all preparing for baptism,  
especially those who must await encountering the Font  
when the church may gather again:  
**May they respond to their baptismal call with courage,  
opening their hearts to the invitation of God.**

For all who are sick or suffering in body, mind, or spirit:  
**May they know the great compassion of God  
through those who care for them.**

For peace in our families, communities, nation, and world:  
**May all seek resolution to disagreement and difference  
in ways that protect the life and dignity of all people.**

For all who are unemployed or underemployed:  
**May they find opportunities to use their gifts  
for the service of others in ways that are sustaining and life-giving.**

For all who grieve:  
**May they know the consolation of hope found in Christ.**

*Other petitions and intercessions may be added. This form concludes with the following 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 tranquility the plan of salvation.

Let the whole world see and know  
that things which were cast down are being raised up,  
and things which had grown old are being made new,  
and that all things are being brought to their perfection  
by him through whom all things were made,  
your Son Jesus Christ our Lord;  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **MEDITATION ON THE CROSS OF JESUS**

*Place a cross on a table or some other place of honour, adding candles if you wish. Be sure to allow some time in silent reflection as you gaze upon the cross and grow in relationship with Jesus.*

*Part of the beauty of the Meditation on the Cross is the time for personal prayer and reflection, as well as performing individual acts of reverence. You may wish to touch the cross, or show another suitable sign, such as a bow or kiss. Take your time with this Meditation; there is no need to rush.*

*Do not let this time be cluttered by words, but bask in the power of the cross as a symbol of not only death but ultimately of Resurrection. To begin and end the time of reflection, simply proclaim and respond with the following:*

*Presider:* Christ our Lord became obedient unto death.

*People:* **Come let us worship.**

*You are encouraged to end your time of meditation with one or both of the following hymns, or another favourite hymn that extols the victory of the Cross.*

## **When I Survey the Wondrous Cross**

*Hymn 386, Common Praise 1998 ("New Blue Book")*

*Hymn 109, The Hymn Book 1971 ("Red Book")*

*Hymn 593, Book of Common Praise 1938 ("Blue Book")*

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 an offering far too small  
Love so amazing, so divine  
Demands my soul, my life, my all

## **Sing, My Tongue, The Glorious Battle**

*Hymn 185, Common Praise 1998 ("New Blue Book")*

1. Sing; my tongue, the glorious battle,  
sing the ending of the fray;  
now above the cross, the trophy,  
sound the loud triumphant lay:  
tell how Christ, the world's Redeemer,  
as a victim won the day.

2. Tell how, when at length the fullness  
of the appointed time was come,  
Christ, the Word, was born of woman,  
left for us his heavenly home;  
showed us human life made perfect,  
shone as light amid the gloom.

3. Thus, with thirty years accomplished,  
went he forth from Nazareth,  
destined, dedicated, willing,  
wrought his work, and met his death.  
Like a lamb he humbly yielded  
on the cross his dying breath.

4. Faithful cross, thou sign of triumph,  
now for us the noblest tree,  
none in foliage, none in blossom,  
none in fruit thy peer may be;  
symbol of the world's redemption,  
for the weight that hung on thee!

5. Unto God be praise and glory:  
to the Father and the Son,  
to th'eternal Spirit honour  
now and evermore be done;  
praise and glory in the highest,  
while unending ages run.

## **The Lord's Prayer**

### **Concluding Prayer**

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. **Amen.**