

*April 2, 2021: Good Friday – Liturgy of the Word for use at home*

**PRELUDE:** *Performed by Tom Fagan*

**Were You There?**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E-vQndzXcgY>

## **INTRODUCTORY RITES:**

### **Introduction:**

**Welcome to today’s Liturgy of the Word on this Good Friday.**

**We acknowledge our presence on the traditional territories of the Indigenous communities that preceded the founding of our parish.**

*– pause –*

**We encourage full, conscious, and active participation in today’s celebration. All are invited to pray and sing together. Our participation, in whatever form, is a gift and ministry to each other.**

**Let us begin with a moment of silence as we prepare our hearts and minds for transformation and renewal.**

***ONE Minute of Silence***

**PRAYER:**

**Leader:**           **Let us pray:**    *- pause -*  
**Remember your mercies, O Lord, and with your  
eternal protection sanctify your servants, for whom  
Christ your Son, by the shedding of his Blood,  
established the Paschal Mystery.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.**

**ALL:**               **Amen**

**Leader:**           **Let us prepare to listen to God’s Word.**

**LITURGY OF THE WORD:**

\*\*\* Pre-recorded readings from the USCCB are available via this link:  
<https://bible.usccb.org/podcasts/audio/2021-04-02-usccb-daily-mass-readings>

\*\*\*Readings from Living with Christ:  
[https://www.livingwithchrist.ca/images/article\\_images/pdf/LWC2021\\_Mar\\_28-Apr\\_3.pdf](https://www.livingwithchrist.ca/images/article_images/pdf/LWC2021_Mar_28-Apr_3.pdf)

**First Reading..... Isaiah 52.13 – 53.12**

*RESPONSE AT THE END OF THE FIRST READING:*  
**Lector:**           **The word of the Lord.**  
**ALL:**               **Thanks be to God.**

*\*\*\* 30 seconds of silence\*\*\**

**Responsorial Psalm .....Psalm 31**

[https://www.livingwithchrist.ca/mp3/B-076%20Celebration%20of%20the%20Lords%20Passion%20ABC%20-%20Psalm%2031.mp3?\\_ga=2.184850025.193818997.1617307323-1279089305.1591722439](https://www.livingwithchrist.ca/mp3/B-076%20Celebration%20of%20the%20Lords%20Passion%20ABC%20-%20Psalm%2031.mp3?_ga=2.184850025.193818997.1617307323-1279089305.1591722439)

**Second Reading..... Hebrews 4.14-16; 5.7-9**

*RESPONSE AT THE END OF THE SECOND READING:*  
**Lector:**           **The word of the Lord.**  
**ALL:**               **Thanks be to God.**

*\*\*\* 30 seconds of silence\*\*\**

**Gospel Acclamation..... Philipians 2.8-9**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=crIwTGFoQD0&list=PL5agr\\_3e7q\\_r7N6uq-LnR5t-eNaL3mX8-&index=31](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=crIwTGFoQD0&list=PL5agr_3e7q_r7N6uq-LnR5t-eNaL3mX8-&index=31)

<b>Lector:</b>	<b>The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.</b>
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**Gospel..... John 18.1 – 19.42**

*\*\*\* A period of silence\*\*\**

**Reflection:** *Performed by St. Joseph’s Parish Music Ministry*

**Jesus, Remember Me**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UiofsmmsVtk>

## **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

**Leader:** Let us bring our prayers before God:

**For the holy Church of God throughout the world**

*– pause 7 seconds*

**That God will guide it and gather it together, so that we may worship the Creator in tranquillity and peace.**

**We pray to the Lord:**

**ALL:** For the sake of your son have mercy, Lord.

**Leader:** Almighty and eternal God, in Christ your Son you revealed your glory to nation upon nation.

**Safeguard the great work of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with unshakeable faith in confessing your holy name.**

**We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**ALL:** Amen.

**LEADER:**       **For our Holy Father, Pope Francis – *pause 7 seconds***  
**That God, who has chosen him for the office of**  
**bishop, will keep him in health and strength for the**  
**sake of the Church to guide and govern the holy**  
**people of God.**

**We pray to the Lord:**

**ALL:**           **For the sake of your son have mercy, Lord.**

**Leader:**       **Almighty and eternal God, whose wisdom orders all**  
**things, protect with your love the shepherd you have**  
**chosen, that the Christian people you entrust to his**  
**care may under his leadership prosper in faith.**

**We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**ALL:**           **Amen.**

**LEADER:**       **For the leaders of our church – *pause 7 seconds***  
**Renew the passion and joy of their ministry.**  
**Guide them to serve as Jesus modeled.**  
**We pray to the Lord:**

**ALL:**           **For the sake of your son have mercy, Lord.**

**Leader:**       **God of mercy, guide us all in the roles to which you**  
**call us. Transform our faith into acts of service**  
**and our hearts into instruments of prayer. Lead us**  
**to be authentic servant leaders in awe of your love.**  
**We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**ALL:**           **Amen.**

**LEADER:**       **For all who share our faith in Jesus Christ**  
                          – *pause 7 seconds*

**Open our hearts to the mystery of diversity  
and unite us as one Body.**

**We pray to the Lord:**

**ALL:**               **For the sake of your son have mercy, Lord.**

**Leader:**           **Almighty and eternal God, by whom the dispersed  
are gathered and kept together as one, look lovingly  
on the flock of your Son, that all who have been  
sealed by one baptism may be joined together by  
wholeness of faith and preserved in fellowship by the  
bond of love.**

**We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**ALL:**               **Amen.**



**LEADER:**       **For the Jewish people – *pause 7 seconds***  
**The first to hear the word of God, that they will  
grow in the love of God’s name and in faithfulness to  
the covenant.**

**We pray to the Lord:**

**ALL:**           **For the sake of your son have mercy, Lord.**

**Leader:**       **Almighty and eternal God, who long ago chose  
Abraham and his descendants and established them  
as children of the promise, hear the prayers of your  
Church, that the people you first made your own  
may arrive at the fullness of redemption.**

**We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**ALL:**           **Amen.**

**LEADER:**      **For faith-filled peoples of all religions**

*– pause 7 seconds*

**Inspire friendships among the diverse faiths and help us build channels of peace that invite everyone to celebrate diversity. Teach us to love the many faces of your Glory. We pray to the Lord:**

**ALL:**            **For the sake of your son have mercy, Lord.**

**Leader:**        **God of ancient faith, bring the diverse faith traditions together and continue to remind us that we are limited in our humanity. Make our love for each other grow and draw us more deeply into the mystery of salvation, that we may bear before the world a more perfect witness to your love.**

**We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**ALL:**            **Amen.**

**LEADER:**       **For those who serve in public office**

*– pause 7 seconds*

**That God will direct their minds and hearts in  
accordance with his will to ensure true peace and  
freedom. We pray to the Lord:**

**ALL:**           **For the sake of your son have mercy, Lord.**

**Leader:**       **Almighty and eternal God, whose hand upholds the  
rights and aspirations of all, guide those in  
authority, that people everywhere on earth may  
enjoy prosperity, freedom of worship, and the  
security of peace.**

**We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**ALL:**           **Amen.**

**LEADER:** For those preparing for baptism – *pause 7 seconds*  
Let us pray also for our catechumens, that God will open their ears and their hearts and unlock for them the gates of divine mercy, so that through the waters of rebirth they may receive pardon for their sins and find new life in Christ Jesus.  
We pray to the Lord:

**ALL:** For the sake of your son have mercy, Lord.

**Leader:** Almighty and eternal God, by whom the Church is continually blessed with new members, deepen the faith and understanding of all catechumens, that, being reborn in the font of baptism, they may take their place among your adopted children.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**ALL:** Amen.

**LEADER:** For peace throughout the world – *pause 7 seconds*  
Make us instruments of healing, forgiveness, and  
justice.  
We pray to the Lord:

**ALL:** For the sake of your son have mercy, Lord.

**Leader:** God of Peace, fill us always with imagination and a  
will for peace.

Let us not be confined or defined by convention.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**ALL:** Amen.

**LEADER:**       **For all who no longer find a home in the Church**

*– pause 7 seconds*

**For those who know the agony of abandonment and betrayal and for all who have been profoundly wounded in Your name. We pray to the Lord:**

**ALL:**           **For the sake of your son have mercy, Lord.**

**Leader:**       **Holy God, heal the hearts of those we have injured, as well as those who created the pain. We pray for all of our indigenous brothers and sisters.**

**We pray for everyone who has been denied religious, political, and social justice because of race, gender, or sexual orientation.**

**We ask this through Christ our Lord.**

**ALL:**           **Amen.**

**LEADER:** For the earth and all of creation – *pause 7 seconds*  
For an end to the exploitation and pollution of our  
environment and all life that shares this planet.  
We pray to the Lord:

**ALL:** For the sake of your son have mercy, Lord.

**Leader:** God of our deepest desires, you created the entire  
universe and we are but a small part. May we be  
filled with the will to live as a people who care for  
the earth, and repent from ways that damage and  
destroy your creation.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**ALL:** Amen.

**LEADER:** For all those in need – *pause 7 seconds*  
That God will rid the world of falsehood and error,  
dispel disease and famine from the face of the earth,  
break the fetters of captives, grant safe passage to  
refugees and migrants and those far from home,  
restore health to the sick, and give salvation to the  
dying.

**We pray to the Lord:**

**ALL:** For the sake of your son have mercy, Lord.

**Leader:** Almighty and eternal God, comfort of the afflicted  
and strength of the weary, hear the voices of those  
who cry to you in distress and grant that all may  
rejoice, because your mercy attended them in their  
hour of need.

**We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**ALL:** **Amen.**



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**HYMN:** *Performed by members of St. Joseph's Parish Music Ministry*

**Behold the Wood – Dan Schutte**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gCe0IGnvbtE>

**CLOSING PRAYER:**

**Leader:**

**Let us pray:**

**Lord, send down abundant blessing upon your people, who have recalled your Son's death in the sure hope of rising again. Grant us pardon and renew our strength; deepen our faith and confirm in us your work of eternal redemption.**

**We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**ALL:**

**Amen**