



ST. ELIZABETH'S
ANGLICAN CHURCH
聖公會頌主堂

April 15th, 2022 **11am**

Good Friday

The Celebration of the Lord's
Passion Joint Service

22022 Theme: Rekindle us to serve the changing world

Good Friday Roster

Celebrant: **Rev. Maria**

Worship Leader: **Andy Ng**

Reader: **Tali Wong, Justin Kim**

Intercessor: **Andy Ng & Tali Wong**

Greeter, Bee Team: **Ophelia Chiu**

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Introduction before starting service – Andy Ng

We invite parishioners joining the live online service to join in on responses as you would in regular worship, but please note that all will be muted except for those scheduled to serve in the worship. This service will be recorded and subsequently posted to our website.

Enter in silence

The Ministry of the Word (P.308) – Rev. Maria Ling

Celebrant: 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.**

Celebrant: Christ the Lord became obedient unto death,

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

Celebrant: Almighty God,

People: **our heavenly Father,**

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.**

Collect of the Day (P. 308) – Rev. Maria Ling

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: **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.
Amen.**

1st Reading from Isaiah 52:13—53:12 – Justin Kim

Reader (English): ***The Suffering Servant***

¹³ *See, my servant shall prosper;
he shall be exalted and lifted up,
and shall be very high.*

¹⁴ *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.*

^{53:1} *Who has believed what we have heard?
And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?*

² *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.*

³ *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.*

*⁴ Surely he has borne our infirmities
and carried our diseases;
yet we accounted him stricken,
struck down by God, and afflicted.*

*⁵ 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.*

*⁶ 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.*

*⁷ 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.*

*⁸ 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.*

*⁹ 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.*

*¹⁰ 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.*

*¹¹ 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.*

*¹² 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 – Andy Ng

Leader: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? and are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress?

People: **O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; by night as well, but I find no rest.**

Leader: Yet you are the Holy One, enthroned upon the praises of Israel.

People: **Our forefathers put their trust in you; they trusted, and you delivered them.**

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

People: **But as for me, I am a worm and no man, scorned by all and despised by the people.**

Leader: All who see me laugh me to scorn; they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,

People: **"He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him; let him rescue him, if he delights in him."**

Leader: Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.

People: **I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.**

Leader: Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is none to help.

People: **Many young bulls encircle me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me.**

Leader: They open wide their jaws at me, like a ravening and a roaring lion.

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

- Leader: My mouth is dried out like a potsherd; my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.
- People: **Packs of dogs close me in, and gangs of evildoers circle around me; they pierce my hands and my feet; I can count all my bones.**
- Leader: They stare and gloat over me; they divide my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing.
- People: **Be not far away, O Lord; you are my strength; hasten to help me.**
- Leader: Save me from the sword, my life from the power of the dog.
- People: **Save me from the lion's mouth, my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.**
- Leader: I will declare your name to my brethren; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.
- People: **Praise the Lord, you that fear him; stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory.**
- Leader: For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither does he hide his face from them; but when they cry to him he hears them.
- People: **My praise is of him in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.**
- Leader: The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: "May your heart live for ever!"
- People: **All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.**
- Leader: For kingship belongs to the Lord; he rules over the nations.
- People: **To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust fall before him.**
- Leader: My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.
- People: **They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn the saving deeds that he has done.**

Hymn – Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

1. Rock of Ages, cleft for me,

Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure,
Cleanse me from its guilt and power.

2. Not the labours of my hands
Can fulfill Thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone,
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

3. While I draw this fleeting breath,
When my eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.

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2nd Reading from Hebrews 10:16-25 – Tali Wong

Reader:

¹⁶ *'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',*

¹⁷ *he also adds,*

'I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.'

¹⁸ *Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any
offering for sin.*

A Call to Persevere

¹⁹ *Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the
sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by the new and living way
that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his
flesh), ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God,
²² 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. ²³ *Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful.* ²⁴ *And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds,* ²⁵ *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.**

Gospel John 18:1—19:42 –Andy Ng, Tali Wong, Rev. Maria Ling

Reader1 (Chinese): The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus

18:1 After Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to a place where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. ² *Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples.* ³ *So Judas brought a detachment of soldiers together with police from the chief priests and the Pharisees, and they came there with lanterns and torches and weapons.* ⁴ *Then Jesus, knowing all that was to happen to him, came forward and asked them, ‘For whom are you looking?’* ⁵ *They answered, ‘Jesus of Nazareth.’ Jesus replied, ‘I am he.’ Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them.* ⁶ *When Jesus said to them, ‘I am he’, they stepped back and fell to the ground.* ⁷ *Again he asked them, ‘For whom are you looking?’ And they said, ‘Jesus of Nazareth.’* ⁸ *Jesus answered, ‘I told you that I am he. So if you are looking for me, let these men go.’* ⁹ *This was to fulfil the word that he had spoken, ‘I did not lose a single one of those whom you gave me.’* ¹⁰ *Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest’s slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave’s name was Malchus.* ¹¹ *Jesus said to Peter, ‘Put your sword back into its sheath. Am I not to drink the cup that the Father has given me?’*

Reader 2 (English): ***Jesus before the High Priest***

¹² So the soldiers, their officer, and the Jewish police arrested Jesus and bound him. ¹³ First they took him to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. ¹⁴ Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was better to have one person die for the people.

Peter Denies Jesus

¹⁵ Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, ¹⁶ but Peter was standing outside at the gate. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in. ¹⁷ The woman said to Peter, 'You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?' He said, 'I am not.' ¹⁸ Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing round it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and warming himself.

Reader 3 (Chinese): **The High Priest Questions Jesus**

¹⁹ Then the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching. ²⁰ Jesus answered, 'I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. ²¹ Why do you ask me? Ask those who heard what I said to them; they know what I said.' ²² When he had said this, one of the police standing nearby struck Jesus on the face, saying, 'Is that how you answer the high priest?' ²³ Jesus answered, 'If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong. But if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?' ²⁴ Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

Reader 4 (English): **Peter Denies Jesus Again**

²⁵ Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They asked him, 'You are not also one of his disciples, are you?' He denied it and said, 'I am not.' ²⁶ One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, 'Did I not see you in the garden with him?' ²⁷ Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed.

Jesus before Pilate

²⁸ Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate's headquarters. It was early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the

headquarters, so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the Passover.²⁹ So Pilate went out to them and said, 'What accusation do you bring against this man?'³⁰ They answered, 'If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you.'³¹ Pilate said to them, 'Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law.' The Jews replied, 'We are not permitted to put anyone to death.'³² (This was to fulfil what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.)

³³ Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?'³⁴ Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?'³⁵ Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?'³⁶ Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.'³⁷ Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'³⁸ Pilate asked him, 'What is truth?'

Jesus Sentenced to Death

After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them, 'I find no case against him.'³⁹ But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover. Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?'⁴⁰ They shouted in reply, 'Not this man, but Barabbas!' Now Barabbas was a bandit.

Hymn – To Mock Your Reign

1. To mock your reign, O dearest Lord,
they made a crown of thorns;
set you with taunts along that road
from which no one returns.
They did not know, as we do now,
that glorious is your crown;
that thorns would flower upon your brow,
your sorrows heal our own.
2. In mock acclaim, O gracious Lord,

they snatched a purple cloak,
your passion turned, for all they cared,
into a soldier's joke.

They did not know, as we do now,
that though we merit blame
you will your robe of mercy throw
around our naked shame.

3. A sceptered reed, O patient Lord,
they thrust into your hand,
and acted out their grim charade
to its appointed end.

They did not know, as we do now,
though empires rise and fall,
your Kingdom shall not cease to grow
till love embraces all.

Hymn leader: Charles Doiron

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Reader 1 (Chinese):

19:1 Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. ² And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. ³ They kept coming up to him, saying, 'Hail, King of the Jews!' and striking him on the face. ⁴ Pilate went out again and said to them, 'Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him.' ⁵ So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, 'Here is the man!' ⁶ When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted, 'Crucify him! Crucify him!' Pilate said to them, 'Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him.' ⁷ The Jews answered him, 'We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God.'

⁸ Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. ⁹ He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus, 'Where are you from?' But Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰ Pilate therefore said

to him, 'Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?' ¹¹ Jesus answered him, 'You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin.' ¹² From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the Jews cried out, 'If you release this man, you are no friend of the emperor. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against the emperor.'

¹³ When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat on the judge's bench at a place called The Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew Gabbatha. ¹⁴ Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. He said to the Jews, 'Here is your King!' ¹⁵ They cried out, 'Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!' Pilate asked them, 'Shall I crucify your King?' The chief priests answered, 'We have no king but the emperor.' ¹⁶ Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

Hymn – Via Dolorosa (The Way of Suffering)

Down the Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem that day
The soldiers tried to clear the narrow street.
But the crowd pressed in to see the Man condemned to die on
Calvary.

Down the Via Dolorosa called the "Way of Suffering"
Like a lamb came the Messiah Christ the King.
And He chose to walk that road out of his love for you and me.
Down the Via Dolorosa all the way to Calvary.

He was bleeding from a beating.
There were stripes upon His back
And He wore a crown of thorns upon His head.
And He bore with every step the scorn of those who cried out for
His death.

Down the Via Dolorosa called the "Way of Suffering"
Like a lamb came the Messiah Christ the King.
And He chose to walk that road out of his love for you and me.
Down the Via Dolorosa all the way to Calvary.

The blood that would cleanse
the souls of all men
Made its way through
the heart of Jerusalem.

Down the Via Dolorosa called the “Way of Suffering”
Like a lamb came the Messiah Christ the King.
And He chose to walk that road out of his love for you and me.
Down the Via Dolorosa all the way to Calvary.

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Reader 2 (English): ***The Crucifixion of Jesus***

So they took Jesus;¹⁷ and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha.¹⁸ There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them.¹⁹ Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, ‘Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.’²⁰ Many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek.²¹ Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, ‘Do not write, “The King of the Jews”, but, “This man said, I am King of the Jews.”’²² Pilate answered, ‘What I have written I have written.’²³ When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top.²⁴ So they said to one another, ‘Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it.’ This was to fulfil what the scripture says,

*‘They divided my clothes among themselves,
and for my clothing they cast lots.’*

²⁵ And that is what the soldiers did.

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, ‘Woman, here is your son.’²⁷ Then he said to the disciple, ‘Here is your mother.’ And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

²⁸ After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfil the scripture), 'I am thirsty.'²⁹ A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth.³⁰ When Jesus had received the wine, he said, 'It is finished.' Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Reader 3 (Chinese):

Jesus' Side Is Pierced

³¹ Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the cross during the sabbath, especially because that sabbath was a day of great solemnity. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men broken and the bodies removed.³² Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him.³³ But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs.³⁴ Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out.³⁵ (He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth.)³⁶ These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, 'None of his bones shall be broken.'³⁷ And again another passage of scripture says, 'They will look on the one whom they have pierced.'

The Burial of Jesus

³⁸ After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body.³⁹ Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds.⁴⁰ They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews.⁴¹ Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid.⁴² And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

The Solemn Intercession (P.309) – Andy Ng, Tali Wong, Rev.
Maria Ling

Leader (Chinese): 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 all the people of this diocese,
for all Christians in this community,
for those about to be baptized,
that the Lord will confirm his Church in faith,
increase it in love,
and preserve it in peace.

Silence

Celebrant: 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.

People: **Amen.**

Leader (Chinese):
Let us pray for all nations and peoples of the earth,
and for those in authority among them:
for the leaders of Ukraine and of Russia for a peaceful
resolution to the invasion of Ukraine,
for the leaders of Hong Kong for good management of the
Covid-19 infection,

for Elizabeth our Queen 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 Bonnie the mayor of this municipality and those who serve
with her on the city council,
for all who serve the common good, that by God's help they
may seek justice and truth, and live in peace and concord.

Silence

Celebrant:

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.

People: **Amen.**

Leader (Chinese): 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 the handicapped, 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.

Silence

Celebrant:

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.

People: **Amen.**

Leader (Chinese): 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.

Silence

Celebrant:

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.

People: **Amen.**

Leader (Chinese): 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.

Silence

Celebrant:

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.

People: **Amen.**

Meditation on the Cross of Jesus

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

People: **Come let us worship.**

(People can come up and lay their prayers, petitions, and sins in the container)

Hymn – Unreserved Love

I've always been told love won't survive,

Promises will turn into lies,
The world just thinks love comes and passes through,
It never lasts pure and true.

But I still believe love can last,
It's your unfailing love that gives me rest,
You were there when I needed you most,
I'll never walk all alone.

On the cross you died and took away my curse,
Love so wondrous no one ever could deserve,
Your bleeding hands proved your love unreserved,
You're my greatest joy and treasure on the earth.

Make my life a fragrant offering I pray,
Help me Lord to serve you truly every day,
Through tears and joy I'll give you all my praise,
Let the whole world know your love and grace.

Accompanist and Song Leader: Justin Kim

Music and words: Kelvin Lo

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The Lord's Prayer (P.318) – Rev. Maria Ling

Celebrant: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

All: **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 forever. Amen.**

Closing Prayer – Rev. Maria Ling

Celebrant: 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.

People: **Amen.**

Closing Sentence – Andy Ng

Christ became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name.

Philippians 2:8–9

Recess and depart in silence

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April 17 at **11am** Easter Sunday

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Lay Reader: **Billy Ng**

Reader: **Patrick Lo**

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