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Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that we meet on the traditional lands of the Mississauga. We acknowledge this territory's significance for the Indigenous peoples who lived, and continue to live, upon it and whose practices and spiritualities were tied to the land and continue to develop in relationship to the territory and its other inhabitants today.

Celebration of the Lord's Passion (BAS)
Hymns are from *Common Praise*
Officiant and Preacher: Rev. Dr. John Oakes

The Gathering of the Community

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: Christ the Lord became obedient unto death,

People: Even death on a cross.

Officiant: Almighty God,

All: 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.

The Collect of the Day

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray.

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.**

Hymn #198: *O Sacred Head, Surrounded*

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Isaiah 52: 13 – 53: 12 Hank Huang

Reader: The first reading is taken from the fifty-second of the Book of Isaiah, beginning at the thirteenth verse.

¹³ See, my servant will act wisely; he will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted.¹⁴ Just as there were many who were appalled at him – his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any human being and his form marred beyond human likeness –¹⁵ so he will sprinkle many nations, and kings will shut their mouths because of him. For what they were not told, they will see, and what they have not heard, they will understand.

53 Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?² He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.³ He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.⁴ Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted.⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.⁶ We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.⁷ He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.⁸ By oppression and judgment he was taken away. Yet who of his generation protested?

For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was punished.⁹ He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth.¹⁰ Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the LORD makes his life an offering for sin, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand.

¹¹ After he has suffered, he will see the light of life and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities.

¹² Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong,

because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 22

Officiant: 1. My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? and are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress?

People: **2. O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; by night as well, but I find no rest.**

Officiant: 3. Yet you are the Holy One, enthroned upon the praises of Israel.

People: **4. Our forefathers put their trust in you; they trusted, and you delivered them.**

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

People: **6. But as for me, I am a worm and no man, scorned by all and despised by the people.**

Officiant: 7. All who see me laugh me to scorn; they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,

People: 8. "He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him; let him rescue him, if he delights in him."

Officiant: 9. Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.

People: **10. I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.**

Officiant: 11. Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is none to help.

People: **12. Many young bulls encircle me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me.**

Officiant: 13. They open wide their jaws at me, like a ravening and a roaring lion.

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

Officiant: 15. My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd ;my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.

People: 16. 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.

Officiant: 17. They stare and gloat over me; they divide my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing.

People: 18. Be not far away, O Lord; you are my strength; hasten to help me.

Officiant: 19. Save me from the sword, my life from the power of the dog.

People: 20. Save me from the lion's mouth, my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.

Officiant: 21. I will declare your name to my brethren; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

People: 22. Praise the Lord, you that fear him; stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

Officiant: 23. 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: 24. My praise is of him in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

Officiant: 25. The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek The Lord shall praise him: "May your heart live for ever!"

People: 26. All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

Officiant: 27. For kingship belongs to the Lord; he rules over the nations.

People: 28. To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down worship; all who go down to the dust fall before him.

Officiant: 29. My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.

People: 30. They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn the saving deeds that he has done.

Officiant: Let us pray,
Father, your tortured Son felt abandoned, and cried out in anguish from the cross, yet you delivered him. He overcame the bonds of death and rose in triumph from the grave. Do not hide your face from those who cry out to you: feed the hungry, strengthen the weak, and break the chains of the oppressed, that your people may rejoice in your saving deeds. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

Gradual Hymn #716: *Glory and Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ* (x2)

Gospel Reading: John 19: 1–42 Rev. Dr. John Oakes

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Reader: The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the nineteenth chapter of the Gospel according to St. John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

¹Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. ²The soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head. They clothed him in a purple robe ³and went up to him again and again, saying, “Hail, king of the Jews!” And they slapped him in the face. ⁴Once more Pilate came out and said to the Jews gathered there, “Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no basis for a charge against him.” ⁵When Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe, Pilate said to them, “Here is the man!” ⁶As soon as the chief priests and their officials saw him, they shouted, “Crucify! Crucify!” But Pilate answered, “You take him and crucify him. As for me, I find no basis for a charge against him.” ⁷The Jewish leaders insisted, “We have a law, and according to that law he must die, because he claimed to be the Son of God.” ⁸When Pilate heard this, he was even more afraid, ⁹and he went back inside the palace. “Where do you come from?” he asked Jesus, but Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰“Do you refuse to speak to me?” Pilate said. “Don’t you realize I have power either to free you or to crucify you?” ¹¹Jesus answered, “You would have no power over me if it were not given to you from above. Therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin.” ¹²From then on, Pilate tried to set Jesus free, but the Jewish leaders kept shouting, “If you let this man go, you are no friend of Caesar. Anyone who claims

to be a king opposes Caesar.”¹³When Pilate heard this, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judge’s seat at a place known as the Stone Pavement (which in Aramaic is Gabbatha).¹⁴It was the day of Preparation of the Passover; it was about noon. “Here is your king,” Pilate said to the Jews.¹⁵But they shouted, “Take him away! Take him away! Crucify him!” “Shall I crucify your king?” Pilate asked. “We have no king but Caesar,” the chief priests answered.¹⁶Finally Pilate handed him over to them to be crucified. So the soldiers took charge of Jesus.¹⁷Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha).¹⁸There they crucified him, and with him two others – one on each side and Jesus in the middle.¹⁹Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: Jesus of Nazareth, The King of the Jews.²⁰Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the sign was written in Aramaic, Latin and Greek.²¹The chief priests of the Jews protested to Pilate, “Do not write ‘The King of the Jews,’ but that this man claimed to be king of the Jews.”²²Pilate answered, “What I have written, I have written.”²³When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with the undergarment remaining. This garment was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom.²⁴“Let’s not tear it,” they said to one another. “Let’s decide by lot who will get it.” This happened that the scripture might be fulfilled that said, “They divided my clothes among them and cast lots for my garment.”^[a]So this is what the soldiers did.²⁵Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.²⁶When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing near by, he said to her, “Woman, here is your son,”²⁷and to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.²⁸Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, “I am thirsty.”²⁹A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus’ lips.³⁰When he had received the drink, Jesus said, “It is finished.” With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.³¹Now it was the day of Preparation, and the next day was to be a special Sabbath. Because the Jewish leaders did not want the bodies left on the crosses during the Sabbath, they asked Pilate to have the legs broken and the bodies taken down.³²The soldiers therefore came and broke the legs of the first man who had been crucified with Jesus, and then those of the other.³³But when they came to Jesus and found that he was already dead, they did not break his legs.³⁴Instead, one of the soldiers pierced

Jesus' side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water. ³⁵The man who saw it has given testimony, and his testimony is true. He knows that he tells the truth, and he testifies so that you also may believe. ³⁶These things happened so that the scripture would be fulfilled: "Not one of his bones will be broken," ³⁷and, as another scripture says, "They will look on the one they have pierced." ³⁸Later, Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for the body of Jesus. Now Joseph was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly because he feared the Jewish leaders. With Pilate's permission, he came and took the body away. ³⁹He was accompanied by Nicodemus, the man who earlier had visited Jesus at night. Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about thirty-five kilograms. ⁴⁰Taking Jesus' body, the two of them wrapped it, with the spices, in strips of linen. This was in accordance with Jewish burial customs. ⁴¹At the place where Jesus was crucified, there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had ever been laid. ⁴²Because it was the Jewish day of Preparation and since the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

After the reading

Presider: The Passion of Christ.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Gradual Hymn #716: ***Glory and Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ*** (x2)

Choir Anthem: *"Like a Lamb"* (arr. Mary Kay Beal)

Sermon: "God on the Cross" Rev. Dr. John Oakes

Hymns Of Response

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

**1. How deep the Father's love for us How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One Bring many folks to glory**

**2. Behold the Man upon a cross My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life I know that it is finished**

**3. I will not boast in anything No gifts no pow'r no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart His wounds have paid my ransom**

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#202: *There is A Green Hill Far Away*

#386: *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

The Apostles' Creed

Presider: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say:

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Solemn Intercession

Officiant: 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, that the Lord will confirm his Church in faith, increase it in love, and preserve it in peace.

Silence

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. Amen.

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 Mark 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 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

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. Amen.

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

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. Amen.

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

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. Amen. 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

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. Amen.

Hymn #184: *My Song Is Love Unknown*

The Lord's Prayer

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

All: 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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever, Amen.

Parting Prayer

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. **Amen.**

The congregation is encouraged to leave in silence.

If you wish, please feel free to remain in the Sanctuary for quiet prayer.

Our Easter Sunday service is at 10:30 a.m. on April 5. Please join us.