

Abbotsford Anglican Church St Andrew's

Good Friday, 10th April 2020

Service of Bible Reading, Song and Prayer

Present only – Trevor, Rosemary, Stuart, Amber,
Fiona

SENTENCE OF SCRIPTURE - Trevor

Jesus said, "Now is the judgement of this world, now shall the ruler of this world be cast out: and I, when I am lifted up from the earth will draw all people to myself".

John 12:31

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION – Trevor

It's Good Friday. Welcome to church. My name is the Rev Trevor Young. Rector of Abbotsford Anglican Church – St. Andrews. With me today are our musicians Fiona, Amber and Rosemary and our Bible Reader is Stuart.

This morning service is a service of Bible readings, prayer and song. Come with us back to that day when Christ our Lord and Saviour died and why we Christians call this day "Good".

Let's begin with a prayer.

OPENING PRAYER – Trevor

Almighty God, who of your great love for mankind, on this day, you gave your dearly loved Son Jesus Christ our Lord to die upon the cross. Grant us a living faith in our Redeemer, and a thankful remembrance of his death.

Help us to love him better for his exceeding great love toward us; and grant that our sins may be put away, and nailed to the cross, and buried in his grave, that they may be remembered no more against us and your peace which passes all understanding put our hearts and minds at rest in the knowledge of

you and your love; in the Name of Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

FIRST BIBLE READING - Stuart

Our Bible readings for Good Friday are from John's Gospel Chapters 18 and 19. The First of the readings begins at verse 28 of Chapter 18 to verse 18 of Chapter 19.

²⁸ The Jewish leaders took Jesus from Caiaphas to the palace of the Roman governor. By now it was early morning, and to avoid ceremonial uncleanness they did not enter the palace, because they wanted to be able to eat the Passover. ²⁹ So Pilate came out to them and asked, "What charges are you bringing against this man?"

³⁰ "If he were not a criminal," they replied, "we would not have handed him over to you."

³¹ Pilate said, "Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law."

"But we have no right to execute anyone," they objected. ³² This took place to fulfil what Jesus had said about the kind of death he was going to die. ³³ Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?"

³⁴ "Is that your own idea," Jesus asked, "or did others talk to you about me?"

³⁵ "Am I a Jew?" Pilate replied. "Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?"

³⁶ Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place."

³⁷ "You are a king, then!" said Pilate.

Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."

³⁸ "What is truth?" retorted Pilate. With this he went out again to the Jews gathered there and said, "I find no basis for a charge against him. ³⁹ But it is your custom for me to

release to you one prisoner at the time of the Passover. Do you want me to release ‘the king of the Jews’?”

⁴⁰ They shouted back, “No, not him! Give us Barabbas!” Now Barabbas had taken part in an uprising.

^{19.1} Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. ² The soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head. They clothed him in a purple robe ³ and went up to him again and again, saying, “Hail, king of the Jews!” And they slapped him in the face.

⁴ Once 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.” ⁵ When Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe, Pilate said to them, “Here is the man!”

⁶ As 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.”

⁷ The Jewish leaders insisted, “We have a law, and according to that law he must die, because he claimed to be the Son of God.”

⁸ When Pilate heard this, he was even more afraid, ⁹ and 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?”

¹¹ Jesus 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.”

¹² From 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.”

¹³ When 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). ¹⁴ It was the day of Preparation of the Passover; it was about noon.

“Here is your king,” Pilate said to the Jews.

¹⁵ But 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.

¹⁶ Finally Pilate handed him over to them to be crucified.

So the soldiers took charge of Jesus. ¹⁷

Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). ¹⁸

There they crucified him, and with him two others—one on each side and Jesus in the middle.

SONG – My song is love unknown

Samuel Crossman (1624-1683)

Rosemary

**My song is love unknown,
my Saviour’s love to me,
love to the loveless shown
that they might lovely be.
but who am I
that for my sake
my Lord should take
frail flesh and die?**

**He came from heaven’s throne
salvation to bestow,
but men refused, and none
the longed-for Christ would know.
this is my friend,
my friend indeed,
who at my need,
his life did spend.**

**Sometimes they crowd his way
and his sweet praises sing,
resounding all the day
hosannas to their king:
then “crucify” is all their breath,
and for his death they thirst and cry.**

**Why, what hath my Lord done
What makes this rage and spite?**

**He made the lame to run,
he gave the blind their sight.
What injuries!
Yet these are why
the Lord most high so cruelly dies.**

**With angry shouts, they have
my dear Lord done away;
a murderer they save,
the prince of life they slay!
yet willingly he bears the shame
that through his name all might be free.**

**Here might I stay and sing,
of him my soul adores:
never was love, dear King,
never was grief like yours.
This is my friend,
in whose sweet praise
I all my days
could gladly spend.**

BIBLE TEACHING – Trevor
“Do not forget”
(Sermon Series: Easter Comfort)

SECOND BIBLE READING – Stuart
John Chapter 19 verses 19 to 30.

¹⁹ Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: Jesus of Nazareth, the king of the Jews. ²⁰ Many 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. ²¹ The 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.”

²² Pilate answered, “What I have written, I have written.”

²³ When 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.”

So this is what the soldiers did.

²⁵ Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus saw his

mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, “Woman, here is your son,” ²⁷ and to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

²⁸ Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, “I am thirsty.” ²⁹ A 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. ³⁰ When he had received the drink, Jesus said, “It is finished.” With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

SONG – **God is a Holy God**

From The King, The Snake and the Promise
Rosemary

PRAYER – Fiona

Let us prayer.

God the Father, creator of heaven and earth
have mercy on us.

God the Son, redeemer of the world
have mercy on us

God the Holy Spirit, the strengthener
have mercy upon us.

Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity,
three persons and one God

have mercy on us.

Lord, remember not our offences,
nor the offences of our forefathers;
spare us good Lord, spare your people
whom you have redeemed
with your precious blood
Spare us good Lord.

From all spiritual blindness;
from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy;
from envy, hatred, and malice;
and from all uncharitableness.

Good Lord, deliver us.

Bless and defend all who strive for our safety
and protection, and shield them in all
dangers and adversities.

Hear us, good Lord.

Heal those who are sick in body or mind;
and give skill and compassion to all
who care for them.

Hear us, good Lord.

Strengthen those who stand firm in the faith;
encourage the fainthearted; raise up those
who fall; and bless your servants who spread
the gospel in all the world.

Hear us, good Lord.

In our times of trouble;
in our times of prosperity;
in our hour of death,
and on the day of judgement

Good Lord, deliver us.

Father, grant us all true repentance;
forgive our sins,
negligences, and ignorances;
and strengthen us by your Holy Spirit
to amend our lives
according to your holy word.

through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Jesus, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world
grant us your peace.

Lord, have mercy on us
Christ, have mercy on us
Lord, have mercy on us.

**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.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

THIRD BIBLE READING – Stuart
John Chapter 19 verse 31 to verse 42.

³¹ Now 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. ³² The soldiers therefore came and broke the legs of the first man who had been crucified with Jesus, and then those of the other. ³³ But when they came to Jesus and found that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. ³⁴ Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water. ³⁵ The 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. ³⁶ These things happened so that the scripture would be fulfilled: "Not one of his bones will be broken," ³⁷ and, as another scripture says, "They will look on the one they have pierced."

³⁸ Later, 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. ³⁹ He was accompanied by Nicodemus, the man who earlier had visited Jesus at night. Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds. ⁴⁰ Taking Jesus' body, the two of them wrapped it, with the spices, in strips of linen. This was in accordance with Jewish burial customs. ⁴¹ At 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. ⁴² Because it was the Jewish day of Preparation and since the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - Trevor

SENTENCE OF SCRIPTURE – Trevor
“Christ suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God”

1 Peter 3:18

CLOSING PRAYER –Trevor
Almighty God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
look graciously upon this your family,
for which your Son our Lord, Jesus Christ,
was willing to be betrayed
and given up into the hands of wicked men,
and to suffer death upon the cross
that they and we may be forgiven;
we ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

SONG – THE POWER OF THE CROSS

Stuart Townend & Keith Getty

Rosemary

**Oh, to see the dawn
Of the darkest day:
Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men,
Torn and beaten, then
Nailed to a cross of wood.**

**This, the power of the cross:
Christ became sin for us,
Took the blame, bore the wrath:
We stand forgiven at the cross.**

**Oh, to see the pain
Written on Your face
Bearing the awesome weight of sin;
Every bitter thought,
Every evil deed
Crowning Your bloodstained brow.**

**Now the daylight flees,
Now the ground beneath
Quakes as its Maker bows His head.
Curtain torn in two,**

**Dead are raised to life;
‘Finished!’ the victory cry.**

**Oh, to see my name
Written in the wounds,
For through Your suffering I am free.
Death is crushed to death,
Life is mine to live,
Won through Your selfless love.**

**This, the power of the cross:
Son of God, slain for us.
What a love! What a cost!
We stand forgiven at the cross.**

SENTENCE OF SCRIPTURE – Trevor
Jesus said to his disciples; “Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy”
John 16:22

Join us again on Easter Sunday morning.