

Abbotsford Anglican Church

St Andrew's

Good Friday, 2nd April 2021

A Service of Bible Reading, Song and Prayer

SENTENCE OF SCRIPTURE - Trevor

When they came together in Galilee, Jesus said to them, “The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill him, and on the third day he will be raised to life.” And the disciples were filled with grief.”

Matthew 17:22-23

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION – Trevor

It’s Good Friday. Welcome to church and welcome to those listening in on our website. My name is the Rev Trevor Young. Rector of Abbotsford Anglican Church – St. Andrews.

This morning’s service is a service of Bible readings from Matthew’s Gospel Chapters 26 and 27, with prayer and song.

Leading singing this morning are our musicians: Fiona, Rosemary, Teena and Young Lan. And a number of our congregation will share in the readings.

Come with us back to that day when Christ our Lord and Saviour died. Listen in to God’s Word read, sung and prayed and let us understand afresh why we Christians call this day “Good”.

Let’s begin with a prayer.

OPENING PRAYER – Trevor

Almighty God, out 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 -

Our Bible readings for Good Friday are from Matthew’s Gospel Chapters 26 and 27. The First of the readings begins at verse 17 of Chapter 26 to verse 56.

Minette verses 17-25

¹⁷ On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Where do you want us to make preparations for you to eat the Passover?”

¹⁸ He replied, “Go into the city to a certain man and tell him, ‘The Teacher says: My appointed time is near. I am going to celebrate the Passover with my disciples at your house.’” ¹⁹ So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them and prepared the Passover. ²⁰ When evening came, Jesus was reclining at the table with the Twelve. ²¹ And while they were eating, he said, “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.”

²² They were very sad and began to say to him one after the other, “Surely you don’t mean me, Lord?”

²³ Jesus replied, “The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. ²⁴ The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born.”

²⁵ Then Judas, the one who would betray him, said, “Surely you don’t mean me, Rabbi?”

Jesus answered, “You have said so.”

David verses 26-35

²⁶ While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body.”

²⁷ Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you. ²⁸ This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹ I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.”

³⁰ When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

³¹ Then Jesus told them, “This very night you will all fall away on account of me, for it is written:

“I will strike the shepherd,
and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.”

³² But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee.”

³³ Peter replied, “Even if all fall away on account of you, I never will.”

³⁴ “Truly I tell you,” Jesus answered, “this very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times.”

³⁵ But Peter declared, “Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you.” And all the other disciples said the same.

Ralph verses 36-46

³⁶ Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, “Sit here while I go over there and pray.” ³⁷ He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. ³⁸ Then he said to them, “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me.”

³⁹ Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.”

⁴⁰ Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. “Couldn’t you men keep

watch with me for one hour?” he asked Peter. ⁴¹ “Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

⁴² He went away a second time and prayed, “My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done.”

⁴³ When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. ⁴⁴ So he left them and went away once more and prayed the third time, saying the same thing.

⁴⁵ Then he returned to the disciples and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour has come, and the Son of Man is delivered into the hands of sinners. ⁴⁶ Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!”

Diane verses 47-56

⁴⁷ While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived. With him was a large crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests and the elders of the people. ⁴⁸ Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: “The one I kiss is the man; arrest him.” ⁴⁹ Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” and kissed him.

⁵⁰ Jesus replied, “Do what you came for, friend.”

Then the men stepped forward, seized Jesus and arrested him. ⁵¹ With that, one of Jesus’ companions reached for his sword, drew it out and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear.

⁵² “Put your sword back in its place,” Jesus said to him, “for all who draw the sword will die by the sword. ⁵³ Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels? ⁵⁴ But how then would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen in this way?”

⁵⁵ In that hour Jesus said to the crowd, “Am I leading a rebellion, that you have come out with swords and clubs to capture me? Every

day I sat in the temple courts teaching, and you did not arrest me.⁵⁶ But this has all taken place that the writings of the prophets might be fulfilled.” Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

SONG – What Love My God

City Alight

**What love my God
would bring You down to earth
What king would take a low
and lonely birth
Yet to this dark
and broken place You came
To sleep beneath the stars
that You had made**

**What love my God
would send the Way of Life
To walk the road, rejected and despised
That You might know the weakness
I possess
And be my rock of strength
and righteousness**

Chorus:
*O Your love my God like a flood
As heaven opened up pouring out on us
O praise the King who came to the world
In His love like a mighty flood*

**What love my God
could hold You to the tree
To bear that overwhelming debt for me
The Son of heaven leaves the Father's side
The Healer bleeds,
the Life was made to die**

Chorus:

**What love my God,
so gracious and extreme
Was strong enough
to come and fight for me
To go through hell
and down into the grave**

**And raise me up to see You face to face
You raise me up to see You face to face**

Chorus (Repeat):

BIBLE READING

Chapter 26 verse 57 to 75.

Brian verses 57-68

⁵⁷ Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the teachers of the law and the elders had assembled. ⁵⁸ But Peter followed him at a distance, right up to the courtyard of the high priest. He entered and sat down with the guards to see the outcome.

⁵⁹ The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for false evidence against Jesus so that they could put him to death. ⁶⁰ But they did not find any, though many false witnesses came forward. Finally two came forward ⁶¹ and declared, “This fellow said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God and rebuild it in three days.’”

⁶² Then the high priest stood up and said to Jesus, “Are you not going to answer? What is this testimony that these men are bringing against you?” ⁶³ But Jesus remained silent. The high priest said to him, “I charge you under oath by the living God: Tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God.”

⁶⁴ “You have said so,” Jesus replied. “But I say to all of you: From now on you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

⁶⁵ Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, “He has spoken blasphemy! Why do we need any more witnesses? Look, now you have heard the blasphemy.

⁶⁶ What do you think?”

“He is worthy of death,” they answered.

⁶⁷ Then they spit in his face and struck him with their fists. Others slapped him ⁶⁸ and said, “Prophesy to us, Messiah. Who hit you?”

Minette verses 69-75

⁶⁹ Now Peter was sitting out in the courtyard, and a servant girl came to him. “You also were with Jesus of Galilee,” she said.

⁷⁰ But he denied it before them all. “I don’t know what you’re talking about,” he said.

⁷¹ Then he went out to the gateway, where another servant girl saw him and said to the people there, “This fellow was with Jesus of Nazareth.”

⁷² He denied it again, with an oath: “I don’t know the man!”

⁷³ After a little while, those standing there went up to Peter and said, “Surely you are one of them; your accent gives you away.”

⁷⁴ Then he began to call down curses, and he swore to them, “I don’t know the man!” Immediately a rooster crowed. ⁷⁵ Then Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken: “Before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times.” And he went outside and wept bitterly.

SONG –How deep the Father’s Love for us

Stuart Townend

**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 sons to glory.**

**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.**

**I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no power, 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.

BIBLE READING

Chapter 27 verse 1 to 56.

Diane verses 1-10

¹ Early in the morning, all the chief priests and the elders of the people made their plans how to have Jesus executed. ² So they bound him, led him away and handed him over to Pilate the governor.

³ When Judas, who had betrayed him, saw that Jesus was condemned, he was seized with remorse and returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. ⁴ “I have sinned,” he said, “for I have betrayed innocent blood.”

“What is that to us?” they replied. “That’s your responsibility.”

⁵ So Judas threw the money into the temple and left. Then he went away and hanged himself.

⁶ The chief priests picked up the coins and said, “It is against the law to put this into the treasury, since it is blood money.” ⁷ So they decided to use the money to buy the potter’s field as a burial place for foreigners. ⁸ That is why it has been called the Field of Blood to this day. ⁹ Then what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled: “They took the thirty pieces of silver, the price set on him by the people of Israel, ¹⁰ and they used them to buy the potter’s field, as the Lord commanded me.”

Janice verses 11-26

¹¹ Meanwhile Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?”

“You have said so,” Jesus replied.

¹² When he was accused by the chief priests and the elders, he gave no answer. ¹³ Then Pilate asked him, “Don’t you hear the testimony they are bringing against

you?”¹⁴ But Jesus made no reply, not even to a single charge—to the great amazement of the governor.

¹⁵ Now it was the governor’s custom at the festival to release a prisoner chosen by the crowd. ¹⁶ At that time they had a well-known prisoner whose name was

Jesus Barabbas. ¹⁷ So when the crowd had gathered, Pilate asked them, “Which one do you want me to release to you: Jesus Barabbas, or Jesus who is called the Messiah?” ¹⁸ For he knew it was out of self-interest that they had handed Jesus over to him.

¹⁹ While Pilate was sitting on the judge’s seat, his wife sent him this message: “Don’t have anything to do with that innocent man, for I have suffered a great deal today in a dream because of him.”

²⁰ But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus executed.

²¹ “Which of the two do you want me to release to you?” asked the governor. “Barabbas,” they answered.

²² “What shall I do, then, with Jesus who is called the Messiah?” Pilate asked.

They all answered, “Crucify him!”

²³ “Why? What crime has he committed?” asked Pilate.

But they shouted all the louder, “Crucify him!”

²⁴ When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but that instead an uproar was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd. “I am innocent of this man’s blood,” he said. “It is your responsibility!”

²⁵ All the people answered, “His blood is on us and on our children!”

²⁶ Then he released Barabbas to them. But he had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified.

Ralph verses 27-38

²⁷ Then the governor’s soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole

company of soldiers around him. ²⁸ They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹ and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand. Then they knelt in front of him and mocked him. “Hail, king of the Jews!” they said. ³⁰ They spit on him, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again. ³¹ After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

³² As they were going out, they met a man from Cyrene, named Simon, and they forced him to carry the cross. ³³ They came to a place called Golgotha (which means “the place of the skull”). ³⁴ There they offered Jesus wine to drink, mixed with gall; but after tasting it, he refused to drink it. ³⁵ When they had crucified him, they divided up his clothes by casting lots. ³⁶ And sitting down, they kept watch over him there. ³⁷ Above his head they placed the written charge against him: THIS IS JESUS, THE KING OF THE JEWS. ³⁸ Two rebels were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left.

Diane verses 39-44

³⁹ Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads ⁴⁰ and saying, “You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!” ⁴¹ In the same way the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders mocked him. ⁴² “He saved others,” they said, “but he can’t save himself! He’s the king of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. ⁴³ He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, ‘I am the Son of God.’” ⁴⁴ In the same way the rebels who were crucified with him also heaped insults on him.

HYMN - My song is love unknown

Samuel Crossman (1624-1683)

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 READING

Chapter 27 verse 45 to verse 56.

Trevor verses 45-56

⁴⁵ From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land. ⁴⁶ About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice,
“*Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?*” (which means “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”).
⁴⁷ When some of those standing there heard this, they said, “He’s calling Elijah.”
⁴⁸ Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled it with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink. ⁴⁹ The rest said, “Now leave him alone. Let’s see if Elijah comes to save him.”
⁵⁰ And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit.
⁵¹ At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split ⁵² and the tombs broke open. The bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. ⁵³ They came out of the tombs after Jesus’ resurrection and went into the holy city and appeared to many people.
⁵⁴ When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, “Surely he was the Son of God!”
⁵⁵ Many women were there, watching from a distance. They had followed Jesus from Galilee to care for his needs. ⁵⁶ Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of Zebedee’s sons.

ADDRESS – Rev Jacinth Myles

ITEM – Rosemary & Young Lan
“Take heart”

PRAYER – Teena

Let us pray.

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.

BIBLE READING

Chapter 27 verse 57 to 65.

Kay verses 57-65

⁵⁷ As evening approached, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who had himself become a disciple of Jesus. ⁵⁸ Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus' body, and Pilate ordered that it be given to him. ⁵⁹ Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, ⁶⁰ and placed it in his own new tomb that he had cut out of the rock. He rolled a big stone in front of the entrance to the tomb and went away. ⁶¹ Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were sitting there opposite the tomb.

⁶² The next day, the one after Preparation Day, the chief priests and the Pharisees went to Pilate. ⁶³ "Sir," they said, "we remember that while he was still alive that deceiver said, 'After three days I will rise again.' ⁶⁴ So give the order for the tomb to be made

secure until the third day. Otherwise, his disciples may come and steal the body and tell the people that he has been raised from the dead. This last deception will be worse than the first.”

⁶⁵“Take a guard,” Pilate answered. “Go, make the tomb as secure as you know how.”

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

CONCLUSION - Trevor

This morning’s service of Bible readings, prayer and song has taken us back to that day when Christ our Lord and Saviour died. I trust as we have listened in to God’s Word read, sung and prayed we’ve understood afresh why we Christians call this day “Good”.

SENTENCE OF SCRIPTURE – Trevor

“Christ suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God”

1 Peter 3:18

We know that today is not the end of the Gospel. So we look forward to meeting again on Sunday – Resurrection Sunday!

After church today, Rosemary and I invite you to please stay for a while and join us in the Rectory grounds for morning tea.

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

**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.**

BLESSING - Trevor
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the Name of Christ. Amen.