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We acknowledge with gratitude and humility that St. John 's is located on land that is traditional territory of the Coast Salish People. We are grateful for the heritage of the Tsleil-Waututh, Squamish, Kwikwetlem, and Musqueam Nations. We in the Diocese of New Westminster continue to search and pray with Indigenous brothers, sisters, and friends for truth, justice, and reconciliation.

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Sentences

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.**

~ Silence ~

Celebrant: 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.

Collect of the Day

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.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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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.**

First Scripture Reading:

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Psalm 22

(said by all responsively)

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?*

and are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress?

O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer;*

by night as well, but I find no rest.

Yet you are the Holy One,*

enthroned upon the praises of Israel.

Our forefathers put their trust in you;*

they trusted, and you delivered them.

They cried out to you and were delivered;*

they trusted in you and were not put to shame.

But as for me, I am a worm and no man,*

scorned by all and despised by the people.

All who see me laugh me to scorn;*

they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,

"He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him;*

let him rescue him, if he delights in him."

Yet you are he who took me out of the womb,*

and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.

I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born;*

you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.

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

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

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

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

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.

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.

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

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

Save me from the sword,*
my life from the power of the dog.

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

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

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

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.

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

The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him:*

"May your heart live for ever!"

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

For kingship belongs to the Lord;*
he rules over the nations.

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

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

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

The Passion Gospel:

John 18:1 – 19:42

Reader: The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Celebrant: 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.

Reflections:

The Seven Last Words spoken by Jesus from the Cross

Hymn: CP 386 - When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the cross of Christ, my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down;
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

First Word – *Ann Adair-Austin*

“Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.”

Luke 23:32-38

Prayer

Hymn: CP 615 – Just as I am Without one Plea

Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou biddest me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; sight, riches, healing of the mind
yea, all I need, in thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt
fightings and fears within, without
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot,
to thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, thy love unknown has broken every barrier down
now to be thine, yea, thine alone
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Second Word – *Deacon Anne Anchor*

“Verily, I say unto you, today thou shalt be with me in paradise”

Luke 23:39-43

Prayer

Hymn: CP 634 - Jesus, Remember Me (Sing 3 times)

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

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Third Word – *Ruby Ng*

“Woman, behold thy son. (Says to disciple) Behold thy mother.”

John 19:26-27

Prayer

Hymn: VU 337 - Blessed Assurance, Jesus is mine

Fourth Word – *Ferne Malcolm*

“My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?”

Matthew 27:45-54 or Mark 15:33-40

Prayer

Hymn: CP 192 – Verse 1. Were you there when they crucified my
Lord? (Repeat)

Fifth Word – *Eddie (Edward) Morrissey*

“I thirst.” John 19:28-29

Prayer

Hymn: CP 192 – Verse 1 & 2. Were you there when they crucified

my Lord? Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Sixth Word – *Rev. Miranda Sutherland*

“It is finished” John 19:30

Prayer

Hymn: CP 192 Verse 1 & 4

Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Were you there when
the sun refused to shine?

Seventh Word – *Rev. Miranda Sutherland*

“Father, into thy hands I commit my spirit.” Luke 23:44-49

Prayer

Hymn: CP 202 – There is a Green Hill Far Away

There is a green hill far away, outside a city wall,
where the dear Lord was crucified who died to save us all.

We may not know, we cannot tell what pains he had to bear;
but we believe it was for us he hung and suffered there.

He died that we might be forgiven, he died to make us good,
that we might go at last to heaven, saved by his precious blood.

O dearly, dearly has he loved, and we must love him too,
and trust in his redeeming blood, and try his works to do.

Choir Anthem: “Were you there?”

Traditional Spiritual arranged by Larry Shackley

The Solemn Intercession

Leader: 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 John 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.

All: **Amen.**

Leader: Let us pray for all nations and peoples of the earth, and for those in authority among them: for King Charles and all the Royal Family, for Justin the Prime Minister and for the government of this country, for John the premier of this province and the members of the legislature, for Megan Lahti the mayor of this municipality and those who serve with her on the 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.

All: **Amen.**

Leader: 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.

All: **Amen.**

Leader: 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.

All: **Amen.**

Leader: 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 tranquility 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.

All: **Amen.**

Meditation on the Cross

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

People: **Come let us worship.**

(You are invited to meditate on the cross, as the music is sung.)

Hymn During Meditation:

CP # 197 “O Dearest Lord, Thy Sacred Head”

O dearest Lord, thy sacred head with thorns was pierced for me:
O pour thy blessing on my head that I may think for thee.

O dearest Lord, thy sacred hands with nails were pierced for me:
O shed thy blessing on my hands that they may work for thee.

O dearest Lord, thy sacred feet with nails were pierced for me:
O pour thy blessing on my feet that they may follow thee.

O dearest Lord, thy sacred heart with spear was pierced for me:
O pour thy Spirit in my heart that I may live for thee.

The Communion

The Lord's Prayer

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

People: **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.**

All: We do not presume to come to this your table, most merciful Father, trusting in our own righteousness, but only in your boundless mercy. Wee are not even worthy to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the Lord, ever the same, ever merciful. Grant therefore, Lord of grace and love, that we may so eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and drink His blood, that with bodies and souls made clean from ever stain of sin we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us. Amen.

Priest: the gifts of God for the people of God

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Prayer after Communion

Priest: Let us pray

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God,

All **We pray you to set your passion, cross, and death between your judgement and our souls. Now and in the hour of our death. Give mercy and grace to the living, pardon and rest to the dead, to your holy Church peace and concord, and to sinners everlasting life and glory: for with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Let us pray...

Priest: 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.

All: Amen.

*(You are welcome to stay for
quiet personal meditation and prayer
after the service is finished.)*

Thank you to those who assisted with the Services today:

<i>Altar Guild:</i>	<i>Karen Ebbett, Ruby Ng</i>
<i>Counters:</i>	<i>Ruby Ng, Bonnie SooChan</i>
<i>Ushers:</i>	<i>Sue Hall, Sue Meredith</i>
<i>Music:</i>	<i>Gail Craig, The Choir</i>
<i>Reader:</i>	<i>Georgie Green</i>
<i>Intercessor:</i>	<i>Anne Anchor</i>
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