

# Good Friday – Reading Sheet

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Today's Eucharist begins on page 119 of the Green Prayer Book, of which copies can be collected from the covered breezeway between St James Church and Gill Hall or the open porch on Mercer St side at St Georges Church.

## Sentence

Christ became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and has given him the name that is above every name. *Philippians 2.8–9*

## Collect

Almighty God,  
look with mercy on this your family,  
for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed  
and to be 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.

## Liturgy of the Word

### Isaiah 52.13-53.12

52 <sup>13</sup> See, my servant shall prosper;  
he shall be exalted and lifted up,  
and shall be very high.

<sup>14</sup> 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—

<sup>15</sup> 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

<sup>1</sup> Who has believed what we have heard?

And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

<sup>2</sup> 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

### **Psalm 31.9-16 (APBA p.250)**

9 Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble:

my eye wastes away for grief,

my throat also and my inward parts.

10 For my life wears out in sorrow,

and my years with sighing:

my strength fails me in my affliction,

and my bones are consumed.

11 I am become the scorn of all my enemies:

and my neighbours wag their heads in derision.

12 I am a thing of horror to my friends:

and those that see me in the street shrink from me.

13 I am forgotten like one dead and out of mind:

I have become like a broken vessel.

14 For I hear the whispering of many:

and fear is on every side;

15 While they plot together against me:

and scheme to take away my life.

16 But in you, Lord, have I put my trust:

I have said 'You are my God.'

## 1 Corinthians 1.18-31

<sup>18</sup> For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

<sup>19</sup> For it is written,

'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,

and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.'

<sup>20</sup> Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

<sup>21</sup> For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe.

<sup>22</sup> For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom,

<sup>23</sup> but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles,

<sup>24</sup> but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

<sup>25</sup> For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

<sup>26</sup> Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth.

<sup>27</sup> But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong;

<sup>28</sup> God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are,

<sup>29</sup> so that no one might boast in the presence of God.

<sup>30</sup> He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption,

<sup>31</sup> in order that, as it is written, 'Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.'

## The Passion according to St John