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The Diocese of Barbados**

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**GOOD FRIDAY  
SERVICE**

**April 18, 2025 at 9:00 A.M.**

*"To be a guiding light of Christ's grace, justice, freedom and love".*

**April 18, 2025**  
**Good Friday**  
**YEAR C**

**9:00 A.M ~ The Good Friday Liturgy: Family Devotions**  
**The President: The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**1. THE ENTRANCE RITE (In Silence)**

Welcome and Greeting

**The Opening Hymn ~ 669**

There is a green hill far away,  
without 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.

There was no other good enough  
to pay the price of sin;  
he only could unlock the gate

of heaven and let us in.

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

*Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), 1848*

## **Acclamation**

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President:

All we like sheep have gone astray;  
We have turned every one to his own way.

**ALL:**

**And the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.**

President:

Christ the Lord became obedient unto death.

**ALL:**

**Even death on a cross.**

**ALL:**

**Almighty God, 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 have not loved ourselves as we ought. 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**

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President: The Lord be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

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.*

## **2. THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

**The First Lesson:** Isaiah 52:13 —53:12

**Lector:** Mrs. Fay Cooke-Nurse

See, my servant shall prosper;  
he shall be exalted and lifted up,  
and shall be very high.

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--

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.

Who has believed what we have heard?  
And to whom has the arm of the LORD been  
revealed?

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.

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.

Surely he has borne our infirmities  
and carried our diseases;

yet we accounted him stricken,  
struck down by God, and afflicted.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.  
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.

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.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 22:1-15

*Deus, Deus meus*

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

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

- 3 Yet you are the Holy One, enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
- 4 Our forefathers put their trust in you; they trusted, and you delivered them.
- 5 They cried out to you and were delivered; they trusted in you and were not put to shame.
- 6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man, scorned by all and despised by the people.
- 7 All who see me laugh me to scorn; they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,
- 8 "He trusted in the LORD; let him deliver him; let him rescue him, if he delights in him."
- 9 Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.
- 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.
- 11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is none to help.
- 12 Many young bulls encircle me;\* strong bulls of Bashan surround me.
- 13 They open wide their jaws at me,\* like a ravening and a roaring lion.
- 14 I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint;\* my heart within my breast is melting wax.
- 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.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Spirit; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. *Amen***

**The Second Lesson: Hebrew 4:14-16; 5:7-9**

**Lector: Mrs. Juno Burrows**

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

**LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.**

**ALL:       Thanks be to God.**

Hymn ~ 147

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 mingling 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.

*Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.*

**The Gospel: John 18:1 to 19:42 (To be narrated)**  
The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**The Sermon: The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson**

Hymn ~ 499

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
forgive our foolish ways!  
Re-clothe us in our rightful mind,  
in purer lives thy service find,  
in deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,  
beside the Syrian sea,  
the gracious calling of the Lord,

let us, like them, without a word  
rise up and follow thee.

\*O Sabbath rest by Galilee!  
O calm of hills above,  
where Jesus knelt to share with thee  
the silence of eternity,  
interpreted by love!

Drop thy still dews of quietness,  
till all our strivings cease;  
take from our souls the strain and stress,  
and let our ordered lives confess  
the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire  
thy coolness and thy balm;  
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,  
O still small voice of calm.

*Words: John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892)*

### **3. THE SOLEMN INTERCESSION**

**The Intercession**

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**The Intercessor: Mrs. Valdine Browne**

#### **Welcome and Notices**

Hymn ~ 550

I danced in the morning  
when the world was begun,  
and I danced in the moon

and the stars and the sun,  
and I came down from heaven  
and I danced on the earth,  
at Bethlehem  
I had my birth

***Refrain:***

***Dance, then, wherever you may be,  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,  
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
and I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he.***

I danced for the scribe  
and the Pharisee,  
but they would not dance  
and they wouldn't follow me;  
I danced for the fishermen,  
for James and John -  
they came with me  
and the Dance went on:

***Refrain***

I danced on the Sabbath  
and I cured the lame:  
the holy people  
said it was a shame.  
They whipped and they stripped  
and they hung me on high,  
and they left me there  
on a cross to die:

***Refrain***

I danced on a Friday  
when the sky turned black -  
it's hard to dance  
with the devil on your back.  
They buried my body  
and they thought I'd gone;  
but I am the Dance,  
and I still go on:

***Refrain***

They cut me down  
and I leapt up high;  
I am the life  
that'll never, never die;  
I'll live in you  
if you'll live in me -  
I am the Lord  
of the Dance, said he.

***Refrain***

*Words: Sydney Carter (1915-2004).  
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## **4. THE HOLY COMMUNION**

The Lord's Prayer

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As our Saviour taught us, let us pray:

**ALL:**

**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.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## **THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS**

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**We do not presume to come to this your table, most merciful Lord trusting in our own righteousness, but only in your boundless mercy. We 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 every stain of sin we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us. *Amen.***

**PRESIDENT:** The Gifts of God for the people of God.

**PEOPLE:** Thanks be to God.

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

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**PRESIDENT:** Let us pray.

**ALL:**

**You have restored us to life by the triumphant death and resurrection of Christ: continue this healing work within us. May we who partake of this mystery never cease to give you dedicated service. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.***

*The service ends with the following prayer. No blessing or dismissal is added*

PRESIDENT:

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Send down your abundant blessing, Lord, upon your people who have devoutly recalled the death of your Son in 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.**

*No organ voluntary or music is used at the end of this Liturgy. All depart in silence.*



**Good Friday**

First Reading: **Isaiah 52:13—53:12**

**Comments: “*The suffering servant*”**

Our opening lesson is **the poem of the Lord’s servant who suffers and bears the sins of many**. The passage is the fourth and last of the “servant songs” that form a portion of the Book of Isaiah written when the exile was coming to an end. The servant is sometimes thought to be an historical individual or is understood as an idealization of the faithful of Israel. This “man of sorrow,” who was “despised and rejected,” Wounded for our transgressions,” and one whom the Lord at last vindicates, is perceived by Christians to be a prefigurement of Jesus.

## Psalm 22

A psalm of lamentation and a plea for deliverance by one who feels deserted and pressed in on every side, expressing final confidence in God and God's goodness.

Second Reading (The Epistle): **Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9**

**Comment:** *"The merciful high priest"*

In our New Testament reading **we are encouraged to have full confidence in drawing near to God because Jesus, our great high priest, knows our every weakness and temptation and makes intercession for us.** Having learned obedience through suffering, he has become the source of salvation for all who obey him.

The Holy Gospel: **John 18:1-19:42**

**Comment:** *"The Passion and death of Jesus"*

Our Gospel is **the story of Jesus' trials before the Jewish council and Pilate, followed by his final sufferings and death.**

## CATHEDRAL MINISTRIES

### HOLY WEEK 2025

**Good Friday, April 18, 2025**

**9:00 A.M. The Good Friday Liturgy: Family Devotion**

**President:** The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson

**11:00 A.M. ~ Choral Matins and Lamentations**

**Officiant:** The Rev'd Canon George Knight

**6:00 P.M. ~ Sir John Stainer's Crucifixion**

**Sing-A-Long**

Presented by the Cathedral Choir  
**An offering will be taken.**



**EASTER DAY, April 20, 2025**

**7:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist**

**9:00 A.M. Sung Eucharist**

**President: The Rt. Rev'd Michael B. St. J. Maxwell**

**11:30 A.M. ~ Holy Baptism**



**Wednesday, April 23, 2025**

**10:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist**



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