



St. Saviour's Anglican Church
Diocese of Cape Town

GOOD FRIDAY

7 APRIL 2023



Preacher & Presider: Revd Chesnay Frantz

Opening hymn- When I survey the wondrous Cross

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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?
4. 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.

SOLEMN ADORATION OF THE CROSS.

A veiled cross is carried in procession through the church to the sanctuary.

Near the entrance to the church, in the middle of the church, and again at the entrance to the sanctuary, the person carrying the cross stops, lifts, uncovering parts of the cross and says

'Lord, by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world'

And all respond

We adore you, Christ, and we bless you

The cross is placed in the sanctuary between lighted candles. The congregation is invited to make an act of reverence before the cross.

Scripture reading- Luke 23:13-15

Reflection on Scripture- Fr. Chesnay Frantz

The reproaches are said; all kneeling or seated

My people, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me!

I led you out of Egypt, from slavery to freedom, but you led your Saviour to the cross.

My people, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me!

Holy is God! Holy and strong! Holy immortal One, have mercy on us.

For forty years I led you safely through the desert. I fed you with manna from heaven, and brought you to a land of plenty; but you led your Saviour to the cross.

Holy is God! Holy and strong! Holy immortal One, have mercy on us.

What more could I have done for you? I planted you as my fairest vine, but you yielded only bitterness. When I was thirsty you gave me vinegar to drink, and you pierced your Saviour's side with a lance.

Holy is God! Holy and strong! Holy immortal One, have mercy on us.

I opened the sea before you, but you opened my side with a spear.

My people, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me!

I led you on your way in a pillar of cloud, but you led me to Pilate's court.

My people, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me!

I bore you up with manna in the desert, but you struck me down and scourged me.

My people, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me!

I gave you saving water from the rock, but you gave me gall and vinegar to drink.

My people, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me!

I gave you a royal scepter, but you gave me a crown of thorns.

My people, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me!

I raised you to the height of majesty, but you have raised me high on a cross.

My people, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me!

We praise and adore you, O Christ.

By your cross and precious blood you have redeemed us.

Worthy is the lamb, the Lamb that was slain, to receive all power and wealth, wisdom and might, honour and glory and praise!

We praise and adore you, O Christ. By your cross and precious blood you have redeemed us.

You are worthy, O Christ, for you were slain, and by your blood you purchased for God people of every tribe, language, nation and race; you have made them a royal house, to serve our God as priests; and they shall reign upon earth.

We praise and adore you, O Christ. By your cross and precious blood you have redeemed us.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father:

To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen

Closing Hymn- Jesus remember me when you come into your kingdom

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom

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Repeat x 3

Concluding prayers:

Almighty and eternal God
you have restored us to life
by the triumphant death
and resurrection of Christ:
continue this healing work within us
and grant that we who participate in this mystery
we ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Lord send down your abundant blessing on your people
Who have devoutly recalled the death of your Son
In the sure hope of the resurrection:
Grant them pardon, bring them comfort
May their faith grow stronger
And their eternal salvation be assured.

Amen

Service ends in silence