

Basilica of St. Patrick

Celebrations of the Lord's Passion Year A

Friday 7th April 2023

First reading

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah 52:13-53:12

The servant of the Lord, an expiatory Sacrifice

See, my servant will prosper,
he shall be lifted up, exalted, rise to great heights.
As the crowds were appalled on seeing him
– so disfigured did he look
that he seemed no longer human –
so will the crowds be astonished at him,
and kings stand speechless before him;
for they shall see something never told
and witness something never heard before:
'Who could believe what we have heard,
and to whom has the power of the Lord been revealed?'
Like a sapling he grew up in front of us,
like a root in arid ground.
Without beauty, without majesty we saw him,
no looks to attract our eyes;
a thing despised and rejected by men,
a man of sorrows and familiar with suffering,
a man to make people screen their faces;
he was despised and we took no account of him.
And yet ours were the sufferings he bore,
ours the sorrows he carried.
But we, we thought of him as someone punished,
struck by God, and brought low.
Yet he was pierced through for our faults,
crushed for our sins.
On him lies a punishment that brings us peace,
and through his wounds we are healed.
We had all gone astray like sheep,
each taking his own way,
and the Lord burdened him
with the sins of all of us.
Harshly dealt with, he bore it humbly,
he never opened his mouth,
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter-house,
like a sheep that is dumb before its shearers
never opening its mouth.
By force and by law he was taken;
would anyone plead his cause?
Yes, he was torn away from the land of the living;
for our faults struck down in death.
They gave him a grave with the wicked,
a tomb with the rich,
though he had done no wrong
and there had been no perjury in his mouth.

The Lord has been pleased to crush him with suffering.
If he offers his life in atonement,
he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life
and through him what the Lord wishes will be done.
His soul's anguish over
he shall see the light and be content.
By his sufferings shall my servant justify many,
taking their faults on himself.
Hence I will grant whole hordes for his tribute,
he shall divide the spoil with the mighty,
for surrendering himself to death
and letting himself be taken for a sinner,
while he was bearing the faults of many
and praying all the time for sinners.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm (Sung)

Response: Father, I put my life in your hands.

In you, O Lord, I take refuge,
let me never be put to shame.

In your justice, set me free,
Into your hands I commend my spirit.

It is you who will redeem me, Lord.

Response: Father, I put my life in your hands.

In the face of all my foes
I am a reproach,
an object of scorn to my neighbours
and of fear to my friends.

Response: Father, I put my life in your hands.

Those who see me in the street
run far away from me.
I am like a dead man, forgotten in men's hearts,
like a thing thrown away.

Response: Father, I put my life in your hands.

But as for me, I trust in you, Lord;
I say: 'You are my God.
My life is in your hands, deliver me
from the hands of those who hate me.

Response: Father, I put my life in your hands.

Let your face shine on your servant.
Save me in your love.'
Be strong, let your heart take courage,
all who hope in the Lord.
Response: Father, I put my life in your hands.

Second reading in Italian

Dalla lettera agli Ebrei 4:14-16; 5:7-9

Cristo imparo' l'obbedienza e divenne causa di salvezza eterna per tutti coloro che gli obbediscono.

Fratelli, poiche' abbiamo un grande sommo sacerdote che ha attraversato i cieli, Gesu', Figlio di Dio, manteniamo ferma la professione della nostra fede. Infatti non abbiamo un sommo sacerdote che non sappia compatire le nostre infermita', essendo stato lui stesso provato in ogni cosa, a somiglianza di noi, escluso il peccato.

Accostiamoci dunque con piena fiducia al trono della grazia, per ricevere misericordia e trovare grazia ed essere aiutati al momento opportuno.

Cristo, nei giorni della sua vita terrena, offri' preghiere e suppliche con forti grida e lacrime a colui che poteva liberarlo da morte e fu esaudito per la sua pietà; pur essendo Figlio, imparo' tuttavia l'obbedienza dalle cose che patì e, reso perfetto, divenne causa di salvezza eterna per tutti coloro che gli obbediscono.

Parola di Dio.

Second reading in English

A reading from the book of Hebrews 4:14-16,5:7-9

The Lord burdened him with the sins of all of us

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help.

During his life on earth, he offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross.

Therefore God raised him on high

and gave him a name above all other names.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

To access the entire text of the Passion Narration please scan the QR code.

Please Note:

Confessions are available after the Service

from 4.30pm to 5.30pm

in both English and Italian

HOLY SATURDAY - 8 APRIL 2023

No Adoration and No Midday Mass

9.30am, 11am and 4.30pm Reconciliation

in English and Italian

4pm Polish Blessing of Food

7pm Easter Vigil Mass

EASTER SUNDAY - 9 APRIL 2023

MASSES: 8am, 9.30am (Italian),

11am and 5pm

8.15am St Anne's, North Fremantle