

CHRIST & SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SOLEMN LITURGY FOR GOOD FRIDAY

MARCH 29, 2024, 12:00 P.M.

All page numbers refer to the Book of Common Prayer. Hymns can be found in the blue Hymnal 1982.

*The People stand at the ringing of the Tower Bell. On this day the Ministers enter in silence.
All then kneel for silent prayer, after which the Priest stands and says*

Officiant Blessed be our God, p. 276
People **For ever and ever. Amen.**

Officiant Let us pray. Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold 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.**

Please be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 52:13—53:12

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.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 22:I-II

Sung by the Cantors.

Plainsong

- 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.

THE SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 10:16-25

“THIS is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds,” he also adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.” Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

John 18:1–19:42

The customary responses before and after the reading are omitted.

The congregation remains seated for the first part of the Passion.

At the verse which mentions the arrival at The Place of the Skull, Golgotha (John 19:17) all stand.

In this Good Friday liturgy, we will hear the Passion narrative from the Gospel of John. It is important to note that in this account, the author refers repeatedly and aggressively to "the Jews," blaming them for Jesus's death. Subsequently, this text has had the disastrous result of inspiring anti-Jewish prejudice and violence by Christians when those words were read at face value, and not as first century rhetoric. Given that history, as well as the current rise in anti-semitism around the globe, it is essential for us to remember that Christianity is an offspring of Judaism; we are siblings in the faith. Jesus was a Jew and he taught from the Jewish Scriptures. He was executed by the Romans. Later historic struggles between Christian and Jewish communities, reflected in the Gospels, shifted the blame from the Romans to the Jewish authorities of the time. Know this: as Christians we affirm that anti-Jewish violence and prejudice is intolerable and inexcusable and we at Christ and St. Luke's remain fully committed to ending any hostility that continues to exist against our Jewish brothers and sisters.

After a period of silence, please stand.

HYMN 172: Were you there?

Verse 1 sung by a soloist; verses 2-4 sung by all.

Following the hymn, remain standing.

THE SOLEMN COLLECTS

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Officiant 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 everlasting life. We pray, therefore, for people everywhere according to their needs.

Intercessor Let us pray for the holy Catholic 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 Susan, our Bishop, and all the people of this diocese;
For all Christians in this community;
That God will confirm his Church in faith, increase it in love, and preserve it in peace.

Officiant Almighty and everlasting God, by whose 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 their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Intercessor Let us pray for all nations and peoples of the earth,
and for those in authority among them;
For Joseph Biden, the President of the United States;
For the Congress and the Supreme Court;
For the Members and Representatives of the United Nations;
For all who serve the common good;
That by God's help they may seek justice and truth, and live in peace and concord.

Officiant 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 in tranquility your dominion may increase, until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Intercessor Let us pray for all who suffer and are afflicted in body or in mind;
For the hungry and the homeless, the destitute and the oppressed;
For the sick, the wounded, and the crippled;
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.

Officiant Gracious God, the comfort of all who sorrow, the strength of all who suffer:
Let the cry of those in misery and need come to you, that they may find your mercy
present with them in all their afflictions; 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. **Amen.**

Intercessor Let us pray for all who have not received the Gospel of Christ;
For those who have never heard the word of salvation;
For those who have lost their faith;
For those hardened by sin or indifference;
For the contemptuous and the scornful;
For those who are enemies of the cross of Christ and persecutors of his disciples;
For those 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.

Officiant Merciful God, creator of all 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. **Amen.**

Intercessor Let us commit ourselves to our God, and pray for the grace of a holy life,
that, with all who have departed this world 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.

Officiant O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably 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. **Amen.**

THE VENERATION OF THE CROSS

After the prayers, a wooden Cross is carried into the Church. The procession pauses three times.

Behold the Wood of the Cross, whereon was hung the world's salvation.
Come, let us adore him.

All kneel. During the music, those who wish to venerate the cross may come forward.

HYMN 166: Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle

Pange lingua

Crucifixus á 8

Antonio Lotti

He was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate:
He suffered and was buried.

Crux Fidelis

King John IV of Portugal

*Faithful cross, above all other, One and only noble tree:
None in foliage, none in blossom, None in fruit thy peer may be.
Sweetest wood and sweetest iron, Sweetest weight is hung on thee!*

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

THE ABSOLUTION

Officiant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE COMMUNION

On this day Communion is administered in one kind from the Reserved Sacrament.

*All consecrated hosts are used up. If you would like to receive,
please come forward at the invitation of the ushers.*

COMMUNION HYMN 160: Cross of Jesus, Cross of sorrow

Cross of Jesus

COMMUNION HYMN 168: O sacred head, sore wounded

Herzlich tut mich verlangen

Following Communion, please stand.

Officiant Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, we pray you to set your passion, cross, and death between your judgment 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 us sinners everlasting life and glory; for with the Father and Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

All depart in silence.

*Offerings placed in the alms basins in the back of the Church will be given
to support the **Good Friday Offering.***

**Today at 3:00 p.m. the Good Friday concert featuring Christ and St. Luke's musicians will be streamed digitally at www.episcopalchurch.org/good-friday-offering. This concert was recorded to raise awareness for the Episcopal Church's Good Friday Offering benefiting the Anglican Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East.*

The history of the **Good Friday Offering** reaches back to 1922 when, in the aftermath of World War I, The Episcopal Church sought to create new relationships with and among the Christians of the Middle East. From these initial efforts which focused on a combination of relief work and the improvement of ecumenical and Anglican relations, the Good Friday Offering was created. Through the years many Episcopalians have found the Good Friday Offering to be an effective way to express their support for the ministries of the three dioceses of the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. Pastoral care, education and health care continue to be primary ministries through which the reconciling spirit of the Christian faith serves all in need. Participation in this ministry is welcome. The generous donations of Episcopalians help the Christian presence in the Land of the Holy One to be a vital and effective force for peace and understanding among all of God's children. For 102 years, Episcopalians have generously shared their love, compassion, and financial gifts to support the ministry of the Anglican Communion Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. These gifts have made an astounding difference in the lives of many people in the homeland of Jesus and beyond.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**incense will be used at these services*

Good Friday, March 29

4:00 p.m. **Stations of the Cross for Families**

Holy Saturday, March 30

10:00 a.m. **Holy Saturday Liturgy** *A brief service in the Lychgate Garden*

4:00 p.m. **The Great Vigil of Easter for Families**

7:00 p.m. **The Great Vigil of Easter*** *with the Lighting of the New Fire, Holy Baptism, and the First Eucharist of Easter*

Easter Day, March 31

9:00 a.m. **Festal Eucharist** *with brass*

11:00 a.m. **Festal Eucharist*** *with brass*