



Good Friday

April 3, 2026 6:00 p.m.



Jesus said, "It is finished."
Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.
John 19:30

Welcome to Church of the Ascension

Church of the Ascension provides opportunities to
Connect with God and one another,
Grow in faith and understanding, and
Serve the Lord, one another, and the world around us.

We are an active community of faith committed to welcoming all
and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ.

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The Liturgy of the Word of God

✠ *Please stand as you are able.*

Prelude

✠ *On this day the ministers enter in silence.*

All then kneel or stand as able for silent prayer, after which the Celebrant stands and begins the liturgy with the Collect of the Day.

Acclamation and Collect

Celebrant: Blessed be our God. *People:* **For ever and ever. Amen**

Celebrant: 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.**

The First Lesson: Isaiah 52:13-53:12

A Reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah

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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 22

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.

¹⁶ Packs of dogs close me in, and gangs of evildoers circle around me; *
they pierce my hands and my feet, I can count all my bones.

¹⁷ They stare and gloat over me; *
they divide my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing.

¹⁸ Be not far away, O Lord; * you are my strength; hasten to help me.

¹⁹ Save me from the sword, * my life from the power of the dog.

²⁰ Save me from the lion's mouth, *
my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.

²¹ I will declare your Name to my brethren; *
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

²² Praise the Lord, you that fear him; *
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

²³ For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither does he hide his face from them; *
but when they cry to him he hears them.

²⁴ My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him

²⁵ The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: *
"May your heart live for ever!"

²⁶ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

²⁷For kingship belongs to the Lord; * he rules over the nations.

²⁸To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.

²⁹My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.

³⁰They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.

The Second Lesson: Hebrews 10:16-25

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

The Holy Spirit testifies saying, "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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

✠ **Sequence Hymn**

“O Sacred Head, Sore Wounded”

Hymnal #168

1. O sacred head, sore wounded, defiled and put
to scorn; O kingly head, surrounded with mocking
crown of thorn: what sorrow mars thy grandeur?
Can death thy bloom deflower?
O countenance whose splendor the hosts of
heaven adore!

2. Thy beauty, long-desired, hath vanished from
our sight; thy power is all expired, and quenched
the light of light. Ah me! for whom thou diest, hide
not so far thy grace: show me, O Love most
highest, the brightness of thy face.

3. In thy most bitter passion my heart to share
doth cry, with thee for my salvation upon the
cross to die. Ah, keep my heart thus moved to
stand thy cross beneath, to mourn thee, well-
beloved, yet thank thee for thy death.

4. What language shall I borrow to thank thee,
dearest friend, for this thy dying sorrow, thy pity
without end? Oh, make me thine forever! and
should I fainting be, Lord, let me never, never,
outlive my love for thee.

5. My days are few, O fail not, with thine immortal
power, to hold me that I quail not in death's most
fearful hour; that I may fight befriended, and see
in my last strife to me thine arms extended upon
the cross of life.

Words: Paul Gerhardt
Music: *Passion Chorale*, Hans Leo Hassler

The Holy Gospel: John 18:1-19:42 (from the Common English Bible)

The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted.

*The congregation may be seated for the first part of the Passion.
The congregation is invited to recite the passages **in bold**.*

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Arrest in the Garden

¹After he said these things, Jesus went out with his disciples and crossed over to the other side of the Kidron Valley. He and his disciples entered a garden there. ²Judas, his betrayer, also knew the place because Jesus often gathered there with his disciples. ³Judas brought a company of soldiers and some guards from the chief priests and Pharisees. They came there carrying lanterns, torches, and weapons. ⁴Jesus knew everything that was to happen to him, so he went out and asked, "Who are you looking for?" ⁵They answered, "**Jesus the Nazarene.**" He said to them, "I Am." (Judas, his betrayer, was standing with them.) ⁶When he said, "I Am," they shrank back and fell to the ground. ⁷He asked them again, "Who are you looking for?" They said, "**Jesus the Nazarene.**" ⁸Jesus answered, "I told you, 'I Am.' If you are looking for me, then let these people go." ⁹This was so that the word he had spoken might be fulfilled: "I didn't lose anyone of those whom you gave me."

Peter's Sword; Jesus Arrested; First Denial

¹⁰Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant, cutting off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.) ¹¹Jesus told Peter, "Put your sword away! Am I not to drink the cup the Father has given me?" ¹²Then the company of soldiers, the commander, and the guards from the Jewish leaders took Jesus into custody. They bound him ¹³and led him first to Annas. He was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. ¹⁴Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jewish leaders that it was better for one person to die for the people. ¹⁵Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Because this other disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the high priest's courtyard. ¹⁶However, Peter stood outside near the gate. Then the other disciple (the one known to the high priest) came out and spoke to the woman stationed at the gate, and she brought Peter in. ¹⁷The servant woman stationed at the gate asked Peter, "**Aren't you one of this man's disciples?**" "I'm not," he replied. ¹⁸The servants and the guards had made a fire because it was cold. They were standing around it, warming themselves. Peter joined them there, standing by the fire and warming himself.

Jesus before Annas; Peter's Second and Third Denials

¹⁹Meanwhile, the chief priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching. ²⁰Jesus answered, "I've spoken openly to the world. I've always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews gather. I've said nothing in private. ²¹Why ask me? Ask those who heard what I told them. They know what I said." ²²After Jesus spoke, one of the guards standing there slapped Jesus in the face. "Is that how you would answer the high priest?" he asked. ²³Jesus replied, "If I speak wrongly, testify about what was wrong. But if I speak correctly, why do you strike me?" ²⁴Then Annas sent him, bound,

to Caiaphas the high priest. ²⁵Meanwhile, Simon Peter was still standing with the guards, warming himself. They asked, **“Aren’t you one of his disciples?”** Peter denied it, saying, “I’m not.” ²⁶A servant of the high priest, a relative of the one whose ear Peter had cut off, said to him, “Didn’t I see you in the garden with him?” ²⁷Peter denied it again, and immediately a rooster crowed.

Jesus before Pilate; Barabbas Released

²⁸The Jewish leaders led Jesus from Caiaphas to the Roman governor’s palace. It was early in the morning. So that they could eat the Passover, the Jewish leaders wouldn’t enter the palace; entering the palace would have made them ritually impure. ²⁹So Pilate went out to them and asked, “What charge do you bring against this man?” ³⁰They answered, **“If he had done nothing wrong, we wouldn’t have handed him over to you.”** ³¹Pilate responded, “Take him yourselves and judge him according to your Law.” The Jewish leaders replied, **“The Law doesn’t allow us to kill anyone.”** ³²This was so that Jesus’ word might be fulfilled when he indicated how he was going to die. ³³Pilate went back into the palace. He summoned Jesus and asked, “Are you the king of the Jews?” ³⁴Jesus answered, “Do you say this on your own or have others spoken to you about me?” ³⁵Pilate responded, “I’m not a Jew, am I? Your nation and its chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?” ³⁶Jesus replied, “My kingdom doesn’t originate from this world. If it did, my guards would fight so that I wouldn’t have been arrested by the Jewish leaders. My kingdom isn’t from here.” ³⁷“So you are a king?” Pilate said. Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. I was born and came into the world for this reason: to testify to the truth. Whoever accepts the truth listens to my voice.” “What is truth?” Pilate asked. ³⁸After Pilate said this, he returned to the Jewish leaders and said, “I find no grounds for any charge against him. ³⁹You have a custom that I release one prisoner for you at Passover. Do you want me to release for you the king of the Jews?” ⁴⁰They shouted, **“Not this man! Give us Barabbas!”** (Barabbas was an outlaw.)

Jesus Whipped and Mocked; Pilate questions him again.

¹Then Pilate had Jesus taken and whipped. ²The soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and dressed him in a purple robe. ³Over and over they went up to him and said, **“Greetings, king of the Jews!”** And they slapped him in the face. ⁴Pilate came out of the palace again and said to the Jewish leaders, “Look! I’m bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no grounds for a charge against him.” ⁵When Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe, Pilate said to them, “Here’s the man.” ⁶When the chief priests and their deputies saw him, they shouted out, **“Crucify, crucify!”** Pilate told them, “You take him and crucify him. I don’t find any grounds for a charge against him.” ⁷The Jewish leaders replied, **“We have a Law, and according to this Law he ought to die because he made himself out to be God’s Son.”** ⁸When Pilate heard this word, he was even more afraid. ⁹He went back into the residence and spoke to Jesus, “Where are you from?” Jesus didn’t answer. ¹⁰So Pilate said, “You won’t speak to me? Don’t you know that I have authority to release you and also to crucify you?” ¹¹Jesus replied, “You would have no authority over me if it had not

been given to you from above. That's why the one who handed me over to you has the greater sin."

✦ *Please stand as you are able.*

Pilate hands Jesus over; The Road to Golgotha

¹²From that moment on, Pilate wanted to release Jesus. However, the Jewish leaders cried out, saying, **"If you release this man, you aren't a friend of the emperor! Anyone who makes himself out to be a king opposes the emperor!"** ¹³When Pilate heard these words, he led Jesus out and seated him on the judge's bench at the place called Stone Pavement (in Aramaic, Gabbatha). ¹⁴It was about noon on the Preparation Day for the Passover. Pilate said to the Jewish leaders, "Here's your king." ¹⁵The Jewish leaders cried out, **"Take him away! Take him away! Crucify him!"** Pilate responded, "What? Do you want me to crucify your king?" **"We have no king except the emperor,"** the chief priests answered. Then Pilate handed Jesus over to be crucified. ¹⁶The soldiers took Jesus prisoner. ¹⁷Carrying his cross by himself, he went out to a place called Skull Place (in Aramaic, Golgotha). ¹⁸That's where they crucified him — and two others with him, one on each side and Jesus in the middle.

The sign on the cross; soldiers cast lots

¹⁹Pilate had a public notice written and posted on the cross. It read "Jesus the Nazarene, the king of the Jews." ²⁰Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city and it was written in Aramaic, Latin, and Greek. ²¹Therefore, the Jewish chief priests complained to Pilate, **"Don't write, 'The king of the Jews' but 'This man said, I am the king of the Jews.'"** ²²Pilate answered, "What I've written, I've written." ²³When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and his sandals, and divided them into four shares, one for each soldier. His shirt was seamless, woven as one piece from the top to the bottom. ²⁴They said to each other, **"Let's not tear it. Let's cast lots to see who will get it."**

This was to fulfill the scripture, They divided my clothes among themselves, and they cast lots for my clothing. That's what the soldiers did.

The Women at the Cross; Jesus dies.

²⁵Jesus' mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene stood near the cross. ²⁶When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." ²⁷Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that time on, this disciple took her into his home. ²⁸After this, knowing that everything was already completed, in order to fulfill the scripture, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." ²⁹A jar full of sour wine was nearby, so the soldiers soaked a sponge in it, placed it on a hyssop branch, and held it up to his lips. ³⁰When he had received the sour wine, Jesus said, "It is completed." Bowing his head, he gave up his life.

His Side is Pierced; Fulfillment of Scripture

³¹It was the Preparation Day and the Jewish leaders didn't want the bodies to remain on the cross on the Sabbath, especially since that Sabbath was an important day.

So they asked Pilate to have the legs of those crucified broken and the bodies taken down. ³²Therefore, the soldiers came and broke the legs of the two men who were crucified with Jesus. ³³When they came to Jesus, they saw that he was already dead so they didn't break his legs. ³⁴However, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out. ³⁵The one who saw this has testified, and his testimony is true. He knows that he speaks the truth, and he has testified so that you also can believe. ³⁶These things happened to fulfill the scripture, They won't break any of his bones. ³⁷And another scripture says, They will look at him whom they have pierced.

Jesus is buried.

³⁸After this Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate if he could take away the body of Jesus. Joseph was a disciple of Jesus, but a secret one because he feared the Jewish authorities. Pilate gave him permission, so he came and took the body away. ³⁹Nicodemus, the one who at first had come to Jesus at night, was there too. He brought a mixture of myrrh and aloe, nearly seventy-five pounds in all. ⁴⁰Following Jewish burial customs, they took Jesus' body and wrapped it, with the spices, in linen cloths.

⁴¹There was a garden in the place where Jesus was crucified, and in the garden was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. ⁴²Because it was the Jewish Preparation Day and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus in it.

A period of silence is kept.

Meditation

Rev. Pierre-Henry Buisson

✠ Hymn

“Ah, Holy Jesus”

Hymnal #158

1. Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended,
that man to judge thee hath in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,
O most afflicted.

4. For me, kind Jesus, was thy incarnation,
thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation;
thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion,
for my salvation.

2. Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon
thee? Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone
thee. 'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee:
I crucified thee.

5. Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay
thee, I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee,
think on thy pity and thy love unswerving,
not my deserving.

3. Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is
offered; the slave hath sinned, and the Son hath
suffered; for our atonement, while we nothing
heeded, God interceded.

Words: Johann Heermann
Music: *Herzliebster Jesu*, Johann Cruger

Please stand or kneel as able

The Solemn Collects

Celebrant: 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 Carrie our Bishop, and all the people of this diocese; for all Christians in this community; for those about to be baptized; that God will confirm his Church in faith, increase it in love, and preserve it in peace. *(Silence)*

Celebrant: 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 Donald, 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. *(Silence)*

Celebrant: 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 the Jewish people who possess an eternal covenant with the Lord, who delivered them from bondage to freedom;

for continued faithfulness to God's covenant with them; for their flourishing in peace as witnesses to God's sustaining love; for safety from all malice and harm; for the fullness of redemption for the sake of God's Name; that unity and concord may exist between Jews and Christians, in obedience to God's will. *(Silence)*

Celebrant: O God of Abraham, you planted your people Israel as the root and grafted Gentiles as wild branches into a single olive tree of praise to you: As we come near to the cross, we lament Christian acts of prejudice and violence against your faithful people, of whom Jesus Christ was born. Bless the children of your covenant, so that together we may attain the fullness of your blessing for the world. **Amen.**

Intercessor: Let us pray for all who suffer and are afflicted in body or in mind;

for those who are hungry and homeless, destitute and oppressed; for those who are ill or disabled, in body, mind, or spirit; for those in loneliness, fear, and anguish; for those who face temptation, doubt, and despair; for those who are sorrowful and bereaved; for those who are persecuted for the sake of Christ; for prisoners, refugees, and captives; for victims of war, genocide, and trafficking, and all 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. *(Silence)*

Celebrant: 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 those who have not embraced God's redemptive love; 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; and 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. *(Silence)*

Celebrant: 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 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. *(Silence)*

Celebrant: Merciful God, the source of life and fountain of mercy, let the Gospel of your Son Jesus Christ be preached with grace and love; turn the hearts of the followers of Jesus who have harmed others in his name; lead all to repentance and amendment of life; and sustain by your loving grace all who lift their eyes to you. **Amen.**

✠ Hymn

"Were You There?"

Hymnal #172

1. Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble,
tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

3. Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble,
tremble. Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble,
tremble.
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

4. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble,
tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

At the end of the hymn the celebrant brings the cross and places it in front of the altar.

Veneration of the Cross

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,

Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

If we have died with him, we shall also live with him;

If we endure, we shall also reign with him.

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,

Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Please be seated. You are invited to come forward and venerate the cross to honor Christ's sacrifice. You may stand, kneel, genuflect, touch, or kiss the cross, as the Spirit moves you.

"How Deep the Father's Love For Us"

1. How deep the Father's love for us; How vast beyond all measure. That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure. How great the pain of searing loss. The Father turns His face away. As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many to His glory.

3. I will not boast in anything; no gifts no power no wisdom. But I will boast in Jesus Christ; His death and resurrection. Why should I gain from His reward; I cannot give an answer. But this I know with all my heart; His wounds have paid my ransom

2. Behold the Man upon a cross; my sin upon His shoulders. Ashamed I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers. It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished. His dying breath has brought me life; I know that it is finished

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"Worthy the Lamb"

Words and Music: R. Gillard

1. Worthy the Lamb that was slain for us
Worthy, worthy the Lamb (*Repeat*)

3. Holy the Lamb that was slain for us.
Holy, holy the Lamb (*Repeat*)

2. Blessed the Lamb that was slain for us
Blessed, blessed the Lamb (*Repeat*)

4. Mighty the Lamb that was slain for us.
Mighty, mighty the Lamb (*Repeat*)

5. Jesus the Lamb that was slain for us
Jesus, Jesus the Lamb (*Repeat*)

"Jesus, Remember Me"

J. Berthier

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Please stand or kneel as able.

The Lord's Prayer

And know, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.

Please stand or kneel as able

Closing Prayer

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.**

On this day the service ends without blessing or dismissal. You may leave the church in silence or stay for a time of silent prayer.

Good Friday Offering

An offering plate is available for the Good Friday Offering to support the ministry of the Anglican Churches 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.



Today's Good Friday Offering will be forwarded to support the ministries of the four dioceses of the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. By connecting with Christians of the Middle East, we strengthen our Christian roots, enrich our understanding of biblical imagery, empower their witness, and join them in vital peacemaking efforts.

Worship Assistants	Good Friday: April 3
Organist	Mary Butler
Musicians	Choir
Usher	Debbie Linard
Lectors	Roberta Gore, Dave Gosnell, Chris Nusbaum, Olivia Carpenter, Buck Lyon-Vaiden
Audio Visual	Gabriel Hoff

April Altar Guild

Susan Considine, Debbie Linard, Liz Lowe

We hope you will rejoice with us on Easter Sunday!

8:00 am: Holy Eucharist Rite I (Stone Church)
10:15 am: Holy Eucharist Rite II (Holy Cross Hall)