



ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2026- 12:00 P.M.

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*As is customary on this day, the organ is not used at this service.
The choir will sing the first phrase of each hymn; the congregation is invited to join thereafter.*

THE WORD OF GOD

All stand for the procession.

PROCESSION

Following the procession, all kneel as able in silent prayer, after which the Celebrant stands and begins the liturgy with the Collect of the Day.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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 People sit.

THE LESSON

Hebrews 4: 14-16, 5:7-9

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.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 22:1-11 *Deus, Deus meus*

Plainsong, Tone II.1

- 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 People remain seated during the first portion of the Passion Gospel. The congregation recites the parts in bold text. At the verse which mentions the arrival at Golgotha, all stand.

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN

(19:1-37)

Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. They kept coming up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and striking him on the face. Pilate went out again and said to them, "Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him."

So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Here is the man!" When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted, "**Crucify him! Crucify him!**" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him." The Jews answered him, "**We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God.**"

Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. Pilate therefore said to him, "Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?" Jesus answered him, "You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin."

From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the Jews cried out, "**If you release this man, you are no friend of the emperor. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against the emperor.**" When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat on the judge's bench at a place called The Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew Gabbatha. Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. He said to the Jews, "Here is your King!" They cried out, "**Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!**" Pilate asked them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but the emperor." Then he handed him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus; and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha.

The People stand.

There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." Many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified

was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'" Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written."

When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. So they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it." This was to fulfill what the scripture says, "They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots." And that is what the soldiers did. Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty." A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Silence is kept.

Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the cross during the sabbath, especially because that sabbath was a day of great solemnity. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men broken and the bodies removed. Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. (He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth.) These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, "None of his bones shall be broken." And again another passage of scripture says, "They will look on the one whom they have pierced."

After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body. Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

HYMN 172: "Were you there when they crucified my Lord"

Were You There

The People sit.

THE HOMILY

The Rev. Dr. Nathan Haydon

Silence is kept. Then the People stand.

THE SOLEMN COLLECTS

Priest 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.

The People kneel, as able.

Priest 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
For Deon, 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 is kept.

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.**

Priest 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 is kept.

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.**

Priest Let us pray for all who suffer and are afflicted in body or in mind;
For the hungry and the homeless
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.

Silence is kept.

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.**

Priest 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
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 is kept.

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.**

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.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant 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

As the People continue to kneel, a wooden cross is brought into the church. The following antiphon and response is said three times while the cross is carried in.

Priest Behold the Wood of the Cross, on which was hung the world's salvation.

People **Come, let us adore him.**

The People sit. All are invited to come forward and venerate the cross.

ANTHEM

Thomas Tallis (c. 1505-1585)

Salvator mundi, salva nos,
qui per crucem et sanguinem
redemisti nos: auxiliare nobis,
te deprecamur, Deus noster.

*O Savior of the world, save us;
for you have redeemed us
through the cross and your blood: help us,
we beseech you, our Lord.*

HYMN 166: "Sing my tongue, the glorious battle"

Pange lingua

HOLY COMMUNION FROM THE RESERVED SACRAMENT

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

The People kneel.

Celebrant 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

Celebrant 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

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

All **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 People sit.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT

*All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion
by coming to the altar rail where you may kneel or stand.*

Please tell the clergy if you require gluten-free Bread.

*Crossing your arms over your chest will let the clergy know you would like
to receive a blessing but not the sacrament.*

MOTET

William Byrd (1543-1623)

Ave verum corpus, natum
De Maria Virgine:
Vere passum immolatum
In cruce pro homine.
Cuius latus perforatum
Unda fluxit sanguine:
Esto nobis praegustatum
In mortis examine.

O dulcis, o pie, o Jesu, Fili Mariae,
miserere mei. Amen.

*Hail, true body, born
of the Virgin Mary:
truly you suffer, offered in sacrifice
on the cross for man.
From whose pierced side
flowed the blood:
may we have tasted of you
when we come to the hour of death.*

*O gentle, loving Jesus, Son of Mary,
have mercy on me. Amen.*

HYMN 474: "When I survey the wondrous cross"

Rockingham

The People kneel.

THE CONCLUDING PRAYER

Celebrant 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; and 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.**

The tower bell is tolled 33 times commemorating the years of Jesus's earthly life.

The People stand.

PROCESSION

The People leave the church in silence in observance of the solemnity of this day.

Today's offering is for the much-needed mission and ministry of the Anglican Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. The Episcopal Church has taken an offering on Good Friday to support the work of the gospel in the Holy Land since 1922. Please leave your offering in one of the alms basins in the narthex as you leave the service. Thank you.

PRAYER LIST

For Family and Friends: Jerry Freeland, Carolyn and Mike Kolman, Randy Meyer, Don Trainer

For the Men and Women of the Armed Forces: Alexandra Maranto

For Those Committed to Our Ongoing Prayers: Lee Arten, Victor Belyan, Bev Bouchard, Desiree Brattin, Virginie Brightman, Craig Campbell, Elizabeth Cottle, Wendell Covington, Ralph Dacey, Joan Hager Davis, Bonnie Essick, Prissy Evans, Nolan Fagan, Bob Feldmann, Teenie Followell, Garth Fort, Don Franz, Jerry Freeland, Christy Garesche, Gay Goessling, Dick Gulick, John Hartman, Emily Hintz, Jeff Hirsch, Jack Howard, Russ Lake, John Marshall, Bob Messey, Cheryl Meyer, Liza Nash, Chris O'Connor, Maddie O'Keefe, David Orlowski, Holly Parks, Kimberly Penning, Kristi Peterson, Bill Peterson, Steve Randall, Chi Chi Rassieur, Sara Rigel, Sally Russell, Jill Smock, Dewayne Stapes, Sarah Striler, Abbot Thomas, Mia Tiefenbrunn, Molly Webster, David Westfall, Anne Wetzol, Rolla Wetzol, and Goldie Wirth

HOLY WEEK & EASTER



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| FRIDAY | April 3 | Good Friday
6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross |
| SATURDAY | April 4 | Holy Saturday
10:00 a.m. Holy Saturday Service, followed by Egg Hunt |
| SUNDAY | April 5 | Easter Day: The Sunday of the Resurrection
6:00 a.m. - Sunrise Service
A service of Holy Eucharist held in Laird Garden

7:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist

8:30 a.m. - Easter Breakfast
Breakfast will be served from 8:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m.

9:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist
Nursery will be offered only during the 9:00 a.m. service.
This service will be livestreamed on our YouTube page.

11:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist
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