



Lord have  
mercy upon us  
& incline our hearts

**MESSIAH EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

**GOOD FRIDAY**  
**April 3rd, 2026 :: 7 PM**  
**Book of Common Prayer Liturgy**

*Our worship today is found in the Red Book of Common Prayer, pages noted, the Blue Hymnal, pages noted, and the pew Bibles, pages noted.*

*On this day the ministers enter in silence. All then kneel for silent prayer, after which the Celebrant stands and begins the with the Salutation.*

**SALUTATION** **BCP p. 276**

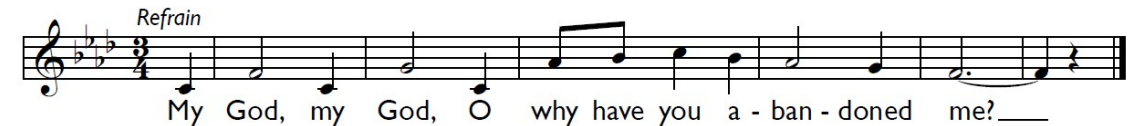
**COLLECT OF THE DAY** **BCP p. 276**

*All sit.*

**THE LESSONS** **BCP p. 357**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON** (Isaiah 52:13-53:12) **Bible OT p. 683-684**

*Psalm 22: My God, My God*



*Cantor*

1. All who see me laugh at me, they mock me and they shake their heads:  
"He relied on the Lord, let the Lord be his refuge." *Refrain*
2. As dogs surround me, they circle me about.  
Wounded me and pierced me, I can number all my bones. *Refrain*
3. My clothing they divided, for my garments casting lots,  
O Lord, do not desert me, but hasten to my aid. *Refrain*
4. I will praise you to my people, and proclaim you in their midst,  
O fear the Lord, my people, give glory to God's name. *Refrain*

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**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** (Hebrews 10:16-25) **Bible NT p. 224-225**

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. (John 19:1-37) *The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted. The congregation may be seated for the first part of the Passion. At the verse which mentions the arrival at Golgotha (John 19:17) all stand.* Bible NT p. 113-114

### *Jerusalem*

#### Verse 1

See Him in Jerusalem walking where the crowds are  
Once these streets had sung to Him now they cry for murder  
Such a frail and lonely Man holding up the heavy cross  
See Him walking in Jerusalem on the road to save us

#### Instrumental

#### Verse 2

See Him there upon the hill hear the scorn and laughter  
Silent as a lamb He waits praying to the Father  
See the King who made the sun and the moon and shining stars  
Let the soldiers hold and nail Him down so that He could save them

#### Verse 3

See Him there upon the cross now no longer breathing  
Dust that formed the watching crowds takes the blood of Jesus  
Feel the earth is shaking now see the veil is split in two  
And He stood be - fore the wrath of God shielding sinners with His blood

## THE SOLEMN COLLECTS

**BCP p. 277-280**

## THE VENERATION OF THE CROSS

*The cross is carried into the church and installed in the chancel. The priest will say, "Behold the wood of the cross on which is hung the salvation of the world." All are welcome to come to touch and spend time with the cross, and light a candle.*

*Ah, Holy Jesus*

**Hymnal #158,**

*Please be seated.*

**ANTHEM 1** (read responsively)

**BCP p. 281**

*Please stand.*

*O Sacred Head, Sore Wounded*

**Hymnal #168**

*Please be seated.*

**ANTHEM 2** (read responsively)

**BCP p. 281-282**

*Please stand.*

### *The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power*

1. The blood that Jesus shed for me  
'Way back on Calvary  
The blood that gives me strength from day to day  
It will never lose its pow'r

Chorus It reaches to the highest mountain  
It flows to the lowest valley  
The blood that gives me strength from day to day  
It will never lose its pow'r

2. It soothes my doubt and calms my fears  
And it dries all my tears  
The blood that gives me strength from day to day  
It will never lose its pow'r

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Please be seated.

ANTHEM 3

(read responsively)

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Please stand.

The Power Of The Cross



1. Oh, to see the dawn of the dark - est day:  
2. Oh, to see the pain writ - ten on Your face,  
3. Now the day - light flees, now the ground be - neath  
4. Oh, to see my name writ - ten in the wounds,



Christ on the road to Cal - va - ry. Tried by sin - ful men,  
bear - ing the awe - some weight of sin. Ev - ery bit - ter thought,  
quakes as its Mak - er bows His head. Cur - tain torn in two,  
for through Your suf - fering I am free. Death is crushed to death,



torn and beat - en, then nailed to a cross of wood.  
ev - ery e - vil deed crown - ing Your blood - stained brow.  
dead are raised to life; "Fin - ished!" the vic - tory cry.  
life is mine to live, won through Your self - less love.



Chorus  
1. 2. 3. This, the power of the cross: Christ be - came  
4. This, the power of the cross: Son of God



— sin for us. Took the blame,  
— slain for us. What a love!



— bore the wrath— We stand for - giv - en at the cross.  
— What a cost! We stand for - giv - en at the cross.

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Please kneel.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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FINAL PRAYER

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Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?

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?

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?

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?

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?

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No dismissal. You are invited to stay and pray, approach the cross or leave the church in silence whenever you'd like.



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