

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE ATONEMENT



March 29, 2024
Noon and 7pm

Our Holy Week services are live-streamed on YouTube and Facebook.

Good Friday

By long tradition in The Episcopal Church, the Good Friday Offering is given to the Church in Jerusalem, supporting good works on behalf of all people living in the Holy Land. Please place your contribution in the offering plate just outside the church doors or you may give electronically at Tithe.ly. Thank you for your generosity.

On this day the ministers enter in silence.

All then stand or kneel for silent prayer, after which the Celebrant stands and says

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

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.**

First Reading

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Reader A reading from the book of 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **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.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; *
he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the LORD's for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.

Reader 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God**

The People stand to sing.

Gospel Hymn 168 vss. 1-3

O Sacred Head, Sore Wounded

The Passion Gospel

John 19:1-42

The text is printed on the insert. The People are seated for the beginning of the reading, and stand where indicated.

The Sermon

The Rev. Sandi Albom

Offertory Anthem

The Crucifixion

Samuel Barber
Sung by Clifton J. Noble

At the cry of the first bird
They began to crucify Thee, O Swan!
Never shall lament cease because of that.
It was like the parting of day from night.
Ah, sore was the suffering borne
By the body of Mary's Son.
But sorer still to Him was the grief
Which for His sake came upon His mother.

The People stand to sing.
Presentation Hymn 172

Were You There?

1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you
 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you
 *3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side? Were you
 4 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you

there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh!
 there when they nailed him to the tree? Oh!
 there when they pierced him in the side? Oh!
 there when they laid him in the tomb? Oh!

Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,
 Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,
 Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,
 Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,

trem-ble. Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
 trem-ble. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
 trem-ble. Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
 trem-ble. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

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The Solemn Collects

All standing, the person appointed says to the people

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.

Celebrant 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 Douglas, 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.

Silence

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.**

Celebrant Let us pray for all nations and peoples of the earth, and for those in authority among them;
For Joseph, 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

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.**

Celebrant 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.

Silence

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.**

Celebrant Let us pray for all 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.
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

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 to life; and sustain by your loving grace all who lift their eyes to you. **Amen.**

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

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 Cross is brought into the church.

Veneration of the Cross

Anthem at the Foot of the Cross

Book of Common Prayer, p. 281

We glory in your cross, O Lord, **and praise and glorify your holy resurrection; for by virtue of your cross joy has come to the whole world.**

May God be merciful to us and bless us, show us the light of his countenance, and come to us.

Let your ways be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

We glory in your cross, O Lord, and praise and glorify your holy resurrection; for by virtue of your cross joy has come to the whole world.

The people may approach the cross in veneration.

Voluntary

Within Our Darkest Night

Taizé 37

Celebrant Let us pray together.

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 service concludes with the following prayer. No blessing or dismissal is added.

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.**

Leave in Silence

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Celebrant	Rev. Sandi Albom
Altar Guild	Richard Hasko, Tanya Kellogg
Linens	Dianne Legalos

12pm

Opener	Richard Hasko
Lector	Jacque Hasko

Ushers	Richard Hasko
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7pm

Opener	Holly Rodriguez
Stream Team	Holly Rodriguez

Eucharistic Ministers	Kara Noble
	Candy Oyler
Lectors	Janet Parks
	Raymond Brown
Ushers	Al Randzio

PARISH PRAYER LIST

*Please use this list in your daily prayers. We are happy to add your concerns.
Contact office administrator Tanya Woodbury at program@atonementwestfield.org or call 562-5461.*

Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer The Diocese of North Dakota – The Episcopal Church

Diocesan Prayer St. Francis', Holden; Lay Employees of our diocese; Clergy spouses and families; Episcopal Church Missionary Community; Society of Saint John the Evangelist (SSJE)

For those suffering throughout the world especially from the ravages of war, violence, hate, environmental changes, and disease.

For these families and individuals Anne, Alice, Jean, Ruth, Virginia, Ruby, Thelma, Connie, Candy, Betty, Jeff, Kris, David, Christina, Mark, Iris, Brad, Sharon, Marcia, Jennie, Mark, Derek, Jan, Toni, Rich, Lyn, John, Addison, Hannah, Donna, Nan, Jack, Mickie, Chris, Rita, Josh, Tim, Mike, Juan, John, Shelia, Joey, Ann, Gary, David, Sabrina, Wendy, Bernie, John, James, Jeffrey, Casey, Arthur, Brittany, Rick, Jeff B, Katie, Sherry, Niko, Mervin, Frances, Toby, Theresa, Philadelphia, David, Jean, Jody, Linda, Jonathan

ECOTA Holy Week/Easter Happenings

Easter Egg Hunt and Photos with the Bunny~ March 30 at 11am

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place on the church's front lawn on Saturday, March 30. Please arrive between 10:30-10:45 am; the egg hunt begins at 11:00 am, and it will take place rain or shine.

Please remember to bring your own baskets

Easter Flower Décor Volunteers Needed ~ March 30 @ 10am

The flower guild is looking for volunteers March 30th at 10am to help with decorating our church for our the Easter Vigil service that evening. If you can volunteer, please contact the office or speak with Donna Tatlock-Calkins.

Dance Yoga ~ April 9 @ 12pm

Join Renee Rix for dance yoga in the St. Margarets Guild Room from 12pm-1pm on Tuesday, April 9. Dance Yoga is a combination of Yoga and contemporary movements aimed at getting your heart pumping, stretching out your body and having fun.

Rummage and Bake Sale ~ April 12 and 13

Save the date!!! Our spring rummage and bake sale is going to take place April 12 (4pm-7pm) and 13 (9am-3pm) in the Great Hall. **We are starting to collect items from the rummage sale.** If you are interested in donating homemade baked good items, please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex. We are also looking for volunteers to help set up and break down as well as volunteers to lend a hand during the rummage sale on either Friday or Saturday. If you have any questions or would like to help, please contact Donna Tatlock-Calkins at 413-563-0143.

Office Administrator on Vacation April 14 – April 23

During April 14 – April 23, our wonderful office angels will be hard at work covering the office for our Office Administrator with answering phones and picking up mail. If you have anything that needs immediate assistance, please contact Rev. Sandi or Holly Rodriguez.

Tree Planting Ceremony ~ April 20 @ 11am

Join us on April 20th at 11am for a ceremony on blessing our newly planted trees in the front.

Earth Day Sunday ~ April 21

Join us on the Fourth Sunday of Easter as we praise God for all of Creation. We invite everyone to bring a container of soil and/or seeds for your home garden to be blessed.

Westfield 5k (3 mile) Flat Run/Walk ~ Team Church of the Atonement ~May 4

We are looking to get a team together to walk or run in the Westfield 5k (3 mile) flat. The walk/run starts at Westfield State University and finishes right on Elm Street in front of the PVTa station. By joining, ECOTA team, a small portion of the registration will come back to ECOTA to help raise funds for the ministries of the church. Register at <https://runsignup.com/Race/MA/Westfield/RunWestfield> no later than April 19.

Westfield 5k Planning Meeting ~ April 14 at 11am

We will be hosting a table at the Westfield 5k flat this year. Please help to plan for what we will offer there.

THIS WEEK AT ATONEMENT

Friday March 29

11:00 am Stations of the Cross (*Sanctuary*)
12:00 pm Good Friday (*Sanctuary*)
7:00 pm Good Friday in person and live-streamed (*Sanctuary*)
7:00 pm *Stairway to Serenity Al-Anon* (SMGR)

Saturday, March 30

9:00 am *Adult Children of Alcoholics* (*Great Hall*)
10:45 am Easter Egg Hunt and Photos with the Bunny
7:00 pm Saturday Vigil in person and live-streamed

Sunday, March 31

The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Sunday
8 am Holy Eucharist in person
10 am Holy Eucharist in person and live-streamed
10 am Nursery Care and Sunday School available
6:00 pm Sunday Worship on Westfield Channel 15

**Saint Margaret's Guild Room (Parlor)*

"Drawn in by Grace; Reaching out in Love"

*God calls people of any age, race, ethnicity, gender, or sexuality to join us in worship and work
in the world. God's grace draws us in—all of us.
And together all of us reach out with God's love.*



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