

ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

1805 West Alabama Street | Houston, Texas 77098



GOOD FRIDAY

March 29, 2024 | 12:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

This Liturgy is taken from *The Book of Common Worship*.

WELCOME TO ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH!

We are glad you are with us! St. Stephen's is an inclusive, nurturing, and healing community that seeks and invites all to practice the transformational and empowering work of Jesus Christ among us and in the world. We welcome everyone to join us for worship and life together—no exceptions!

NEW TO ST. STEPHEN'S?

Follow this QR code to our website and complete the online welcome card.



ALL ARE WELCOME TO WORSHIP WITH US!

During worship, all are invited to come forward for Holy Communion. If you would like to receive Communion but cannot come to the altar, please let an usher know so the sacrament can be brought to you. In addition to bread, you may receive wine by intinction (dipping your wafer into the chalice) or drinking directly from the chalice. You may choose to receive the bread only. If you prefer a blessing, indicate by crossing your arms in front of you. **Please note that the homemade bread at the 10:30 a.m. service is gluten free.** After church, please join us for hospitality!

CHILDREN

Children are welcome in the church and all parts of worship. You are welcome to make use of the dedicated area with books, art, and seasonal activities in the front right of the nave. Nursery care is also available from 8:30 a.m. to noon. During the readings and sermon portion of the 10:30 a.m. service, we offer a Children's Chapel led by trusted and trained volunteers.

RESTROOMS

Restrooms are available adjacent to the Gathering Area. All are welcome to use the restroom consistent with their gender identity.

PARKING

Parking is available off W. Alabama in the lot in the church lot. Additional parking is available on the other side of the block at Woodhead and on both sides of Sul Ross. If you have a St. Stephen's magnet, please display it.

COVID PROTOCOLS

St. Stephen's is focused on safety. People may choose to mask at any time. People with symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19 should wear a mask.

TEXT TO GIVE

Send a text message to (833) 429-9199 with the word GIVE, the amount you wish to give, and the word OFFERING. For example, the text message "GIVE 25 OFFERING: would be a \$25 gift.

\$5K NEEDED TO MEET OUR GOAL OF 20K FOR OUR PARTNERS



Between now and Easter, St. Stephen's wants to raise \$20,000 to support the community partners that help us minister to the greater Houston area. We have raised \$15K towards our goal. If you would

like to give, please scan the QR code and select Easter Appeal from the drop-down menu. Alternatively, send a text message to (833) 429-9199 with the word GIVE, the amount you wish to give, and the word EASTER.



This week, we feature Montrose Grace Place. The mission of Montrose Grace Place is to provide a safe, welcoming environment for vulnerable homeless youth of all sexualities and genders, providing nourishment, health relationships, and hope for the future.

SERVICE PROJECT - RICE & BEANS FOR ECHOS

Join us Sunday, April 7, at 9:30 a.m. in Pecore Hall as we provide and package essential food staples for our ministry partners at ECHOS (Epiphany Community Health Outreach Services). All supplies provided, we just need your helping hands!

**JOIN US FOR A
PARISH PHOTO ON
EASTER SUNDAY!
10 AM IN THE PARKING LOT
ON W ALABAMA**

Every Thursday, Montrose Grace Place opens its doors to homeless youth of all sexual orientations and gender identities who are between the ages of 13 and 21 years old. Youth night is an evening of food, mentorship, and skills building. The youth and volunteers share a seated, family-style meal followed by an interactive lesson, craft, or other activity. Additionally, youth are able to "shop" in our closet of donated supplies, which include clothing, shoes, toiletries, bus cards, and snacks.



Good Friday

March 29: noon, 7:00 pm

SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL

MARCH 30: 7:30 PM

EASTER SUNDAY

MARCH 31: 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM
EASTER EGG HUNT, 9:30 AM

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On this day we begin in silence. All then kneel for silent prayer.

Immediately before the Collect, the Celebrant says

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 LESSONS *Please be seated.*

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 52:13-53:12

A Reading from 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

THE PSALM: 22 *Read in unison.*

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.

SECOND READING: HEBREWS 10:16-25

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.**

Silence for reflection.

GOSPEL: JOHN 18:1-19:42 *Please be seated for the first part of the Passion. The congregation reads the parts in bold print.*

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Narrator: Jesus went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to a place where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples. So Judas brought a detachment of Soldiers together with Police from the chief Priests and the Pharisees, and they came there with lanterns and torches and weapons. Then Jesus, knowing all that was to happen to him, came forward and asked them,

Jesus: “Whom are you looking for?”

Narrator: They answered,

Priests & Police: **“Jesus of Nazareth.”**

Narrator: Jesus replied,

Jesus: “I am he.”

Narrator: Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. When Jesus said to them, “I am he,” they stepped back and fell to the ground. Again he asked them,

Jesus: “Whom are you looking for?”

Narrator: And they said,

Priests & Police: **“Jesus of Nazareth.”**

Narrator: Jesus answered,

Jesus: “I told you that I am he. So if you are looking for me, let these men go.”

Narrator: This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken, "I did not lose a single one of those whom you gave me." Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest's Slave, and cut off his right ear. The Slave's name was Malchus. Jesus said to Peter,

Jesus: "Put your sword back into its sheath. Am I not to drink the cup that the Father has given me?"

Narrator: So the Soldiers, their officer, and the Jewish Police arrested Jesus and bound him. First they took him to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was better to have one person die for the people.

Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, but Peter was standing outside at the gate. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in. The woman said to Peter,

Woman: "You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?"

Narrator: He said,

Peter: "I am not."

Narrator: Now the Slaves and the Police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing around it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and warming himself.

Then the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching. Jesus answered,

Jesus: "I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. Why do you ask me? Ask those who heard what I said to them; they know what I said."

Narrator: When he had said this, one of the Police standing nearby struck Jesus on the face, saying,

Police: **"Is that how you answer the high priest?"**

Narrator: Jesus answered,

Jesus: "If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong. But if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?"

Narrator: Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They asked him,

Police: **"You are not also one of his disciples, are you?"**

Narrator: He denied it and said,

Peter: "I am not."

Narrator: One of the Slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked,

Slave: "Did I not see you in the garden with him?"

Narrator: Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed.

Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate's headquarters. It was early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the headquarters, so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the Passover. So Pilate went out to them and said,

Pilate: "What accusation do you bring against this man?"

Narrator: They answered,

Priests & Police: **"If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you."**

Narrator: Pilate said to them,

Pilate: "Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law."

Narrator: The Jews replied,

Priests & Police: **"We are not permitted to put anyone to death."**

Narrator: This was to fulfill what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die. Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him,

Pilate: "Are you the King of the Jews?"

Narrator: Jesus answered,

Jesus: "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?"

Narrator: Pilate replied,

Pilate: "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief Priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?"

Narrator: Jesus answered,

Jesus: "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here."

Narrator: Pilate asked him,

Pilate: "So you are a king?"

Narrator: Jesus answered,

Jesus: "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

Narrator: Pilate asked him,
Pilate: "What is truth?"
Narrator: After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them,
Pilate: "I find no case against him. But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover. Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?"
Narrator: They shouted in reply,
Crowd: **"Not this man, but Barabbas!"**
Narrator: Now Barabbas was a bandit. 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,
Soldiers: "Hail, King of the Jews!"
Narrator: and striking him on the face. Pilate went out again and said to them,
Pilate: "Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him."
Narrator: So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them,
Pilate: "Here is the man!"
Narrator: When the chief Priests and the Police saw him, they shouted,
Crowd: **"Crucify him! Crucify him!"**
Narrator: Pilate said to them,
Pilate: "Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him."
Narrator: The Jews answered him,
Crowd: **"We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God."**
Narrator: Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus,
Pilate: "Where are you from?"
Narrator: But Jesus gave him no answer. Pilate therefore said to him,
Pilate: "Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?"
Narrator: Jesus answered him,
Jesus: "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."
Narrator: From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the Jews cried out,

Crowd: **“If you release this man, you are no friend of the emperor. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against the emperor.”**

Narrator: 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,

Pilate: “Here is your King!”

Narrator: They cried out,

Crowd: **“Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!”**

Narrator: Pilate asked them,

Pilate: “Shall I crucify your King?”

Narrator: The chief Priests answered,

Priests: **“We have no king but the emperor.”**

Narrator: Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

At the mention of Golgotha, all stand as able.

Narrator: 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. 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,

Priests: **“Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but, ‘This man said, I am King of the Jews.’”**

Narrator: Pilate answered,

Pilate: “What I have written I have written.”

Narrator: 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,

Soldiers: **“Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it.”**

Narrator: 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,

Jesus: “Woman, here is your son.”

Narrator: Then he said to the disciple,
Jesus: “Here is your mother.”
Narrator: 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),
Jesus: “I am thirsty.”
Narrator: A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a ranch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the wine, he said,
Jesus: “It is finished.”
Narrator: Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

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.

THE SERMON *Please be seated.*

Silence may follow.

ANTHEM

“O Salutaris Hostia”

Nicholas White

O salutaris Hostia, quae caeli pandis ostium: bella premunt hostilia, da robur, fer auxilium. Uni trinoque Domino, sit sempiterna gloria, vitam sine termino nobis donet in patria.

O saving Victim, opening wide the gate of Heaven to man below; our foes press hard on every side; thine aid supply; thy strength bestow. To thy great name be endless praise, immortal Godhead, One in Three. Oh, grant us endless length of days, in our true native land with thee.

THE SOLEMN COLLECTS *The Deacon, or other 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.

The people may stand or kneel

Litanist: 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 Michael, Andy, Kai, Jeff, and Hector, our Bishops, and all the people of this diocese,
For all Christians in this community, for those preparing for baptism, that God will confirm God's 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.**

Litanist: Let us pray for all nations and peoples of the earth, and for those in authority among them;
For Joe 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.

Silence

Celebrant: Almighty God, we pray, kindle 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.**

Litanist: 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, especially for those we name silently and aloud.
That God in God's mercy will comfort and relieve them, and grant them the knowledge of God's 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.**

Litanist: 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.

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.**

Litanist: 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, especially those we name silently and aloud, 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: 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.**

A wooden cross may now be brought into the church and placed in the sight of the People. Appropriate devotions may follow. Please be seated.

ANTHEM I *Noon service only; antiphon sung by a cantor first, then by all.*

Antiphon

We glo - ry in your cross, O Lord, and praise and glo -
ri - fy your ho - ly re - sur - rec - tion; for by vir - tue
of your cross joy has come to the whole world.

A cantor sings

1. May God be merciful to us and bless us,
show us the light of his countenance, and come to us. ***Antiphon.***
2. Let your ways be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations. ***Antiphon.***
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you. ***Antiphon.***

ANTHEM II *Noon service only; antiphon sung by a cantor first, then by all.*


Antiphon

We a - dore you, O Christ, and we bless you,
be - cause by your ho - ly cross you have re - deemed the world.


A cantor sings

If we have died with him, we shall also live with him;
if we endure, we shall also reign with him. ***Antiphon.***


ANTHEM III *Noon service only; antiphon sung by a cantor first, then by all.*



O Sa - vior of the world, who by thy cross and



pre - cious blood hast re - deemed us: Save us




and help us, we hum - bly be - seech thee, O Lord.


Setting: Plainsong, Mode 7; adapt. David Hurd (b. 1950).
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HYMN *Noon service only; please stand.*


Pange Lingua




1 Sing, my tongue, the glo - rious bat - tle; of the might - y con - flict
2 Thir - ty years a - mong us dwell - ing, his ap - point - ed time ful -
3 He en - dures the nails, the spit - ting, vin - e - gar, and spear, and
4 Faith - ful cross! a - bove all o - ther, one and on - ly no - ble
5 Bend thy boughs, O tree of glo - ry! Thy re - lax - ing sin - ews
*6 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or to the



1 sing; tell the tri - umph of the vic - tim, to his
2 filled, born for this, he meets his pas - sion, this the
3 reed; from that ho - ly bo - dy bro - ken blood and
4 tree! None in fo - liage, none in blos - som, none in
5 bend; for a - while the an - cient ri - gor that thy
6 Son, praise and hon - or to the Spi - rit, ev - er



1 cross thy tri - bute bring. Je - sus Christ, the world's Re -
2 Sa - vior free - ly willed: on the cross the Lamb is
3 wa - ter forth pro - ceed: earth, and stars, and sky, and
4 fruit thy peer may be: sweet - est wood and sweet - est
5 birth be - stowed, sus - pend; and the King of heaven - ly
6 Three and ev - er One: one in might and one in



1 deem - er from that cross now reigns as King.
2 lift - ed, where his pre - cious blood is spilled.
3 o - cean, by that flood from stain are freed.
4 i - ron! sweet - est weight is hung on thee.
5 beau - ty gent - ly on thine arms ex - tend.
6 glo - ry while e - ter - nal a - ges run.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

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

All: 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 the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Triduum continues tomorrow with the Great Vigil of Easter.

PERSONS ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICES

Altar Guild: Nancy Cook, Dwight Wolf

8:30 AM SERVICE

Readers: Eric Brown, Christina Lovely

Usher: Jennifer Richardson

10:30 AM SERVICE

Reader: Dave Morrell

Usher: Sam Marsh

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

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SATURDAY, MARCH 30

Easter Vigil, 7:30 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31

8:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist Service – In-person

9:30 a.m. – Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Breakfast

10:00 a.m. – Parish Photo

10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist Service – In-person & YouTube Channel

MONDAY, APRIL 1

Noon – Bible Study on Zoom

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

6:30 p.m. – Bible Study in the Gathering Area, First Epistle of Peter

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

6:30 p.m. – Faith & Justice Group – on Zoom only

6:30 p.m. – Youth Game Night

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

7:00 p.m. – Presence Group

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

8:00 a.m. – Rosary Group – In-person & on Zoom

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William Tredennick	2-Mar	Steven Bates	16-Mar
Megan Brannan	3-Mar	Chuck Hooten	16-Mar
Andrew Tolbert	5-Mar	Samuel West	16-Mar
Barbara Bennett	5-Mar	Julian Holland	17-Mar
John Beetle	5-Mar	Crystal Kitagawa	19-Mar
Gail Siegel	6-Mar	Liam Hackney	19-Mar
Andie Caroline Dorn	6-Mar	Louise Carstarphen	23-Mar
Madelyn Vestal	6-Mar	William West	23-Mar
Lakyn Keel	8-Mar	Alexis Latner	27-Mar
Cody Moore	10-Mar	Jennifer Richardson	27-Mar
Charlotte Wallin	11-Mar	Paloma Lee	28-Mar
Jeffery Scoggins	13-Mar	James Ozga	29-Mar
Patricia Batton	13-Mar	Aimee Demby	29-Mar
Jon Cerny	13-Mar	Mary Cole	30-Mar
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