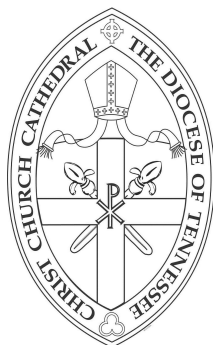


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THE GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY

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THE LITURGY FOR GOOD FRIDAY

On this day, the ministers enter in silence. All then kneel for silent prayer.

Celebrant Blessed be our God.

People **For ever and ever. Amen.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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 Word of God

References to the BCP are to the red Book of Common Prayer in your pew rack.

Families may find materials for children behind the right lectern and near the font to the left of the pulpit.

Please be seated.

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON – Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 22:1-11

Sung by the Choir

- 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 NEW TESTAMENT 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.
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The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. †††

At that time: Pilate therefore took Jesus, and scourged him. And the soldiers platted a crown of thorns, and put it on his head: and they put on him a purple robe, and said: “Hail, King of the Jews.” And they smote him with their hands. Pilate therefore went forth again, and saith unto them: “Behold. I bring him forth to you, that ye may know I find no fault in him.” Then came Jesus forth, wearing the crown of thorns, and the purple robe. And Pilate saith unto them, “Behold the man.” When the chief priests therefore and officers saw him, they cried out, saying: “Crucify him, crucify him.” Pilate saith unto them: “Take ye him, and crucify him: for I find no fault in him.” The Jews answered him: “We have a law, and by our law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God.”

When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he was the more afraid. And went again into the judgment hall: and saith unto Jesus: “Whence art thou?” But Jesus gave him no answer. Then saith Pilate unto him: “Speakest thou not unto me? Knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee?” Jesus answered: “Thou couldest have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above. Therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin.” And from thenceforth Pilate sought to release him. But the Jews cried out saying: “If thou let this man go, thou art not Caesar’s friend. Whosoever maketh himself a king speaketh against Caesar.”

When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Jesus forth, and sat down in the judgment seat, in a place that is called the pavement, but in the Hebrew Gabbatha. And it was the Preparation of the Passover, and about the sixth hour, and he saith unto the Jews: “Behold your King.” But they cried out: “Away with him, away with him, crucify him.” Pilate saith unto them: “Shall I crucify your King?” The chief priests answered: “We have no king but Caesar.”

Then delivered he him therefore unto them to be crucified. And they took Jesus and led him away. And he, bearing his cross, went forth into a place called the place of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew, *Golgotha*, where they crucified him, and two other with him, on either side one, and Jesus in the midst. And Pilate wrote a title: and put it on the cross. And the writing was: Jesus of Nazareth the King of the Jews. This title then read many of the Jews, for the place where Jesus was crucified was nigh to the city. And it was written in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin. Then said the chief priests of the Jews to Pilate: “Write not, the King of the Jews, but that he said: I am the King of the Jews.” Pilate answered: “What I have written, I have written.”

Then the soldiers when they had crucified Jesus, took his garments, and made four parts: to every soldier a part, and also his coat. Now the coat was without seam, woven from the top throughout. They said therefore among themselves: “Let us not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be.” That the Scripture might be fulfilled, which saith: They parted my raiment among them: and for my vesture they did cast lots. These things therefore the soldiers did.

Now there stood by the cross of Jesus, his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother: "Woman, behold thy son." Then saith he to the disciple: "Behold thy mother." And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home. After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, saith: "I thirst." Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar. And they filled a sponge with vinegar, and put it upon hyssop, and put it to his mouth. When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said: "It is finished." And he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

Silence. All kneel.

The Jews therefore, because it was the Preparation, that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the sabbath-day, (for that sabbath-day was an high day,) besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. Then came the soldiers, and brake the legs of the first, and of the other which was crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they break not his legs: but one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water. And he that saw it bare record, and his record is true. And he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might believe. For these things were done, that the Scripture should be fulfilled: A bone of him shall not be broken. And again another Scripture saith: They shall look on him whom they pierced.

THE SERMON – The Very Reverend Serena Sides
A moment of silence and reflection follows the sermon.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN

Alone thou goest forth, O Lord

Bangor
#164 *The Hymnal 1982*

THE SOLEMN COLLECTS

All stand

Deacon 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.

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 John, our Bishop, and all the people of this Diocese
For all Christians in this community
For those about to be baptized; for Erik Ryan Schuessler.

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.**

Deacon 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 knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Deacon 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

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.**

Deacon 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.**

Deacon 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

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

The people remain standing as the Dean, carrying the cross, enters. At each of the three stations, the following versicle and response is said:

V. Behold the wood of the cross on which was hung the world's salvation.

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

THE REPROACHES

Tomás Luis de Victoria

Please kneel or sit.

sung by the Choir

O my people, what have I done unto thee, or wherein have I wearied thee? Testify against me.

Because I brought thee forth from the land of Egypt, thou hast prepared a Cross for thy Saviour.

Agios o Theos.

Holy God.

Agios, ischyros.

Holy, mighty!

Agios, athanatos, eleison imas.

Holy and immortal, have mercy upon us.

Because I led thee through the desert forty years and fed thee with manna, and brought thee into a land exceeding good, thou hast prepared a Cross for thy Savior.

Agios o Theos.

Holy God.

Agios, ischyros.

Holy, mighty!

Agios, athanatos, eleison imas.

Holy and immortal, have mercy upon us.

What more could I have done for thee that I have not done? I indeed did plant thee, O my vineyard,
with exceeding fair fruit, and thou art become very bitter unto me; for vinegar, mingled with gall,
thou gavest me when thirsty, and has pierced with a spear the side of thy Saviour.

Agios o Theos.

Holy God.

Agios, ischyros.

Holy, mighty!

Agios, athanatos, eleison imas.

Holy and immortal, have mercy upon us.

O my people, what have I done unto thee, or wherein have I wearied thee? Testify against me.

THE THREE ANTHEMS

sung by the Choir

Robert J. Powell
(1932-2025)

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.

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.

O Savior of the world,
who by thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us:
Save us and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

The People sit for the singing of the hymn while the Altar is prepared for the distribution of Holy Communion.

HYMN

Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle

Pange lingua
#166 *The Hymnal 1982*

CONFESSION OF SIN

Deacon

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Please kneel.

Silence

**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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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,
or ever and ever. Amen.**

ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Please follow the direction of the ushers in order to receive Communion. If you wish to receive the Sacrament by intinction please leave the Bread in your hand. The chalice bearer will dip the Bread in the Wine and return it to your hand. You may also receive a blessing from one of the priests instead of the Bread and Wine. Let us know if you need a low-gluten wafer when you are at the communion railing.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Please stand.

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.

All depart in silence.



An offering plate will not be passed at this Liturgy. Instead, an offering plate for your offering may be found at the opening of the communion rail, or scan this QR code with your phone or tablet to leave your offering. The offering on this day is traditionally given to the work of the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East.

Please join us for our forthcoming Holy Week and Easter offerings

The nave is open for prayer after his service until 3:30 p.m.

Holy Saturday liturgy at 10 a.m. and Solemn Easter Vigil at 7 p.m.

(bring bells to ring at the first Allelulia)

Easter Sunday worship at 7 a.m., 8:45 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 6 p.m.

(bring flowers to flower the cross)

CELEBRANT

The Reverend Canon Anna Russell Friedman, *Canon and Associate Rector for Family Ministries*

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The Very Reverend Serena Sides, *Dean and Rector*

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