



The Good Friday Liturgy
April 3, 2026
Noon



Celebrant 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 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

First 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22: 1-2, 7-8, 14-21 (*said*) BCP 610

- 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.
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."
- 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.

The Second 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn W 284

John 18:1-19:42

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
(Please see insert. The People read the passages highlighted in yellow.)

Hymn W 264

Sermon The Rev. Dr. Beverley Rader

The Solemn Collects

(All who are able, please stand)

Celebrant: 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.

For the Church

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 Justin Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop and Kirk our Bishop, and for all people of this diocese; and for all Christians in this community; that God will confirm his Church in faith, increase it in love, and preserve it in peace.

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your Church 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.**

For the Nations and the World

Let us pray for all nations and peoples of the earth, and for those in authority among them; for the President of the United States; for the Congress and Supreme Court; for the members and representatives of the United States; and for all who serve the common good, that by God's help they may seek justice and truth, and live in peace and concord.

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.**

For the Jewish People

Let us pray for the Jewish people, who by the grace of their eternal covenant with God were delivered from bondage into freedom; For their continued faithfulness; For their flourishing in peace as witnesses to God's sustaining love; For their safety from all malice and harm; For their liberation from all forms of antisemitism and hatred; For the fullness of redemption for the sake of God's Name. That unity and concord may exist between Jews and Christians, in obedience to God's will.

O God of Abraham and Sarah and Hagar, you planted your people Israel as the root and grafted all peoples as wild branches into a single olive tree of praise to you: As we come near to the cross, we lament Christian acts of prejudice and violence against your faithful people, of whom Jesus Christ was born. Bless the children of your covenant, so that together we may attain the fullness of your blessing from the world.

For the Suffering

Let us pray for all who suffer and are afflicted in body, mind or spirit; 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.

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.**

For Non-Christians and Those Who Do Not Believe

Let us pray for those 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 and indifference; For those who are contemptuous or scornful; For those who are persecutors of Christ's disciples; For those who in the name of Christ have persecuted others. That God will open their hearts to truth, and lead them to faith and obedience.

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; let the good news of your salvation 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.**

For the Grace of a Holy Life

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.

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 Adoration of the Cross

Entrance of the Cross

All who are able, please kneel.

Anthem 1

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.*

Anthem 2

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 glory in your cross, O Lord;
for by virtue of your cross joy has come to the whole world.

Anthem 3

O Savior of the world,
by your cross and precious blood you have redeemed us:
Save us and help us, we humbly beseech you, O Lord.

Devotions before the cross follow. You may approach the cross to venerate it, or if you prefer you may sit and kneel while the anthem or hymn is being played.

Hymn W 263 (vs. 1 & 4)

Altar Party will go to the Altar of Repose and bring communion to the altar.

Holy Communion

All 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 Priest says: 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 Priest continues: 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 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.

Priest The gifts of God for the people of God.

The ministers at the altar receive the Reserved Sacrament and then administer it to the people. The people come forward single file, one at a time to receive the bread, then to the lay minister for intinction, if desired, returning to their seat afterward. Everyone is welcome to receive the bread and wine.

Communion Hymn W 286

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; 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 forever. **Amen**

Hymn W 283

Minister Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All leave the church in silence; the Triduum continues at 5:00 PM tomorrow.