

GOOD FRIDAY

April 7, 2023

12:00 PM

A collection is not taken during today's service but offering plates are available at the front and back of the church. All offerings collected will go to the three dioceses of the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. Through the years many Episcopalians have found the Good Friday Offering to be an effective way to express their support for the ministries of the three dioceses of the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. Pastoral care, education and health care continue to be primary ministries through which the reconciling spirit of the Christian faith serves all in need. Participation in this ministry is welcome. The generous donations of Episcopalians help the Christian presence in the Land of the Holy One to be a vital and effective force for peace and understanding among all of God's children.

On this day the ministers enter in silence. When the Celebrant reaches the altar, please kneel if able for a moment of silent prayer before the service begins.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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, 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.

All **AMEN.**

The people sit.

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Lector *The First Reading is taken from Isaiah chapter 52...*

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

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THE SECOND READING

Hebrews 10:16-25

Lector *The Second Reading is taken from Hebrews chapter 10...*

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL

John 18:1-19:42

The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted today. The congregation is welcome to sit for the first part of the Passion. At the verse which mentions the arrival at Golgotha, the reader will signal for all to stand,. Following the verse which mentions Jesus giving up his spirit, all are encouraged to kneel, if able, for a moment of silent reflection.

HOMILY

The Rev. Kathleen Walter

All stand as able.

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
to lay aside his crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb I will sing.

To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM ,
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
while millions join the theme I will sing!

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.

And when from death I'm free I'll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and through eternity I'll sing on.

THE SOLEMN COLLECTS

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PROCESSION OF THE CROSS

*A wooden cross will be carried into the church by the Celebrant. At three points the Celebrant will pause and sing a versicle. All will respond by saying, **Come, Let us Worship**. Once at the altar the following prayers are said:*

Celebrant

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,

People

because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Celebrant

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

People

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

HYMN 172

Were You There

During the singing of the hymn, individuals who wish to come forward are invited up to the altar rail to touch the wooden cross and kneel briefly in meditation. The congregation may kneel or sit.

**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?**

All stand, as able.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
People **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.**

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

Depart in Silence.