

# GOOD FRIDAY

March 29, 2024

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.*

**VOLUNTARY**

Chant Mystic

Noel Goemanne  
(1926-2010)

*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 Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*(all singing)*

1 Lord, why have you for - sak - en me, and  
 2 Yet you are ho - ly, and the songs of  
 3 But I am mocked and put to scorn. All  
 4 Yet you, O Lord, have been my God and

why are you so far a - way from my com - plaint and  
 praise of Is - rael are your throne; when our an - ces - tors  
 those who see me laugh and say, "You trust in God, so  
 on - ly hope since I was born. With trou - ble near me,

my dis - tress poured out be - fore you night and day?  
 called on you, you saved them, res - cued all your own.  
 let us see the help of God to whom you pray."  
 none can help. My Sav - ior, leave me not for - lorn.

**THE SECOND READING**

Hebrews 10:16-25

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

*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. Whitney Burton

*All stand as able.*

**HYMN H-158**

Ah, Holy Jesus

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

*(stanzas 1,2,4,5)*

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended,  
that man to judge thee hath in hate pretended?  
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,  
O most afflicted.

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?  
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.  
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee:  
I crucified thee.

For me, kind Jesus, was thy incarnation,  
thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation;  
thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion,  
for my salvation.

Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee,  
I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee,  
think on thy pity and thy love unswerving,  
not my deserving.

**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 recite a versicle. All will respond by saying, **Come, Let us Worship**. Once at the altar the following prayers are said:*

<i>Celebrant</i>	We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,
<i>People</i>	<b>because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.</b>
<i>Celebrant</i>	If we have died with him, we shall also live with him; if we endure, we shall also reign with him.
<i>People</i>	<b>We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.</b>

*(stanzas 1,2,4)*

*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 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.*