



*Church of the Ascension*

April 3, 2026

Good Friday

7:30pm

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*"S" indicates service music found at the front of the hymnal*

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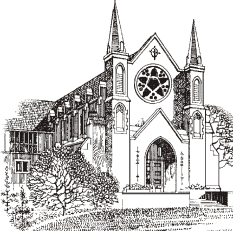
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*On this day the altar party enter in silence.*

*All then kneel for silent prayer.*

## **Opening Acclamation**

*BCP 276*

*Celebrant* Blessed be our God.

*People* ***Forever and ever. Amen.***

## **The Collect for Good Friday**

*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.***

*People sit for the reading of the lessons*

## **A Reading from Isaiah**

**52:13-53:12**

Look, my servant will succeed.

He will be exalted and lifted very high.

Just as many were appalled by you,

he too appeared disfigured, inhuman,

his appearance unlike that of mortals.

But he will astonish many nations.

Kings will be silenced because of him,

because they will see what they haven't seen before;

what they haven't heard before, they will ponder.

Who can believe what we have heard,

and for whose sake has the LORD's arm been revealed?

He grew up like a young plant before us,

like a root from dry ground.  
He possessed no splendid form for us to see,  
no desirable appearance.  
He was despised and avoided by others;  
a man who suffered, who knew sickness well.  
Like someone from whom people hid their faces,  
he was despised, and we didn't think about him.

It was certainly our sickness that he carried,  
and our sufferings that he bore,  
but we thought him afflicted,  
struck down by God and tormented.  
He was pierced because of our rebellions  
and crushed because of our crimes.  
He bore the punishment that made us whole;  
by his wounds we are healed.  
Like sheep we had all wandered away,  
each going its own way,  
but the LORD let fall on him all our crimes.

He was oppressed and tormented,  
but didn't open his mouth.  
Like a lamb being brought to slaughter,  
like a ewe silent before her shearers,  
he didn't open his mouth.

Due to an unjust ruling he was taken away,  
and his fate—who will think about it?  
He was eliminated from the land of the living,  
struck dead because of my people's rebellion.  
His grave was among the wicked,  
his tomb with evildoers,  
though he had done no violence,  
and had spoken nothing false.

But the LORD wanted to crush him  
and to make him suffer.  
If his life is offered as restitution,  
he will see his offspring; he will enjoy long life.  
The LORD's plans will come to fruition through him.  
After his deep anguish he will see light, and he will be satisfied.

Through his knowledge, the righteous one, my servant,  
will make many righteous,  
and will bear their guilt.

Therefore, I will give him a share with the great,  
and he will divide the spoil with the strong,  
in return for exposing his life to death  
and being numbered with rebels,  
though he carried the sin of many  
and pleaded on behalf of those who rebelled.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

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

**Psalm 22** (*spoken*)

***My God! My God,***

*why have you left me all alone?*

*Why are you so far from saving me—*

*so far from my anguished groans?*

<sup>2</sup> *My God, I cry out during the day,  
but you don't answer;  
even at nighttime I don't stop.*

<sup>3</sup> *You are the holy one, enthroned.*

*You are Israel's praise.*

<sup>4</sup> *Our ancestors trusted you—*

*they trusted you and you rescued them;*

<sup>5</sup> *they cried out to you and they were saved;  
they trusted you and they weren't ashamed.*

<sup>6</sup> *But I'm just a worm, less than human;  
insulted by one person, despised by another.*

<sup>7</sup> *All who see me make fun of me—  
they gape, shaking their heads:*

<sup>8</sup> *"He committed himself to the LORD,  
so let God rescue him;  
let God deliver him  
because God likes him so much."*

<sup>9</sup> *But you are the one who pulled me from the womb,  
placing me safely at my mother's breasts.*

<sup>10</sup> *I was thrown on you from birth;*

- you've been my God  
since I was in my mother's womb.*
- <sup>11</sup> *Please don't be far from me,  
because trouble is near  
and there's no one to help.*
- <sup>12</sup> *Many bulls surround me;  
mighty bulls from Bashan encircle me.*
- <sup>13</sup> *They open their mouths at me  
like a lion ripping and roaring!*
- <sup>14</sup> *I'm poured out like water.  
All my bones have fallen apart.  
My heart is like wax;  
it melts inside me.*
- <sup>15</sup> *My strength is dried up  
like a piece of broken pottery.  
My tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;  
you've set me down in the dirt of death.*
- <sup>16</sup> *Dogs surround me;  
a pack of evil people circle me like a lion—  
oh, my poor hands and feet!*
- <sup>17</sup> *I can count all my bones!  
Meanwhile, they just stare at me, watching me.*
- <sup>18</sup> *They divvy up my garments among themselves;  
they cast lots for my clothes.*
- <sup>19</sup> *But you, LORD! Don't be far away!  
You are my strength!  
Come quick and help me!*
- <sup>20</sup> *Deliver me from the sword.  
Deliver my life from the power of the dog.*
- <sup>21</sup> *Save me from the mouth of the lion.  
From the horns of the wild oxen  
you have answered me!*
- <sup>22</sup> *I will declare your name to my brothers and sisters;  
I will praise you in the very center of the congregation!*
- <sup>23</sup> *All of you who revere the LORD—praise him!  
All of you who are Jacob's descendants—honor him!  
All of you who are all Israel's offspring—*

*stand in awe of him!*

<sup>24</sup> *Because he didn't despise or detest  
the suffering of the one who suffered—  
he didn't hide his face from me.  
No, he listened when I cried out to him for help.*

<sup>25</sup> *I offer praise in the great congregation  
because of you;  
I will fulfill my promises  
in the presence of those who honor God.*

<sup>26</sup> *Let all those who are suffering eat and be full!  
Let all who seek the LORD praise him!  
I pray your hearts live forever!*

<sup>27</sup> *Every part of the earth  
will remember and come back to the LORD;  
every family among all the nations will worship you.*

<sup>28</sup> *Because the right to rule belongs to the LORD,  
he rules all nations.*

<sup>29</sup> *Indeed, all the earth's powerful  
will worship him;  
all who are descending to the dust  
will kneel before him;  
my being also lives for him.*

<sup>30</sup> *Future descendants will serve him;  
generations to come will be told about my Lord.*

<sup>31</sup> *They will proclaim God's righteousness  
to those not yet born,  
telling them what God has done.*

## **A Reading from Hebrews**

**4:14-16; 5:7-9**

Also, let's hold on to the confession since we have a great high priest who passed through the heavens, who is Jesus, God's Son; because we don't have a high priest who can't sympathize with our weaknesses but instead one who was tempted in every way that we are, except without sin.

Finally, let's draw near to the throne of favor with confidence so that we can receive mercy and find grace when we need help.

During his days on earth, Christ offered prayers and requests with loud cries and tears as his sacrifices to the one who was able to save him from death. He was heard because of his godly devotion. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience from what he suffered. After he had been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for everyone who obeys him.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

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

*The congregation is seated until it is indicated 'Here, all stand'.*

## **The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John**

**Hymn**

**Ah, Holy Jesus**

**H158 v 1**

**Tune: *Herzliebster Jesu***

***1. 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.***

### **1<sup>st</sup> Reader**

After he said these things, Jesus went out with his disciples and crossed over to the other side of the Kidron Valley. He and his disciples entered a garden there. Judas, his betrayer, also knew the place because Jesus often gathered there with his disciples. Judas brought a company of soldiers and some guards from the chief priests and Pharisees. They came there carrying lanterns, torches, and weapons. Jesus knew everything that was to happen to him, so he went out and asked, "Who are you looking for?"

They answered, "Jesus the Nazarene."

He said to them, "I Am." (Judas, his betrayer, was standing with them.) When he said, "I Am," they shrank back and fell to the ground. He asked them again, "Who are you looking for?"

They said, "Jesus the Nazarene."

Jesus answered, "I told you, 'I Am.' If you are looking for me, then let these people go." This was so that the word he had spoken might be fulfilled: "I didn't lose anyone of those whom you gave me."

Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant, cutting off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.) Jesus told Peter, "Put your sword away! Am I not to drink the cup the Father has given me?" Then the company of soldiers, the commander, and the guards from the Jewish leaders took Jesus into custody. They bound him and led him first to Annas. He was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. (Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jewish leaders that it was better for one person to die for the people.)

Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Because this other disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the high priest's courtyard. However, Peter stood outside near the gate. Then the other disciple (the one known to the high priest) came out and spoke to the woman stationed at the gate, and she brought Peter in. The servant woman stationed at the gate asked Peter, "Aren't you one of this man's disciples?"

"I'm not," he replied. The servants and the guards had made a fire because it was cold. They were standing around it, warming themselves. Peter joined them there, standing by the fire and warming himself.

Meanwhile, the chief priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching. Jesus answered, "I've spoken openly to the world. I've always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews gather. I've said nothing in private. Why ask me? Ask those who heard what I told them. They know what I said."

After Jesus spoke, one of the guards standing there slapped Jesus in the face. "Is that how you would answer the high priest?" he asked.

Jesus replied, "If I speak wrongly, testify about what was wrong. But if I speak correctly, why do you strike me?" Then Annas sent him, bound, to Caiaphas the high priest.

Meanwhile, Simon Peter was still standing with the guards, warming himself. They asked, "Aren't you one of his disciples?"

Peter denied it, saying, "I'm not."

A servant of the high priest, a relative of the one whose ear Peter had cut off, said to him, "Didn't I see you in the garden with him?" Peter denied it again, and immediately a rooster crowed.

**Hymn**

**Ah, Holy Jesus**

**H158 v 2**

*2. 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.*

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Reader**

The Jewish leaders led Jesus from Caiaphas to the Roman governor's palace. It was early in the morning. So that they could eat the Passover, the Jewish leaders wouldn't enter the palace; entering the palace would have made them ritually impure.

So Pilate went out to them and asked, "What charge do you bring against this man?"

They answered, "If he had done nothing wrong, we wouldn't have handed him over to you."

Pilate responded, "Take him yourselves and judge him according to your Law."

The Jewish leaders replied, "The Law doesn't allow us to kill anyone." (This was so that Jesus' word might be fulfilled when he indicated how he was going to die.)

Pilate went back into the palace. He summoned Jesus and asked, "Are you the king of the Jews?"

Jesus answered, "Do you say this on your own or have others spoken to you about me?"

Pilate responded, "I'm not a Jew, am I? Your nation and its chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?"

Jesus replied, “My kingdom doesn’t originate from this world. If it did, my guards would fight so that I wouldn’t have been arrested by the Jewish leaders. My kingdom isn’t from here.”

“So you are a king?” Pilate said.

Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. I was born and came into the world for this reason: to testify to the truth. Whoever accepts the truth listens to my voice.”

“What is truth?” Pilate asked.

After Pilate said this, he returned to the Jewish leaders and said, “I find no grounds for any charge against him. You have a custom that I release one prisoner for you at Passover. Do you want me to release for you the king of the Jews?”

They shouted, “Not this man! Give us Barabbas!” (Barabbas was an outlaw.)

**Hymn**

Ah, Holy Jesus

H158 v 3

*3. Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;  
the slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered;  
for our atonement, while we nothing heeded,  
God interceded.*

**3<sup>rd</sup> Reader**

Then Pilate had Jesus taken and whipped. The soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and dressed him in a purple robe. Over and over they went up to him and said, “Greetings, king of the Jews!” And they slapped him in the face.

Pilate came out of the palace again and said to the Jewish leaders, “Look! I’m bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no grounds for a charge against him.” When Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe, Pilate said to them, “Here’s the man.”

When the chief priests and their deputies saw him, they shouted out, “Crucify, crucify!”

Pilate told them, “You take him and crucify him. I don’t find any grounds for a charge against him.”

The Jewish leaders replied, “We have a Law, and according to this Law he ought to die because he made himself out to be God’s Son.”

When Pilate heard this word, he was even more afraid. He went back into the residence and spoke to Jesus, “Where are you from?” Jesus didn’t answer. So Pilate said, “You won’t speak to me? Don’t you know that I have authority to release you and also to crucify you?”

Jesus replied, “You would have no authority over me if it had not been given to you from above. That’s why the one who handed me over to you has the greater sin.” From that moment on, Pilate wanted to release Jesus.

However, the Jewish leaders cried out, saying, “If you release this man, you aren’t a friend of the emperor! Anyone who makes himself out to be a king opposes the emperor!”

When Pilate heard these words, he led Jesus out and seated him on the judge’s bench at the place called Stone Pavement (in Aramaic, *Gabbatha*). It was about noon on the Preparation Day for the Passover. Pilate said to the Jewish leaders, “Here’s your king.”

The Jewish leaders cried out, “Take him away! Take him away! Crucify him!”

Pilate responded, “What? Do you want me to crucify your king?”

“We have no king except the emperor,” the chief priests answered. Then Pilate handed Jesus over to be crucified.

The soldiers took Jesus prisoner.

*4. 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.*

*Here, all stand*

#### **4<sup>th</sup> Reader**

Carrying his cross by himself, he went out to a place called Skull Place (in Aramaic, *Golgotha*). That's where they crucified him—and two others with him, one on each side and Jesus in the middle. Pilate had a public notice written and posted on the cross. It read “Jesus the Nazarene, the king of the Jews.” Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city and it was written in Aramaic, Latin, and Greek. Therefore, the Jewish chief priests complained to Pilate, “Don't write, ‘The king of the Jews’ but ‘This man said, “I am the king of the Jews.”””

Pilate answered, “What I've written, I've written.”

When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and his sandals, and divided them into four shares, one for each soldier. His shirt was seamless, woven as one piece from the top to the bottom. They said to each other, “Let's not tear it. Let's cast lots to see who will get it.” This was to fulfill the scripture,

*They divided my clothes among themselves,  
and they cast lots for my clothing.*

That's what the soldiers did.

Jesus' mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene stood near the cross. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “Woman, here is your son.” Then he said to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” And from that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

After this, knowing that everything was already completed, in order to fulfill the scripture, Jesus said, “I am thirsty.” A jar full of sour wine was nearby, so the soldiers soaked a sponge in it, placed it on a hyssop branch, and held it up to his lips. When he had received the sour wine, Jesus said, “It is completed.” Bowing his head, he gave up his life.

It was the Preparation Day and the Jewish leaders didn’t want the bodies to remain on the cross on the Sabbath, especially since that Sabbath was an important day. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of those crucified broken and the bodies taken down. Therefore, the soldiers came and broke the legs of the two men who were crucified with Jesus. When they came to Jesus, they saw that he was already dead so they didn’t break his legs. However, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out. The one who saw this has testified, and his testimony is true. He knows that he speaks the truth, and he has testified so that you also can believe. These things happened to fulfill the scripture, *They won’t break any of his bones*. And another scripture says, *They will look at him whom they have pierced*.

After this Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate if he could take away the body of Jesus. Joseph was a disciple of Jesus, but a secret one because he feared the Jewish authorities. Pilate gave him permission, so he came and took the body away.

Nicodemus, the one who at first had come to Jesus at night, was there too. He brought a mixture of myrrh and aloe, nearly seventy-five pounds in all. Following Jewish burial customs, they took Jesus’ body and wrapped it, with the spices, in linen cloths. There was a garden in the place where Jesus was crucified, and in the garden was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. Because it was the Jewish Preparation Day and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus in it.

Hymn

Ah, Holy Jesus

H158 v 5

*5. 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 people sit*

The Sermon

*The Rev. Peter Faass*

Collection taken for the mission of the church in the Holy Land

Hymn: Were You There

H172

Tune: *Were You There*

1. 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?

2. 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?

3. 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?

4. 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?

The Solemn Collects

*BCP 277*

*The people stand*

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.

*Stand or kneel as the Holy Spirit leads.*

*The Celebrant proceeds*

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 Anne, our Bishop, and all the people of this diocese  
For all Christians in this community  
For those about to be baptized

That God will confirm his Church in faith, increase it in love, and preserve it in peace.

*Silence*

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.***

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*

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.*

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*

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.*

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*

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.*

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*

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**

*BCP 281*

*A wooden cross is now brought into the church in silence and placed in the sight of the people.*

*The following anthems are recited.*

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

## **Anthem 3**

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.*

*Everyone is invited to venerate the cross by either coming forward to touch it and offer a brief prayer or from their pew by kneeling or bowing and offering prayer.*

**Anthem:** Pie Jesu

Gabriel Fauré  
solo: Margie Hildebrandt

*Blessed Jesu, Lord I pray, in thy mercy,  
grant them rest, grant them everlasting rest.*

**The Lord's Prayer** (*spoken*)

*BCP 364*

*People and Celebrant*

***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.*

Let us pray.

**Concluding Prayer** *(said by all, standing)*

*BCP 366*

*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 congregation is asked to leave the church in silence.*

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## **The Ministers of the Liturgy**

Celebrant: The Rev. Peter Faass  
Music Director and Organist: Jon Peterson  
Choir Director: Margie Hildebrandt  
Acolytes: Derek Lewallen, Terrie Schade  
Reader 1: Ann Pesta  
Reader 2: Joe Crichton  
Reader 3: Jan Bednarski  
Reader 4: The Rev. Peter Faass  
Cross Bearer: Dom Sgambellone  
Ushers: Joe Sgambellone, Ray Pratt  
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**Please keep these people in your prayers  
today and all week long:**

**Our Spiritual Leaders:**

+ Sean -our Presiding Bishop; +Anne -our Bishop;  
Vincent+ -our Rector; Clarke -our seminarian

**Those for whom prayers have been requested:**

Abbie & her unborn child	Joyce Knapp
Heather Becker	June Madden
Shirley Campion	Linda Moore
John Carlson	Penelope Neujahr
Jesse Dalton	Gil Newlands
Doug Damron	Corey Niebes
Ray D'Arcy	Becky Novagrad
Robert Dibb	Betty Pantel
Kaisu Donovan	Thomas Price
Jack Doyle	Michael Redmond
Barbara Faux	Pat Romano
Spencer Faux	Miriam Schantz
Stephanie Foster	Wendie Semple
Ella Jane Fowerbaugh	Daniel Smith
Hope Hungerford	Madelaine Tammoney
Boots Johnston	Corky Thacker
Emily Junkans	

**Those We Know in the Military**

Wiley Goins	Burton McCarthy
Lauren Hober	Jason Strater
Sydney Kline	

## The Departed

Kathy Barbato  
Lisa Davidson  
Virginia Dodd

Sandy Reagan  
Ralph Romanelli  
Diane Welfley

## The Weekly Prayer List

The weekly prayer list is used for those who need extra prayers due to illness or a particular challenge or hardship.

## Pledges and offerings to the Church.

Please mail in your pledges/financial offerings so we can continue with the ministries of the church as well as meet our financial obligations.

*or*



Use your smart phone to scan the code above or visit [ascension-lakewood.org](https://ascension-lakewood.org) where you can make a one-time donation or set up continuing donations.

Please join us in helping to keep  
The Church of the Ascension strong  
and able to meet the needs of an ever-changing world.

**The Good Friday Offering**

March 17, 2026

Dear People of God in The Episcopal Church:

For more than a century, Episcopalians have given generously to the Good Friday Offering, which supports the vital work and ministries of the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East. Today, the need of the church in the Holy Land is greater than ever, particularly given the recent escalation of war in the Middle East, and I hope you will join me in making a generous gift today at [iam.ec/goodfridayoffering](http://iam.ec/goodfridayoffering).

I am in frequent touch with Archbishop Hosam Naoum, who leads the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East, and I know how urgently he and his people need our support as they alleviate suffering and provide hope to God's people of all faiths. The Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey recently gave the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem \$1 million to support medical and trauma care for children, youth, and families in Gaza and the Palestinian territories, and I am hoping that we can build on that extraordinary gift with this year's Good Friday Offering.

Your gift will support:

- al-Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza, which has continued serving patients during the Israel-Hamas War amid bombardment, devastating shortages of food, water, and medicine, and extended power outages.
- St. George's Church in Baghdad, Iraq, and its medical center.
- An eye clinic at Christ Church in Yemen.
- All Saints' Episcopal Church in Damascus, Syria.
- All Saints' Episcopal Church in Beirut, Lebanon.

The Episcopal Church supports just and sustainable peace in the Holy Land and around the world. While we pray and work for peace, our siblings in the Holy Land will continue to serve God’s people with hospitals, schools, orphanages, and humanitarian aid programs. These ministries serve people of all faiths without distinction, bearing witness to the power of hope and healing across divides.

Together, we can support the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East as it turns despair into hope for God’s people in the land where our faith was born.



The Most Rev. Sean Rowe  
Presiding Bishop  
The Episcopal Church



To make your gift today:

Online: [iam.ec/goodfridayoffering](http://iam.ec/goodfridayoffering)

Send a check with “Good Friday Appeal” in the memo line to:

The Episcopal Church (DFMS)

P.O. Box 958983

St. Louis, MO 63195-8983

## Collect for Good Friday    BCP 280

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 tranquillity 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 Great Vigil of Easter

All are invited to join our bishop for the Easter Vigil  
at Trinity Cathedral, 2230 Euclid Ave, Cleveland,  
at 8:00pm tomorrow, April 4<sup>th</sup>.

## Easter Service

Easter Sunday, one service    April 5<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am  
Followed by Easter Egg Hunt

**After Easter the office will be closed until April 14<sup>th</sup>.**

## **Office Hours**

Office Hours are: 9am – 1:30pm, Tuesday – Thursday

## **Noonday prayer**

**Tuesdays at 12:12pm via conference call**

**We will start prayer promptly at 12:12, and end just before 1pm.  
Please do not call in before 12:05pm.**

You can call in for all or part of the time.

Dial-in number: (425) 436-6300

Access code: 593523#

Use \*6 to mute and un-mute yourself when trying to talk.

We will use the Book of Common Prayer pp. 103-107.

## **Evening Prayer in Church**

Wednesdays, 7-7:30pm, in the nave.

## **Eucharistic Visit**

If you are unable to attend church and would like to request Holy Communion to be brought to you please call or email the Parish Administrator 216-521-8727 [Jim.Weiss@ascension-lakewood.org](mailto:Jim.Weiss@ascension-lakewood.org)

## **Information for live streamed worship.**

The service is streamed live each Sunday at 10:30am  
on The Church of the Ascension website:

<https://ascension-lakewood.org/>

and on YouTube: <https://tinyurl.com/4rs872e2>.

Previous services and featured choir videos on YouTube  
at: <https://tinyurl.com/3c336j6n>.

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