



Good Friday
Liturgy

April 7, 2023 - 7:00 PM

All Ministers enter in silence. All then kneel
for silent prayer

CELEBRANT: "Blessed be our God"
C: forever and ever. Amen.

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, forever and ever.

Old Testament

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 Response

Psalm 22

Deus, Deus meus

- 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.

12 Many young bulls encircle me; *
strong bulls of Bashan surround
me.

13 They open wide their jaws at me,
*
like a ravening and a roaring
lion.

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.

22 Praise the LORD, you that fear
him; *
stand in awe of him, O offspring
of Israel;
all you of Jacob's line, give
glory.

23 For he does not despise nor
abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither does he hide his face
from them; *
but when they cry to him he
hears them.

24 My praise is of him in the great
assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the
presence of those who worship
him.

25 The poor shall eat and be
satisfied,
and those who seek
the LORD shall praise him: *
"May your heart live for ever!"

26 All the ends of the earth shall
remember and turn to
the LORD, *
and all the families of the
nations shall bow before him.

27 For kingship belongs to the LORD;
*
he rules over the nations.

28 To him alone all who sleep in the
earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall
before him.

29 My soul shall live for him;
 my descendants shall serve
 him; *
 they shall be known as
 the LORD's for ever.

30 They shall come and make
 known to a people yet unborn *
 the saving deeds that he has
 done.

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 Passion According to John For Good Friday

*The congregation remaining seated,
 the Passion Gospel is read in parts*

*led by a narrator who begins by
 saying: ^{SEP} The Passion of our Lord
 Jesus Christ according to Saint
 John.*

NARRATOR: Jesus went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to a place where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples. So Judas brought a detachment of soldiers together with police from the chief priests and the Pharisees, and they came there with lanterns and torches and weapons. Then Jesus, knowing all that was to happen to him, came forward and asked them,

JESUS: "Whom are you looking for?"

NARRATOR: They answered,

PRIESTS AND POLICE: "Jesus of Nazareth."

NARRATOR: Jesus replied,

JESUS: "I am he."

NARRATOR: Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. When Jesus said to them, "I am he," they stepped back and fell to the ground. Again he asked them,

JESUS: "Whom are you looking for?"

NARRATOR: And they said,

PRIESTS AND POLICE: "Jesus of Nazareth."

NARRATOR: Jesus answered,

JESUS: "I told you that I am he. So if you are looking for me, let these men go."

NARRATOR: This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken, "I did not lose a single one of those whom you gave me." Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest's slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave's name was Malchus. Jesus said to Peter,

JESUS: "Put your sword back into its sheath. Am I not to drink the cup that the Father has given me?"

NARRATOR: So the soldiers, their officer, and the Jewish police arrested Jesus and bound him. First they took him to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was better to have one person die for the people.

Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, but Peter was standing outside at the gate. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in. The woman said to Peter,

WOMAN: "You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?"

NARRATOR: He said,

PETER: "I am not."

NARRATOR: Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and

they were standing around it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and warming himself.

Then the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching. Jesus answered,

JESUS: "I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. Why do you ask me? Ask those who heard what I said to them; they know what I said."

NARRATOR: When he had said this, one of the police standing nearby struck Jesus on the face, saying,

POLICE: "Is that how you answer the high priest?"

NARRATOR: Jesus answered,

JESUS: "If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong. But if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?"

NARRATOR: Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They asked him,

POLICE: "You are not also one of his disciples, are you?"

NARRATOR: He denied it and said,

PETER: "I am not."

NARRATOR: One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked,

SLAVE: "Did I not see you in the garden with him?"

NARRATOR: Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed.

Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate's headquarters. It was early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the headquarters, so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the Passover. So Pilate went out to them and said,

PILATE: "What accusation do you bring against this man?"

NARRATOR: They answered,

PRIESTS AND POLICE: "If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you."

NARRATOR: Pilate said to them,

PILATE: "Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law."

NARRATOR: The Jews replied,

PRIESTS AND POLICE: "We are not permitted to put anyone to death."

NARRATOR: (This was to fulfill what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.)

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him,

PILATE: "Are you the King of the Jews?"

NARRATOR: Jesus answered,

JESUS: "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?"

NARRATOR: Pilate replied,

PILATE: "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?"

NARRATOR: Jesus answered,

JESUS: "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here."

NARRATOR: Pilate asked him,

PILATE: "So you are a king?"

NARRATOR: Jesus answered,

JESUS: "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

NARRATOR: Pilate asked him,

PILATE: "What is truth?"

NARRATOR: After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them,

PILATE: "I find no case against him. But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover. Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?"

NARRATOR: They shouted in reply,

CROWD: "Not this man, but Barabbas!"

NARRATOR: Now Barabbas was a bandit.

Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. And the soldiers wove a crown of

thorns and put it on his head,
and they dressed him in a
purple robe. They kept
coming up to him, saying,

SOLDIERS: "Hail, King of the Jews!"

NARRATOR: and striking him on the face.
Pilate went out again and
said to them,

PILATE: "Look, I am bringing him out
to you to let you know that I
find no case against him."

NARRATOR: So Jesus came out, wearing
the crown of thorns and the
purple robe. Pilate said to
them,

PILATE: "Here is the man!"

NARRATOR: When the chief priests and
the police saw him, they
shouted,

CROWD: "Crucify him! Crucify him!"

NARRATOR: Pilate said to them,

PILATE: "Take him yourselves and
crucify him; I find no case
against him."

NARRATOR: The Jews answered him,

CROWD: "We have a law, and
according to that law he
ought to die because he has
claimed to be the Son of
God."

NARRATOR: Now when Pilate heard this,
he was more afraid than
ever. He entered his
headquarters again and
asked Jesus,

PILATE: "Where are you from?"

NARRATOR: But Jesus gave him no
answer. Pilate therefore said
to him,

PILATE: "Do you refuse to speak to
me? Do you not know that I

have power to release you,
and power to crucify you?"

NARRATOR: Jesus answered him,

JESUS: "You would have no power
over me unless it had been
given you from above;
therefore the one who
handed me over to you is
guilty of a greater sin."

NARRATOR: From then on Pilate tried to
release him, but the Jews
cried out,

CROWD: "If you release this man, you
are no friend of the emperor.
Everyone who claims to be a
king sets himself against the
emperor."

NARRATOR: When Pilate heard these
words, he brought Jesus
outside and sat on the
judge's bench at a place
called The Stone Pavement,
or in Hebrew Gabbatha. Now
it was the day of Preparation
for the Passover; and it was
about noon. He said to the
Jews,

PILATE: "Here is your King!"

NARRATOR: They cried out,

CROWD: "Away with him! Away with
him! Crucify him!"

NARRATOR: Pilate asked them,

PILATE: "Shall I crucify your King?"

NARRATOR: The chief priests answered,

PRIESTS: "We have no king but the
emperor."

NARRATOR: Then he handed him over to
them to be crucified.

***(At this point in the reading, all
stand as are able.)***

NARRATOR: So they took Jesus; and

carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." Many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate,

PRIESTS: "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'"

NARRATOR: Pilate answered,

PILATE: "What I have written I have written."

NARRATOR: When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. So they said to one another,

SOLDIERS: "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it."

NARRATOR: This was to fulfill what the scripture says, "They divided my clothes among themselves,^[L]_[SEP] and for my clothing they cast lots."^[L]_[SEP] And that is what the soldiers did.

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his

mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother,

JESUS: "Woman, here is your son."

NARRATOR: Then he said to the disciple,

JESUS: "Here is your mother."

NARRATOR: And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture),

JESUS: "I am thirsty."

NARRATOR: A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the wine, he said,

JESUS: "It is finished."

NARRATOR: Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

(All pause in silence)

Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the cross during the sabbath, especially because that sabbath was a day of great solemnity. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men broken and the bodies removed. Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. But when they

came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. (He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth.) These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, "None of his bones shall be broken." And again another passage of scripture says, "They will look on the one whom they have pierced."

After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body. Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

**Hymn in Preparation for the
Solemn Collects #660
Oh Master let me walk with
thee**

The Solemn Collects

Litanist

Dear People of God: Our loving God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. So let us bring the needs of the whole world to the foot of the cross of Christ.

Litanist

I ask you to pray for the Church of God throughout the world, that God, the almighty, eternal One, will guide it, For unity in witness and service For all bishops and other ministers and the people they serve, especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; and Lawrence, our bishop. For all people preparing for baptism and confirmation That God will confirm the Church in faith, increase it in love, and preserve it in peace, strengthening us to bear witness to God's love not just for humankind but for the whole of God's Creation.

(silent prayer)

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Priest:

Holy God, from whom comes every good and perfect gift: Send down upon your Church the Spirit of your grace, that we may truly please and serve you, and, remembering the account that we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Litanist :

I ask you to pray for all people in their vocation and ministry, and especially

for the leaders of the nations
For delegates to the United Nations
For Joseph, the President of the United States
For the Congress and the Supreme Court
For Kathy our governor, the State Senate and assembly
For the Suffolk County Supervisor and Legislature and
Gerry our Town Supervisor and our Town Council
For those who work to protect and preserve the vitality of life on our planet and for all who serve the common good,
That by God's help they may seek justice and truth, and that all life may co-exist in peace and concord,

(silent prayer)

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Priest :
Holy God, kindle in all hearts the true love of peace and a deep desire for justice; guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth and for the care of Creation. Help us to encounter Christ in all we meet so that the earth may be filled with the knowledge of your love. **Amen.**

Litanist:
I ask you to pray for all who suffer and are afflicted in body, mind, or spirit;
For those who live in the midst of war and violence
For the hungry and homeless
For the sick, wounded, and dying
For those in loneliness, fear or anguish
For those who face temptation, addiction, doubt, or despair
For youth who are bullied or abused
For those who mourn
For prisoners and captives, and those living in places of danger
For all life harmed or broken
That God in mercy will comfort and console them, granting them knowledge of God's love, and that God will inspire in us the will and patience to minister to their needs, to

cherish the sacredness of all Creation, and to dismantle systems and practices that threaten and exploit life.

(silent prayer)

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Priest :
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 the one who suffered for us, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Litanist :
I ask you to pray for the peace of Jerusalem for the Jewish people, the first to hear the word of God,
for Palestinian Christians and Muslims and all who share this sacred city.

(silent prayer)
Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Priest
Holy God, long ago you gave your promise to Abraham and Sarah.
Bless the people you first made your own; keep them and all who are descended from Abraham, Sarah and Hagar in the love of your Name, and in faithfulness to your covenant. **Amen.**

Litanist
I ask you to pray for all who have no faith, living lives without any sense of holiness or divine presence;
For those who have never heard words of hope or salvation
For those who have lost their faith or whose faith has lost depth and become routine
For those hardened by sin or indifference
For the contemptuous and the scornful
For those who are enemies of the faithful

For those who in the Name of God have persecuted others
That God will open their hearts to truth and love and lead them to faith and obedience.

(silent prayer)

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Priest

Holy God, you created man and woman in your image: draw all people to yourself, that they may acknowledge you as the maker and redeemer of all; let your Gospel be preached with grace and power to those who have not heard it, that all people may know of your saving grace. **Amen.**

Litanist

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 with 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.

(silent prayer)

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Priest

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: look favorably upon 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 were 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.**

Veneration of the Cross

Three times the cross stops as it makes its way down the aisle to the altar. Each time the priest sings

Behold, Behold the wood of the cross, on which is hung our salvation

And the people respond

Oh come let us adore!

During the Veneration of the Cross, as people come forward, Sara will sing "Were You There"

Confession of Sin

Priest Let us confess to almighty God our sins against his love, and ask him to cleanse us.

**All Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbor,
in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love,
and marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed,
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past;
and lead us out from darkness to walk as children of light. Amen.**

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon *you*,
pardon and deliver *you* from all *your*
sins,
confirm and strengthen *you* in all
goodness,
and keep *you* in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

The Communion

Closing Prayer

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**



No blessing or dismissal is added
The people leave the church in silence.

