

ST. JOHN'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Good Friday

March 29, 2024

12:00 PM & 7:30 PM

Welcome to St. John's Episcopal Church. Whoever you are, and wherever you are in your journey of faith, you are welcome here, just as you are, to experience God's transforming love.

St. John's is a compassionate Christian community of healing, hope, and hospitality at the heart of Centreville's Historic District. First consecrated on July 14, 1854, St. John's was partially burned in the Civil War, rebuilt, expanded, and is now home to many faith communities. To learn more about us, talk to one of our clergy, chat up a neighbor, join us after worship for coffee, and visit us at stjohnscentreville.org.

Today's service follows the red Episcopal Book of Common Prayer (BCP) and features some new service music. Responses are in bold. Music can be found in the blue hymnals in your pew or on the purple cardstock Service Music in your pew. Participate as the Spirit moves you!

Services are live-streamed, so please be aware that you are being recorded. Cell phone use—texting, pictures, video, social media—is encouraged, but please silence your devices and disable Wi-Fi during worship.

The Word of God

Silent Procession

Silent Prayer

Opening Sentences

Blessed be our God, **For ever and ever. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

BCP, p. 221

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.**

The 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 Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm: 22, *Deus, Deus meus*

BCP, p. 610

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? * **and are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress?**

O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; * **by night as well, but I find no rest.**

Yet you are the Holy One, * **enthroned upon the praises of Israel.**

Our forefathers put their trust in you; * **they trusted, and you delivered them.**

They cried out to you and were delivered; * **they trusted in you and were not put to shame.**

But as for me, I am a worm and no man, * **scorned by all and despised by the people.**

All who see me laugh me to scorn; * **they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,**

"He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him; * **let him rescue him, if he delights in him."**

Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, * **and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.**

I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; * **you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.**

Be not far from me, for trouble is near, * **and there is none to help.**

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

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

I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint; * **my heart within my breast is melting wax.**

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.**

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.**

They stare and gloat over me; * **they divide my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing.**

Be not far away, O Lord; * **you are my strength; hasten to help me.**

Save me from the sword, * **my life from the power of the dog.**

Save me from the lion's mouth, * **my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.**

I will declare your Name to my brethren; * **in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.**

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

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.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Epistle: 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.**

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (John 18:1--19:42)

The Sermon: The Rev. Kevin Laskowski

Hymn: H 158, "Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended"

Herzliebster Jesu

The Solemn Collects

BCP, p. 277

The Cross

Antem 1

BCP, p. 281

Hymn: H 168, "O sacred head, sore wounded"

Herzlich tut mich verlanger

The Confession of Sin

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Absolution

The Lord's Prayer

The Reserved Sacrament

Final Prayer

BCP, p. 282

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.**

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You are invited to remain and pray silently, or depart quietly.

Our Good Friday service has ended, but our worship has not. The services of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil are a single continuous observance, the Triduum. The congregation, therefore, is not formally dismissed.

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Join us Easter Sunday, March 31 at 8 AM or 10:30 AM.

And invite family, friends, and neighbors to our Easter Egg Hunt, taking place after the 10:30 service!

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Celebrant

The Rev. Kevin Laskowski

Deacon

The Rev. Steve Busch

Lector

Elise Crawford (12:00) George Dewey (7:30)

Ushers

Tom Jones (12:00) Dick Griffith (7:30)

Crucifer

Val Tucker (12:00)

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