Good Friday

Christ Memorial Episcopal Church
Service follows the Book of Common Prayer from p. 276



Garden of Gethsemane by Peter Koenig
from Art in the Christian Tradition

Silent Prayer
The minister enters in silence. All kneel, as they are able, in prayer.

Celebrant: Blessed be our God
All: for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect
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.

Psalm 22:1-11
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.

The Passion Gospel (John 18:1-19:42)
The congregation may be seated.
At the verse which mentions the arrival at Golgotha (John 19:17), all stand as they are able.

Homily

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The Veneration of the Cross
Listen to cello play one verse as a solo, and then all are invited to sing the words. You may come forward, individually or together, to pray by and touch the wooden cross during this musical meditation.

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" by Isaac Watts (1674-1748)
When I survey the wondrous cross On which the Prince of Glory died
My richest gain I count but loss And pour contempt on all my pride

Forbid it Lord, that I should boast, save in the cross of Christ, my God.
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See from His head His hands His feet Sorrow and love flow mingled down
Did e're such love and sorrow meet Or thorns compose so rich a crown

Were the whole realm of nature mine That were a tribute far too small
Love so amazing so divine Demands my soul my life my all

"Were You There?" by Mahalia Jackson

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 nailed him to the cross?
Were you there when they nailed him to the cross?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed him to the cross?

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?

Anthem

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.

The Lord's Prayer

Concluding 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 for ever. *Amen.*

Silence

Concluding the service, you are welcome to remain in the sanctuary in prayer. Please leave in silence.

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Stations of the Cross: Friday, April 18, 5:00 pm

Service of Light: Saturday, April 19, 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday Service of Holy Eucharist 9:00 am
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