Good Friday

Christ Memorial Episcopal Church
Service follows the Book of Common Prayer from p. 274

Silent Prayer
All kneel, as they are able, in prayer.

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
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.

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

The Veneration of the Cross

Were you There? by Mahalia Jackson

Where you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Where you there when they crucified my Lord?

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?

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Prayers

O Savior of the World, who by the cross and precious blood hast redeemed us;
Save us and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

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. You are invited to walk the labyrinth behind the church using the printed "A Stations of the Cross Labyrinth Walk." You may also take a copy and walk the labyrinth at any time.

Service of Light: Saturday, April 19, 7:00 pm. A simple service in which we kindle fire in the darkness and light the Paschal Candle in preparation for Easter.

Easter Sunday Service of Holy Eucharist: 9:00 am