



# Good Friday

The Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

April 18, 2025 | 12:00PM



Saint Luke's Parish

Darien, Connecticut

## Welcome!

Whoever you are and wherever you may be on your spiritual journey, we are so glad you have joined us for worship today. May you know the presence of the living God who welcomes you here. Everything you need to participate in today's service is included in this leaflet. Ushers are available to answer any questions or direct you as needed. If this is your first time with us, we invite you to complete and return a welcome card so we can be in touch. May God bless you now and always.

## About Today's Service

On this most solemn of days, we fix our gaze on the cross at Golgotha. The Good Friday liturgy marks the day of Christ's suffering, crucifixion and death, and is a continuation of the Maundy Thursday rite. We begin in silence as we ended last night.

The liturgy of the day includes a sung version of the Passion from the Gospel of John, an ancient and solemn set of prayers for the whole world known as the Solemn Collects, and optional devotions before the cross. The Eucharist is not celebrated on Good Friday, but Holy Communion will be administered from the Reserved Sacrament.

Throughout the Gospel of John, there are references to "the Jews" as a group distinct from Jesus and his followers. This strikes us as both odd (after all, was not Jesus Jewish?) and troublingly anti-Semitic. We must acknowledge the ways in which these texts have been used as justification for violence against Jewish people. John uses the phrase "the Jews" to refer not to the entire people of Israel, but to a small group of leaders in Jerusalem who are plotting to have Jesus arrested and killed.

Even on this solemn day, what gathers us is the truth of Easter. We would not commemorate Good Friday if it were not for Easter. These Holy Week services are, in fact, one service. Our commemoration is not over until the New Fire of Easter is lit tomorrow evening at the Easter Vigil.

# The Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

## Good Friday

*The congregation stands as the Procession enters in silence. All then kneel for a period of silent prayer.*

### The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* Blessed be our God  
*People* **For ever and ever. Amen.**  
*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.**

*Please be seated.*

### The Word of God

#### The First Lesson | 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.

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

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?  
Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?

O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer;  
and by night, but find no rest.

Yet you are holy,  
enthroned on the praises of Israel.

In you our ancestors trusted;  
they trusted, and you delivered them.

To you they cried, and were saved;  
in you they trusted, and were not put to shame.

But I am a worm, and not human;  
scorned by others, and despised by the people.

All who see me mock at me;  
they make mouths at me, they shake their heads;

“Commit your cause to the LORD; let him deliver—  
let him rescue the one in whom he delights!”

Yet it was you who took me from the womb;  
you kept me safe on my mother’s breast.

On you I was cast from my birth,  
and since my mother bore me you have been my God.

Do not be far from me,  
for trouble is near  
and there is no one to help.

Setting: James Turle (1810-1876)

## The Second Lesson | Hebrews 10:16-25

The Holy Spirit testifies saying, "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds," he also adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

*Reader*  
*People*

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

## The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ | John 18:1-19:42

Setting: Tomas Luis de Victoria (1548-1611), arr. Brian Preston Harlow

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, "Whom are you looking for?" They answered, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus replied, "I am he." 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, "Whom are you looking for?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. So if you are looking for me, let these men go." 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, "Put your sword back into its sheath. Am I not to drink the cup that the Father has given me?"

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, "You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not." 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, "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." When he had said this, one of the police standing nearby struck Jesus on the face, saying, "Is that how you answer the high priest?" Jesus answered, "If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong. But if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?" Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They asked him, "You are not also one of his disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not." One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?" 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, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" They answered, "If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you." Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law." The Jews replied, "We are not permitted to put anyone to death." (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, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "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." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "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." Pilate asked him, "What is truth?"

After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them, "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?" They shouted in reply, "Not this man, but Barabbas!" 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, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and striking him on the face. Pilate went out again and said to them, "Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him." So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Here is the man!" When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him." The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God."

Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. Pilate therefore said to him, "Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?" Jesus answered him, "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." From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the Jews cried out, "If you release this man, you are no friend of the emperor. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against the emperor."

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, "Here is your King!" They cried out, "Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!" Pilate asked them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but the emperor." Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

*Please stand.*

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, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'" Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written." 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, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it." This was to fulfill what the scripture says, "They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots."

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, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." 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), "I am thirsty." 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, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

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."

*The people sit. A period of silent reflection is observed.*

The Sermon

The Rev. Susan C. Wyper

## Hymn 168

*Sung by all, standing.*


1 O sa - cred head, sore wound - ed, de - filed and put to scorn;  
 2 Thy beau - ty, long - de - sir - ed, hath va - nished from our sight;  
 3 In thy most bit - ter pas - sion my heart to share doth cry,  
 \*4 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,  
 \*5 My days are few, O fail not, with thine im - mor - tal power,

1 O king - ly head, sur - round - ed with mock - ing crown of thorn:  
 2 thy power is all ex - pir - ed, and quenched the light of light.  
 3 with thee for my sal - va - tion up - on the cross to die.  
 4 for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pi - ty with - out end?  
 5 to hold me that I quail not in death's most fear - ful hour;

1 what sor - row mars thy gran - deur? Can death thy bloom de - flower?  
 2 Ah me! for whom thou di - est, hide not so far thy grace:  
 3 Ah, keep my heart thus mov - ed to stand thy cross be - neath,  
 4 Oh, make me thine for - ev - er! and should I faint - ing be,  
 5 that I may fight be - friend - ed, and see in my last strife

1 O coun - te - nance whose splen - dor the hosts of heaven a - dore!  
 2 show me, O Love most high - est, the bright - ness of thy face.  
 3 to mourn thee, well - be - lov - ed, yet thank thee for thy death.  
 4 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er, out - live my love for thee.  
 5 to me thine arms ex - tend - ed up - on the cross of life.

Text: Paul Gerhardt (1607-1676); sts. 1-3 and 5, tr. Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930); st. 4, tr. James Waddell Alexander (1804-1859), alt.

Music: *Herzlich tut mich verlangen* [*Passion Chorale*], Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612); adapt. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

## The Solemn Collects

*Celebrant* 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.

*The people kneel as they are able. A period of silence is kept.*

*Asst. Priest* 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 Jeff and Laura, our Bishops in Connecticut, and all the people of this diocese  
For all Christians in this community  
For those preparing to be baptized and confirmed

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

*Silence.*

*Celebrant* 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.**

*Asst. Priest* 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 Ned our Governor, and John our First Selectman  
For all courts, legislatures, and elected officials  
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.*

*Celebrant* 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.**

*Asst. Priest* Let us pray for all who suffer and are afflicted in body or in mind;

For those who are hungry and homeless, destitute and oppressed  
For those who are ill or disabled, in body, mind, or spirit  
For those in loneliness, fear, and anguish  
For those who face temptation, doubt, and despair  
For those who are sorrowful and bereaved  
For prisoners, refugees, and captives  
For victims of war, genocide, and trafficking, and all 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.*

*Celebrant* 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.**



*Asst. Priest*

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.*

*Celebrant*

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.**

*Asst. Priest*

Let us commit ourselves to 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.*

*Celebrant*

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.**

# Hymn 160

*Sung by all, standing.*

1 Cross of Je - sus, cross of sor - row, where the  
 2 Here the King of all the a - ges, throned in  
 3 O mys - ter - ious con - de - scend - ing! O a -  
 4 Cross of Je - sus, cross of sor - row, where the

blood of Christ was shed, per - fect Man on  
 light ere worlds could be, robed in mor - tal  
 ban - don - ment sub - lime! Ve - ry God him -  
 blood of Christ was shed, per - fect Man on

thee did suf - fer, per - fect God on thee has bled!  
 flesh is dy - ing, cru - ci - fied by sin for me.  
 self is bear - ing all the suf - fer - ings of time!  
 thee did suf - fer, per - fect God on thee has bled!

Text: William J. Sparrow-Simpson (1860-1952)

Music: *Cross of Jesus*, John Stainer (1840-1901)

## The Veneration of the Cross

*All remain standing and turn to face the wooden Cross as it is carried into the Church.*

*The procession pauses three times; each time is said:*

*Celebrant* Behold the wood of the Cross, on which hung the world's salvation.  
*People* Come, let us adore him.

*When the Cross is placed at the Crossing, all kneel and silence is kept.*

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

*During the following anthem and hymn, members of the congregation are invited to come forward to the large wooden cross. As you stand or kneel before it, make a solemn reverence according to your custom and then return to your seat.*

# Anthem at the Veneration

*Sung by the Choir.*

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.

Setting: Plainsong

## Hymn 172

*Sung by all, kneeling.*

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The score consists of four systems of music. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn. The second system contains the next four lines, including a 'Lord?' line and an 'Oh!' line. The third system contains the next four lines, including a 'Some-times it' line and a 'trem-ble' line. The fourth system contains the final four lines of the hymn. The piano accompaniment is written in the bass clef and provides a harmonic foundation for the vocal parts.

1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you  
2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you  
\*3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side? Were you  
4 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you

there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh!  
there when they nailed him to the tree? Oh!  
there when they pierced him in the side? Oh!  
there when they laid him in the tomb? Oh!

Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,  
Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,  
Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,  
Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,

trem-ble. Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?  
trem-ble. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
trem-ble. Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
trem-ble. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Text: Afro-American spiritual

Music: *Were You There*, Afro-American spiritual; harm. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

# The Holy Communion

*The people remain kneeling as the Blessed Sacrament is brought into the Church from the Altar of Repose in the Chapel.*

## Confession of Sin

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*All* Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Celebrant* The Almighty and merciful Lord grant us absolution and remission of all our sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

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.

## The Invitation to Communion

*Celebrant* Behold the Lamb of God. Behold him that takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

*All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion, regardless of age or denomination.  
Please come forward at the direction of the ushers. If you require a gluten-free wafer, please request one. If  
you wish to receive a blessing instead of Communion, please cross your arms over your chest.*

## Solemn Prayer over the People

*The people kneel as they are able.*

**Celebrant** 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 Choir, Clergy, and people depart in silence. The Church will remain open for private prayer and devotion until 3 PM, remembering that Jesus suffered on the cross from noon until three.*

## Participants in Today's Service

**Officiant** The Rev. Ryan C. Fleenor  
**Preacher** The Rev. Susan C. Wyper  
**Assisting** The Rev. Hannah G. Pommersheim, The Rev. Ansley E. Walker,  
The Rev. G. Hartwell Hylton, The Rev. Charles G. Martin  
  
**Musicians** The Saint Luke's Staff Singers  
David Pulliam, Oak Martin

Thank you to those serving today as acolytes, readers, ushers, and members of the Altar and Flower Guilds.

### Good Friday Offering

Since 1922, donations from Good Friday services have supported life-giving ministries in the Anglican Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East, including schools, hospitals, orphanages, refugee assistance, and other ministries in Israel, Gaza, the West Bank, Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, Iran, Cyprus and the Gulf. Your generous donation will help the Christians in the Holy Land to be a vital and effective force for peace and understanding among all of God's children.

Alms basins are in the Narthex. Checks can be made out to Saint Luke's Parish with "Good Friday" in the memo line. Or you can donate online using this QR code.

Thank you for your generosity.





# Saint Luke's Parish

A parish in the Episcopal Church in Connecticut,  
a member of the world-wide Anglican Communion.

The Most Rev. Sean W. Rowe, Presiding Bishop  
The Rt. Rev. Jeffrey W. Mello, Bishop of Connecticut  
The Rt. Rev. Laura J. Ahrens, Bishop Suffragan

## Rector

The Rev. Ryan C. Fleenor

## 2025-2026 Vestry

Beverly Kelsey, *Senior Warden*      Bill Bowman, *Junior Warden*

David Martin, *Treasurer*      Fred Elliott, *Clerk*

### *Class of 2026*

Al Briganti  
Whitney Cruetz  
Barbara May

### *Class of 2027*

Eric Bickford  
Victoria Bolton  
Lida Ward

### *Class of 2028*

Barclay Bowen  
Bion Piepmeier  
Tammy Sload

## Assisting Clergy and Program Staff

Erika Caputo  
*Director of Children's Ministries*

Lyle Foster  
*Facilities Manager*

Dee Fumega  
*Office Manager*

The Rev. Charles G. Martin  
*Seminarian Intern*

Oak Martin  
*Associate Organist*

Amy O'Kane  
*Director of Communications*

### Priest Associate

The Rev. Dawn Stegelmann

The Rev. G. Hartwell Hylton

The Rev. Hannah G. Pommersheim  
*Associate Rector*

H. David Pulliam  
*Director of Music and Organist*

The Rev. Ansley E. Walker  
*Associate Rector*

Kelly Wheeler  
*Director of Engagement*

Ron Wilson  
*Director of Finance*

The Rev. Susan C. Wyper  
*Pastoral Associate*

### Campus Partners

Elizabeth Hearle  
*Parish School Director*

Nancy Coughlin  
*Director of Person-to-Person*

## SUBSCRIBE

to the weekly newsletter



[saintlukesdarien.org/contact](http://saintlukesdarien.org/contact)

## MAKE A GIFT

to Saint Luke's Parish



[saintlukesdarien.org/give](http://saintlukesdarien.org/give)

## CONNECT

on Social Media



Saint Luke's Darien



@saintlukesdarien



Saint Luke's Parish

[saintlukesdarien.org](http://saintlukesdarien.org)



## Saint Luke's Parish

Grow

---

Love

---

Serve

### Holy Week & Easter

#### Holy Saturday | April 19

8:30 AM	Liturgy of the Day
3:30 PM	Children's Easter Vigil
7:00 PM	The Great Vigil and First Eucharist of Easter

#### Easter Day | April 20

7:45 AM	Holy Eucharist with Hymns
9:15 AM	Festal Holy Eucharist
9:15 AM	<i>Come As You Are</i> Eucharist
11:15 AM	Festal Holy Eucharist