



Episcopal Church of the Cross
9:00 AM; March 29, 2024
Good Friday
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The mission of the Episcopal Church of the Cross is to love the Lord our God with all our heart, and soul, and strength, and mind, and our neighbors as ourselves. We are the ECC: Loving God and our neighbors.

Officiant: Blessed be our God.

People: **For ever and ever. Amen.**

Officiant: 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 First Reading: 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 Psalm: 22:1-11

Psalm Leader: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

People: **And are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress?**

Psalm Leader: O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer;

People: **By night as well, but I find no rest.**

Psalm Leader: Yet you are the Holy One,

People: **Enthroned upon the praises of Israel.**

Psalm Leader: Our forebears put their trust in you;

People: **They trusted, and you delivered them.**

Psalm Leader: They cried out to you and were delivered;

People: **They trusted in you and were not put to shame.**

Psalm Leader: But as for me, I am a worm and not human,

People: **Scorned by all and despised by the people.**

Psalm Leader: All who see me laugh me to scorn;

People: **They curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,**

Psalm Leader: "He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him;

People: **Let him rescue, if he delights in him."**

Psalm Leader: Yet you are he who took me out of the womb,

People: **And kept me safe upon my mother's breast.**

Psalm Leader: I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born;

People: **You were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.**

Psalm Leader: Be not far from me, for trouble is near,

People: **And there is none to help.**

The Passion According to John: John 19:1-19:37

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.

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. **(The congregation will please stand.)** 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 fulfil 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 fulfil 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 Message

The Solemn Collects

Officiant: 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.

Let us pray for the Jewish people who possess an eternal covenant with the Lord, who delivered them from bondage to freedom;

For continued faithfulness to God's covenant with them;

For their flourishing in peace as witnesses to God's sustaining love;

For safety from all malice and harm;

For the fullness of redemption for the sake of God's Name.

That unity and concord may exist between Israel and the Church, Jews and Gentiles, in obedience to God's will.

Silence

God of Abraham, you planted your people Israel as the root and grafted us as wild branches into a single olive tree of praise to you: As we come near to the cross, we lament the history of prejudice and violence we have fomented between ourselves and your faithful people, of whom Jesus was born. Bless the children of your covenant, Jew and Gentile alike, as we strive together to attain the fullness of your blessing for the world. Amen.

Prayer Leader: Let us pray for the holy and universal Church of Christ throughout the world;

For its unity in witness and service

For all the people of God

For Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; and Andy, Jeff, Kai, and Hector, our bishops; for all bishops and all who minister and serve, and all the people of this diocese

For this congregation and all the local congregations, that we may increase in love of you and our neighbor

For the ministry partners of Church of the Cross: Foster Village, Orphan Outreach; Literacy Partners; Mobile Loaves and Fishes; Partners in Hope; El Buen Samaritano; Florence's Comfort House, and all who serve the most vulnerable

For all who seek your face, and all whose faith is known to you alone

For those throughout the world about to be baptized.

That we all may be one; and God will confirm the Church in faith, increase it in love, and preserve it in peace.

Silence

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.

Officiant: Let us pray for those who still await Christ's redemptive love;

For those who have not received the Gospel of Christ,

For those who have been wounded by the people of Christ,

For those who have persecuted others in the name of Christ,

For those who have lost their faith,
For those hardened by sin and indifference,
For the contemptuous and the scornful.

That God will lead us to repentance, and sustain all persons in lives of faith and obedience.

Silence

Merciful God, the source of life and fountain of mercy, let the Gospel of your Son Jesus Christ be shared with grace, power, and love; turn our hearts to you; lead us to repentance and amendment of life; and sustain by your loving grace all who lift their eyes to you. Amen.

Prayer Leader: Let us pray for all nations and peoples of the earth and those to whom their care is entrusted, and for those in authority among them;

For Joseph, the President of the United States; and Greg, the Governor of Texas.

For the Congress and the Supreme Court

For the Members and Representatives of the United Nations

For the Texas State Senate and House of Representatives, and the courts of this state and community.

For the leaders and people of the Greater Austin community; for our local school boards, city councils, and county boards of commissioners

For all persons standing for public office

For all who serve the common good

For peace in Ukraine and the Middle East, and among all the nations.

That by God's help we may seek justice and truth, and live in peace and concord.

Silence

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.*

Officiant: Let us pray for all who suffer and are afflicted in body or in mind;

For those without clean water or enough to eat, for the destitute and the oppressed

For the sick, the wounded, and the injured

For those with no homes, or whose home is not safe

For those suffering in body, mind, or spirit

For those in loneliness, fear, and anguish

For the grieving, sorrowful, and bereaved

For those without work

For all persons facing financial hardship

For those who face temptation, doubt, selfishness, and despair

For victims of war, genocide, and trafficking

For prisoners, captives, and refugees, and those in mortal danger

For the dying

That God in his mercy will comfort and relieve them, and grant them the knowledge of his love; that the Lord will inspire us to compassion and gentleness, and stir up in us the will and patience to minister to those in need.

Silence

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.*

Prayer Leader: 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

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.*

The Anthems:

Officiant: We glory in your cross, O Lord,

People: **And praise and glorify your holy resurrection; for by virtue of your cross joy has come to the whole world.**

Officiant: May God be merciful to us and bless us, show us the light of his countenance, and come to us.

People: **Let your ways be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.**

Officiant: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

People: **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.**

Officiant: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,

People: **Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

Officiant: If we have died with him, we shall also live with him; if we endure, we shall also reign with him.

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

Officiant: O Savior of the world,

People: **Who by thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us: Save us and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.**

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.

Officiant: 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.*

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Church of the Cross Welcomes You!

If you're with Church of the Cross for the first time today, or close to the first time, please scan the code to let us know you've been with the community this day! Thank you!



Friday, March 29—Good Friday

11:00 AM

Delivery of infant and mother materials to Foster Village and decoration of the trees

Meet at Foster Village; 15400 Fitzhugh Road; Dripping Springs 78620

6:00 PM Stations of the Cross

In the church space parking lot

Saturday, March 30

6:00 PM Evening Prayer

Sunday, March 31—Easter Day

9:30 AM Worship

After worship: Lots of treats, and an Egg Hunt!

Please plan to bring a treat to share for after worship!

Invite a friend!