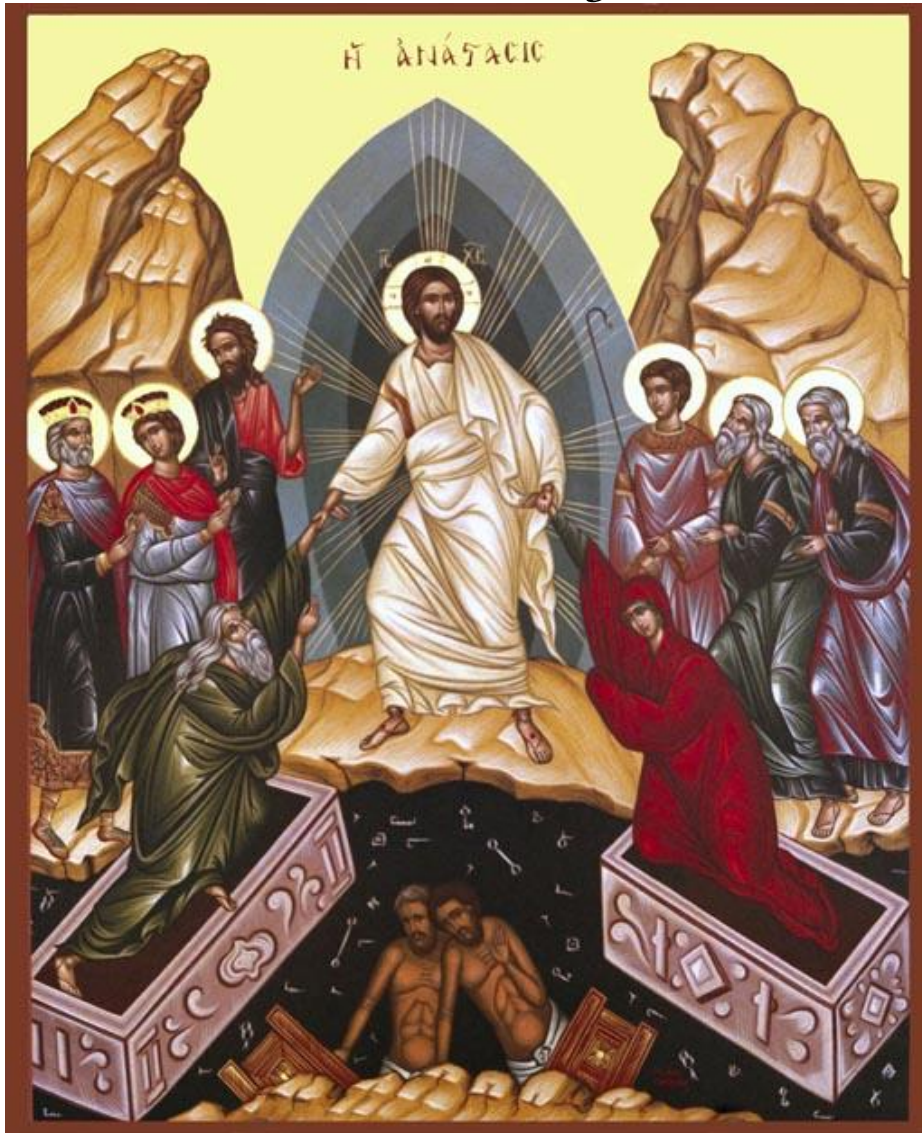


*Good Friday*



*March 28, 2024 7:00 PM*

## *About the Paschal Triduum*

The Easter Triduum (three days) celebrates the Passover (*Pascha*) of the Lord from death to life. It begins in the Upper Room. It ends at a tomb wherein Christ rises from the dead. Some of the most ancient rites of the Christian community are observed these three days.

On Thursday, the entire assembly is invited to participate in the Washing of Feet. Bread and wine are consecrated for the ministration of Holy Communion both Thursday and during the Liturgy of Good Friday. Following the Transfer of the Eucharist to the Altar of Repose, the altar and sanctuary are stripped of all ornament and furnishing, and silence is observed. Following the Mass, the Watch before the Blessed Sacrament is observed until the Celebration of the Passion of the Lord on Good Friday. You are invited to join in the watch before the Holy Sacrament as you are able. The Church will remain open throughout the night for this purpose.

On Friday the liturgy begins with the priest prostrate and the people kneeling before the altar. Following the liturgy of the Word and the preaching of the Gospel, the Church offers her intercessions on behalf of the world as the Body of Christ, the great High Priest, in a form used by the ancient Church at *every* liturgy but now used exclusively on Good Friday. Then we are invited to participate in the Veneration of the Cross and to make that cross our own. Finally we receive Holy Communion from the Sacrament consecrated on Thursday night at the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper. The choruses for the Passion are by Tomas Luis de Victoria.

On Saturday we begin in the dark, awaiting the light, which proclaims the resurrection. Then we share that light. The ceremonies of this night are about an old Adam and a new Adam, about death and life. The central Christian belief is that Jesus was crucified and he rose from the dead. In the liturgical tradition of the Church this is not a past or abstract reality. The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is remembered and *made present* in our worship and in our common life. "Jesus Christ, yesterday and today, the Beginning and the End, Alpha and Omega. His are all times and all ages. To him be glory and dominion through all eternity."

**Please silence cell phones and other electronic devices.**

# *The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord*

## *Good Friday*

### THE WORD OF GOD

*On this day the ministers of the assembly enter in silence. The priest and the congregation kneel for silent prayer. When the Celebrant stands the people stand. Then the Celebrant offers the Collect of the Day.*

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.*

### The Lessons

• *All may be seated for the readings and Psalm* •

*The first lesson (Isaiah 52:13-53:12) is read, the Reader first saying*

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

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.

Psalm 22 *Deus, Deus meus*

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.
- 12 Many young bulls encircle me; \*  
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.
- 13 They open wide their jaws at me, \*  
like a ravening and a roaring lion.
- 14 I am poured out like water;  
all my bones are out of joint; \*  
my heart within my breast is melting wax.
- 15 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.
- 16 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.
- 17 They stare and gloat over me; \*  
they divide my garments among them;  
they cast lots for my clothing.
- 18 Be not far away, O LORD; \*  
you are my strength; hasten to help me.
- 19 Save me from the sword, \*  
my life from the power of the dog.

- 20 Save me from the lion's mouth, \*  
my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.
- 21 I will declare your Name to my brethren; \*  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.
- 22 Praise the LORD, you that fear him; \*  
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;  
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.
- 23 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.
- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*  
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: \*  
"May your heart live for ever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, \*  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; \*  
he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \*  
all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him;  
my descendants shall serve him; \*  
they shall be known as the LORD's for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*  
the saving deeds that he has done.

*The second lesson (Hebrews 10:16-25) is read, the Reader first saying*

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

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*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        Thanks be to God.

• *All stand as are able* •

*The Passion Gospel is announced in the following manner*

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John        *choruses by Tomas Luis da Victoria*

• *All may be seated* •

**The Sermon** ..... The Rev. Anthony Puca, Jr.

• *All stand as are able* •

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Hymn 474 .....*Rockingham*



*The celebrant goes to the narthex to take up the cross which is now brought into the church and placed in the sight of the people, stopping three times for the following versicle and response..*

*Celebrant* Behold the wood of the Cross, whereon hung the world's salvation.

*People* O come, let us worship.

*When the cross reaches the altar, the congregation kneels as able. The ministers of the assembly venerate the cross first and then members of the congregation may approach the cross for veneration following the pattern of the celebrant and other ministers.*

*During the veneration the Reproaches are sung.*

*'Agios 'o Theos. Holy God,*

*'Agios Ischyros. Holy and mighty,*

*'Agios athanatos, eleison imas. Holy immortal one, have mercy upon us.*

*O my people, what have I done unto thee?*

*Or wherein have I wearied thee?*

*Testify against me.*

*Because I brought thee forth from the land of Egypt:*

*thou hast prepared a Cross for thy Savior.*

*Because I led thee through the desert forty years, and fed thee with manna,*

*and brought thee into a land exceedingly good:*

*thou has prepared a Cross for thy Savior.*

*What more could I have done for thee that I have not done?*

*I indeed did plant thee, O my vineyard, with exceedingly fair fruit:*

*and thou art become very bitter unto me:*

*for vinegar, mingled with gall, thou gavest me when thirsty:*

*and hast pierced with a spear the side of thy Savior.*

*I did scourge Egypt with her first-born for thy sake:*

*and thou hast scourged and delivered me up.*

*I led thee forth from Egypt drowning Pharaoh in the Red Sea:*

*and thou hast delivered me up to the chief priests.*

*I did open the sea before thee: and thou hast opened my side with a spear.*

*I did go before thee in a pillar of cloud, and thou hast led me unto the judgment hall of Pilate.*

*I did give thee to drink the water of life from the rock,*

*and thou hast given me to drink but gall and vinegar.*

*I did smite the kings of the Canaanites for thy sake:  
and thou hast smitten my head with a reed.  
I did give thee a royal scepter, and thou hast given unto my head a crown of thorns.  
I did raise thee high with great power, but thou hast hanged me upon the gibbet of the Cross.*

*Crucem tuam (Mode IV)*

*We venerate thy Cross, Lord,  
and praise and glorify thy holy Resurrection:  
for by virtue of the Cross  
joy hath come to the whole world.  
God be merciful to us and bless us:  
and show us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us.*

*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.*

*Crux Fidelis (John of Portugal).*

*Faithful Cross, above all other, one and only noble Tree:  
None in foliage, none in blossom, none in fruit thy peer may be.  
Sweetest wood, and sweetest iron, Sweetest weight is hung on thee.*

*The following hymns are sung as the choir venerates the cross*

Hymn 498 ..... *St. Christopher – Beneath the cross of Jesus*  
Hymn 441 ..... *Rathbun – In the cross of Christ I glory*

*The congregation remains kneeling and sings the hymn “Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle” as the Sacrament consecrated at yesterday’s Mass is retrieved from the altar of repose.*

Hymn 166 ..... *Pange lingua*

Confession of Sin .....BCP, Page 360

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

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### *Reception of Holy Communion*

*All baptized persons are welcome and encouraged to receive Christ's Body and Blood at this altar. If for any reason you are unable or do not wish to receive communion, you are still welcome to come to the altar rail to receive a blessing and indicate this preference by crossing your arms over your chest. If you are physically unable to come forward, please notify an usher and the Sacrament will be brought to you.*

*Post Communion Prayer*.....BCP Page 282

*No blessing or dismissal is added. The ministers and people depart in silence. The Cross is traditionally revered with a genuflection by the people as they leave. Silence is maintained in the Church.*

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*Father Puca will hear Confessions in the Lady Chapel  
following the Good Friday liturgy*

*Those who would like to receive this sacrament: please remain seated in the  
pews and come forward one at a time.*

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