

## Good Friday

St. John's Episcopal Church, Ithaca NY

April 15, 2022 Year C

12:00 PM

\* indicates please stand

*On this day the ministers enter in silence.*

*All then kneel for silent prayer.*

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

Let us pray.

### **\*The Collect of the Day**

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.

## Psalm 22

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.

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.

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 Epistle Reading**

**Philippians 2:5–11**

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,  
who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

### **The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to John**

**18:1–19:42**

*Because of the length of the reading, the congregation may be seated, until the arrival at Golgotha.  
The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted.*

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 Judean 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 Judean leadership 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 Judeans 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 Judeans 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 Judeans?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Judean, 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 Judeans. 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 Judeans 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 Judeans?" 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 Judeans!" 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 Judeans 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 Judeans 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 Judeans, "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. 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 Judeans." Many of the Judeans 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 Judeans said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Judeans,' but, 'This man said, I am King of the Judeans.'" 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 Judeans 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."

After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Judean authorities, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body. Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Judeans. Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

**Sermon**

**The Rev. Megan Castellan**

**\*Solemn Collects**

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.*

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 DeDe, our Bishop, and all the people of this diocese

For all Christians in this community

For those about to be baptized

That 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.*

Let us pray for those who have not embraced God's redemptive love;

For those who are distant from God

For those who have lost their faith



For those without faith  
For those hardened by sin and indifference  
For the contemptuous and the scornful  
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 are persecutors of his disciples,

That God will lead sinners to repentance, and sustain all in a life of faith and obedience.

*Silence*

Merciful God, the source of life and fountain of mercy, let the Gospel of your Son Jesus Christ be preached with grace and love; turn the hearts of the followers of Jesus who have harmed others in his name; lead all to repentance and amendment of life; and sustain by your loving grace all who lift their eyes to you. *Amen.*

Let us pray for all nations and peoples of the earth, and for those in authority among them;

For Joseph, the President of the United States  
For the Congress and the Supreme Court  
For the Members and Representatives of the United Nations  
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*

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.*

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

For those who are hungry and homeless, the destitute and the 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 those who are persecuted for the sake of Christ  
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*

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.*

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.*

### **Anthem**

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.*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

#### **Closing 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.*



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Morning Prayer weekdays at 9:30 on Facebook and YouTube.

Office of Evening Prayer on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm to offer our prayers and read and meditate on God's holy word.

***Forward Day by Day*** for May, June, and July is available on the table in the rear of the church.

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**Updating The Prayer List** It's that time again! If you are on the list, and no longer want to be, or if you offered a name for prayer and the situation is resolved, please let the office know. If you know of someone who should be on the list and isn't, let us know that as well! The new list will start Easter Sunday.

Our **Good Friday offering** will be sent to the Episcopal Diocese in Jerusalem and the Middle East that serves people throughout the region in Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, the West Bank, Gaza Strip, and Israel.

**Easter Offering Envelopes** are on the table at the back of the nave. They will also be included in your Easter Sunday bulletin.

### **Holy Week Schedule**

#### **Good Friday**

Stations of the Cross, 7:00 p.m.

#### **Easter Sunday**

5:45 AM Easter Vigil with Holy Eucharist, Stewart Park, Large Pavilion  
8:00 AM Rite I Holy Eucharist with hymns and organ music  
10:30 AM Rite II Festal Choral Eucharist