



# Emmanuel Episcopal Church

Good Friday—March 29, 2024

*Silent Meditation*

## **Opening Acclamation**

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.**

*All sit.*

## **A reading from the book of the prophet 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. (52:13-53:12)

Celebrant: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 22** (*read in unison*)

**My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?  
and are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress?**

**O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer;  
by night as well, but I find no rest.**

**Yet you are the Holy One,  
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.**

**Our forefathers put their trust in you;  
they trusted, and you delivered them.**

**They cried out to you and were delivered;  
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.**

**But as for me, I am a worm and no man,  
scorned by all and despised by the people.**

**All who see me laugh me to scorn;  
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,**

**"He trusted in the LORD; let him deliver him;  
let him rescue him, if he delights in him."**

**Yet you are he who took me out of the womb,  
and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.**

**I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born;  
you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.**

**Be not far from me, for trouble is near,  
and there is none to help.**

**Many young bulls encircle me;  
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.**

**They open wide their jaws at me,  
like a ravening and a roaring lion.**

**I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint;  
my heart within my breast is melting wax.**

**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.**

**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.**

**They stare and gloat over me;  
they divide my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing.**

**Be not far away, O LORD;  
you are my strength; hasten to help me.**

**Save me from the sword,  
my life from the power of the dog.**

**Save me from the lion's mouth,  
my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.**

**I will declare your Name to my brethren;  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.**

**Praise the LORD, you that fear him;  
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;  
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.**

**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.**

**My praise is of him in the great assembly;  
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.**

**The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the LORD shall praise him:  
"May your heart live for ever!"**

**All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.**

**For kingship belongs to the LORD;  
he rules over the nations.**

**To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship;  
all who go down to the dust fall before him.**

**My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him;  
they shall be known as the LORD's for ever.**

**They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn  
the saving deeds that he has done.**

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.

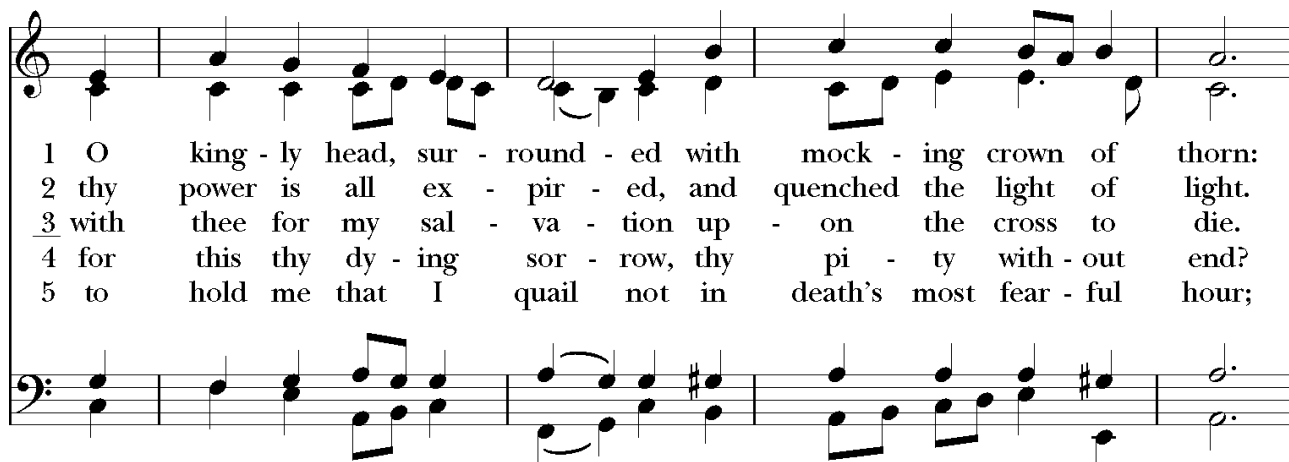
Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of 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. (10:16-25)

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

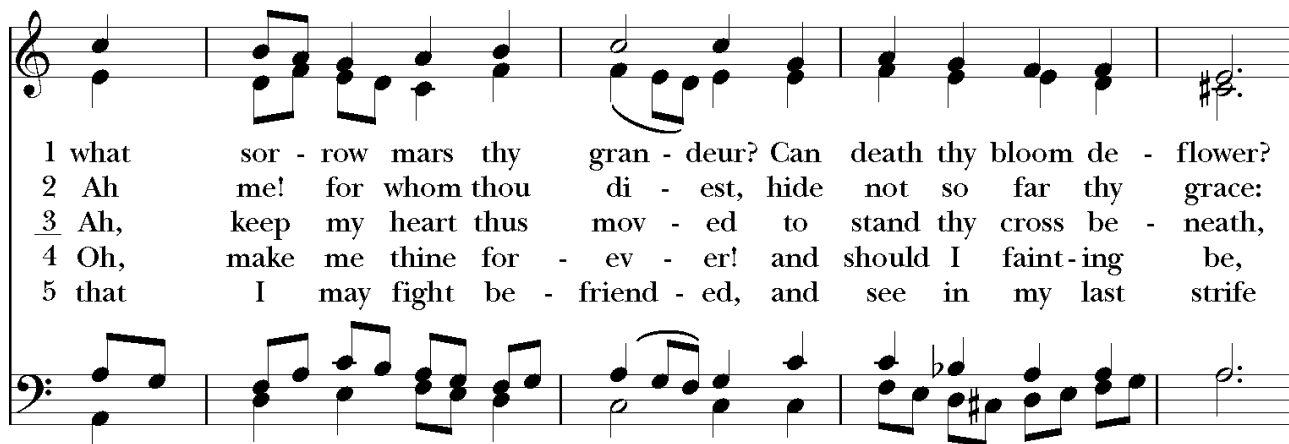
**People:** Thanks be to God.



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.

## **The Passion Gospel, John 18:1-19:42**

*All remain seated for the reading of the Passion Gospel. Please stand where indicated if you are able.*

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

After Jesus had spoken these words, he 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 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 religious authorities 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. 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 religious authorities 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 religious authorities. 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 religious authorities 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 religious authorities 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 religious authorities 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 religious authorities, "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.

***(ALL STAND – if able)***

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 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 religious authorities 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 religious 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 Jews. 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. Dr. Valori Mulvey Sherer

Anthem, O Eternal Lord, Quirino Gasparini / arr. L. B. Sateren  
Emmanuel Quartet

O eternal Lord, glory, unending praise for Thy mercy!  
We bless Thee and adore Thee, Savior who salvation won us.

### **The 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 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 Michael, our presiding bishop, Deon, our bishop, Valori and Sujanna, our priests, and all the people of this diocese;  
For all Christians in this community;  
For those about to be baptized;  
That God will confirm his Church in faith, increase it in love, and preserve it in peace.

*A period of silence is kept. Please kneel if you are able. If you are unable to kneel, please remain seated.*

Arise.

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 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. Please kneel if you are able.*

Arise.

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 the hungry and the homeless, the destitute and the oppressed;  
For the sick, the wounded, and the crippled;  
For those in loneliness, fear, and anguish;  
For those who face temptation, doubt, and despair;  
For the sorrowful and bereaved;  
For prisoners and captives, and 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. Please kneel if you are able.*

Arise.

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 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. Please kneel if you are able.*

Arise.

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.**



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.**

### **Entrance of the Cross**

*All stand if you are able. The following anthem is said, during which the People may approach the Cross to pray, or pray from the pews.*

*Celebrant:* 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.**

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

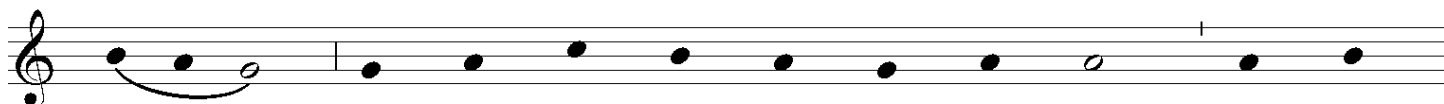
*People:* **Let your ways be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.**

*Celebrant:* 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.**



1 Sing, my tongue, the glo - rious bat - tle; of the might - y con - flict  
 2 Thir - ty years a - mong us dwell - ing, his ap - point - ed time ful -  
 3 He en - dures the nails, the spit - ting, vin - e - gar, and spear, and  
 4 Faith - ful cross! a - bove all o - ther, one and on - ly no - ble  
 5 Bend thy boughs, O tree of glo - ry! Thy re - lax - ing sin - ews  
 \*6 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or to the



1 sing; tell the tri - umph of the vic - tim, to his  
 2 filled, born for this, he meets his pas - sion, this the  
 3 reed; from that ho - ly bo - dy bro - ken blood and  
 4 tree! None in fo - liage, none in blos - som, none in  
 5 bend; for a - while the an - cient ri - gor that thy  
 6 Son, praise and hon - or to the Spi - rit, ev - er



1 cross thy tri - bute bring. Je - sus Christ, the world's Re -  
 2 Sa - vior free - ly willed: on the cross the Lamb is  
 3 wa - ter forth pro - ceed: earth, and stars, and sky, and  
 4 fruit thy peer may be: sweet - est wood and sweet - est  
 5 birth be - stowed, sus - pend; and the King of heaven - ly  
 6 Three and ev - er One: one in might and one in



1 deem - er from that cross now reigns as King.  
 2 lift - ed, where his pre - cious blood is spilled.  
 3 o - cean, by that flood from stain are freed.  
 4 i - ron! sweet - est weight is hung on thee.  
 5 beau - ty gent - ly on thine arms ex - tend.  
 6 glo - ry while e - ter - nal a - ges run.

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## Confession of Sin

*All kneel. The Celebrant says*

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*A period of silence is observed.*

*Ministers and People*

**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.**

*The Celebrant stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

*The Celebrant then continues*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

**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 ministers process to the Altar of Repose and carry the Pre-Sanctified elements to the altar for distribution.*

*The Celebrant says:* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

**Invitation to Communion:** "Jesus said, 'Come to me all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.'" (Mt 11:28)

*Communion is now distributed from the Reserved Sacrament.*

Closing Prayer

*Please kneel or sit as you feel called.*

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 Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and for ever.

**People: Amen.**

*There is no dismissal at this service. All leave the church in silence.*

## LITURGICAL PARTICIPANTS

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Lector	Janet Dobbs
Psalmist/Epistoler	Ann Marie Ruhlin
Eucharistic Ministers	Janet Dobbs, John Mitchell
Chalice Bearer	Ann Marie Ruhlin
Ushers	Betsy and Ed Lindner
Organist and Director of Music	Jae Young Park
Emmanuel Children's Choir Director	Lauren Romano
Emmanuel Choir Section Leaders	Lauren Romano, Patrick Zelaya
Emmanuel Quartet	Jen Dunn, Jae Park, Lauren Romano, Patrick Zelaya
Tech Minister	Alex Hughey

### A Note on Today's Liturgy

Today's liturgy is the second part of a complex series of rites which cover the Three Sacred Days of our redemption. This liturgy began last night and will be concluded at the Great Vigil of Easter. We will engage in intense intercessory prayer for the church and for the world. It was on the cross that Jesus made his full intercession for us, and we are united with him through Baptism in that intercession.

The final portions of this liturgy take place before a cross, where we praise Christ for his love, which he demonstrated on the cross. Then we receive Holy Communion from the Sacrament consecrated last night at the Maundy Thursday service. At the end of the liturgy, the church is left in silence and darkness, as we prepare for the final act, which begins at the Great Vigil on Saturday night. It is as though the church has died and now waits silently to be resurrected out of the baptismal font at the Great Vigil of Easter.

The Holy Saturday service at 9:00 a.m. marks that time of waiting.

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All loose offerings on Good Friday support the **Anglican ministries in the Middle East**, which includes support for the ministries of the three dioceses of the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. Pastoral care, education and health care continue to be primary ministries through which the reconciling spirit of the Christian faith serves all in need.

The history of the Good Friday Offering reaches back to 1922 when, in the aftermath of World War I, The Episcopal Church sought to create new relationships with and among the Christians of the Middle East. From these initial efforts which focused on a combination of relief work and the improvement of ecumenical and Anglican relations, the Good Friday Offering was created.



*The Rt. Rev. Deon K. Johnson, Bishop of Missouri*

*The Rev. Dr. Valori Mulvey Sherer, Priest-in-Charge*

*The Rev. Sujanna Raj, Associate Priest*

*The Rev. Jerre Birdsong, Deacon*

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