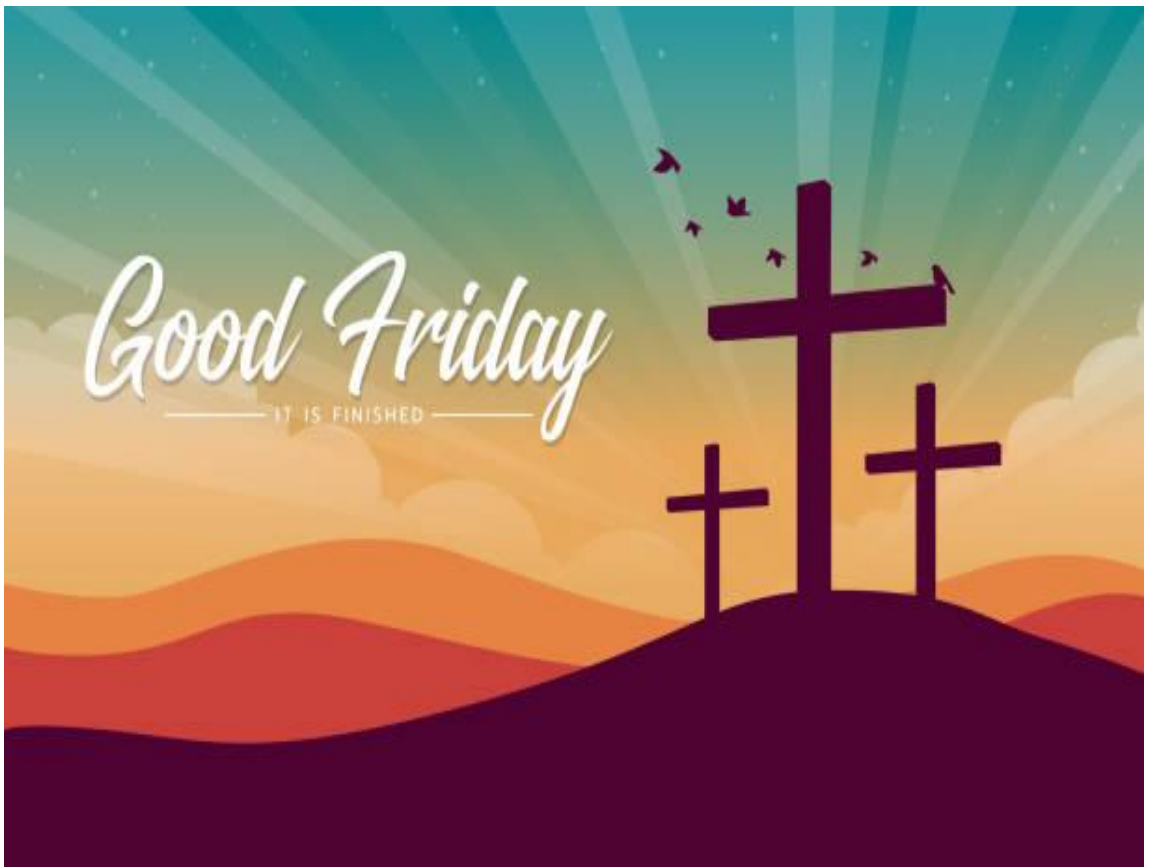




ST. CATHERINE'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Good Friday
April 18, 2025



Welcome to St. Catherine's

We are glad that you have joined us for worship. If you are visiting with us, we invite you to fill out a visitor card, which can be found on the back of the chair in front of you. Completed cards may be given to a greeter or placed in the collection plate.

“BCP” before a page number refers to the Book of Common Prayer in the pew racks. “H” before a page number refers to the blue hymnal. Both are in the pew.

You are very welcome to receive Holy Communion if you have been baptized in any Christian Church. Those who wish not to receive Holy Communion may come to the altar rail, fold their arms across their chests, and receive a blessing from the priest.

Serving Today

The Rev. Kelley Hudlow, *Celebrant and Preacher*

The Rev. Clyde Pearce, *Deacon*

Carol Dotson, *Vestry Person of the Day*

Scott Reimer, *LEM/ Crucifer*

Sophia Reimer & Olivia Kennedy,
Torchbearers

Carol Dotson, *Lector*

Sasha Johns, Greeter

Jane Keeton, Altar Guild
Donald Bruce, Technology

Ministers enter in silence.

All then kneel for silent prayer, after which the Celebrant stands and begins the liturgy.

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 276

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 276

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 *Please be seated.*

FIRST READING

A Reading from 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.

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 22

The Psalm will be read responsively by whole verse.

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 potsherd; 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 don**

SECOND READING

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. *Hebrews 10:16-25*

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GOSPEL

The congregation may be seated for the first part of the gospel.

The Passion Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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."

After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, 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.

John 19:1-37

Deacon

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Kelley Hudlow

A period of silence follows the sermon.

HYMN FOLLOWING THE SERMON

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THE SOLEMN COLLECTS

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HYMN *Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle*

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SOLEMN PRAYER

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All leave in silence

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May 3rd ECW Spring Lunch

**May 11th Reception for our new rector, Dillon Green following
the service.**

Our Mission

To seek, love, and serve God through worship, education, and service and to share the redeeming love of Christ with the world.

Our Vision

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