



# ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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*Being a light to the world.*

*Worship, Youth, Discipleship*

# The Proper Liturgy for Good Friday

April 7, 2023

7:00 pm

*The ministers enter in silence.*

*All then kneel for silent prayer, after which the presider stands and begins the liturgy with the Collect of the Day.*

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

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*

*The people sit. Readings from the Bible are proclaimed and we share in the gift of God's Word through listening to the scriptures.*

*The First Lesson: Isaiah 52:13-53:12*

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?

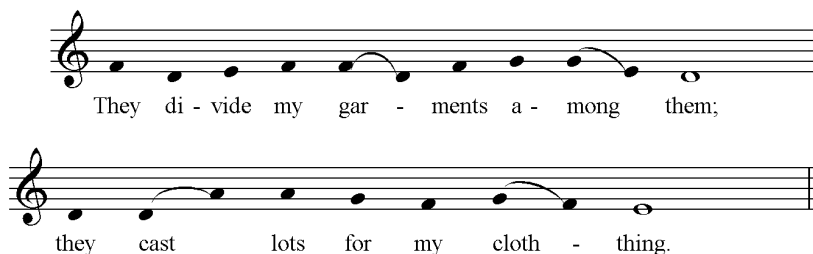
For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others 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.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*After the first lesson, the people join in singing the antiphon before the psalm. The choir alone sings the verses.*

*Psalm 22:1-11*

***Antiphon***



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.

*Antiphon*

## *The Second Lesson: Hebrews 10:16-25*

A Reading from the Letter of Paul 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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### *THE PASSION - John 18:1-19:37*

*The ministers begin the Passion, which is sung to a traditional plainsong setting. The responses before and after the reading are omitted. The people remain seated at the beginning of the reading.*

*At the mention of Golgotha, all stand, as they are able.*

*After the phrase, “he bowed his head and gave up his spirit,” all kneel in silence.*

*All stand for the conclusion of the Gospel.*

### *THE SERMON*

*After the Gospel, one of the ministers gives the sermon, explaining how the lessons relate to our lives.*

During the hymn, a collection is received for the Church in Jerusalem.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Were you there

1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you  
2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you  
\*3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side? Were you  
4 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you

there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh!  
there when they nailed him to the tree? Oh!  
there when they pierced him in the side? Oh!  
there when they laid him in the tomb? Oh!

Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,  
Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,  
Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,  
Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,

trem-ble. Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?  
trem-ble. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
trem-ble. Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
trem-ble. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

*THE SOLEMN COLLECTS*

*All stand. The person appointed introduces the prayers.*

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 Prince, our bishop provisional, and the people of this diocese for all Christians in this place, for those about to be baptized that God will confirm his Church in faith, increase it in love, and preserve it in peace.

*After each bidding the following is said.*

Let us kneel in silent prayer.

*All kneel or sit for a period of silence. Then the following is said.*

Arise.

*All then stand and the presider says the collect.*

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.

Let us kneel in silent prayer.

*All kneel or sit for a period of silence. Then the following is said.*

Arise.

*All stand for the collect.*

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 disabled  
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.

Let us kneel in silent prayer.

*All kneel or sit for a period of silence. Then the following is said.*

Arise.

*All stand for the collect.*

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 God's people,  
for our Jewish and Muslim brothers and sisters  
with whom we share the Covenant of Abraham, and for those of other faiths.  
For greater understanding between all religions  
for the removal of our blindness and bitterness of heart  
that God will grant us grace to be faithful  
and to grow in the love of his name.



Let us kneel in silent prayer.

*All kneel or sit for a period of silence. Then the following is said.*

Arise.

*All stand for the collect.*

Lord God of Abraham, bless all the children of your covenant  
lead us into a deeper knowledge of you,  
and hasten the coming of your kingdom,  
when Israel shall be saved, the Gentiles gathered in,  
and we shall dwell together in mutual love and peace  
under the one God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**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.

Let us kneel in silent prayer.

*All kneel or sit for a period of silence. Then the following is said.*

Arise.

*All stand for the collect.*

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 our 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.

Let us kneel in silent prayer.

*All kneel or sit for a period of silence. Then the following is said.*

Arise.

*All stand for the collect.*

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 VENERATION OF THE CROSS*

*A wooden cross is brought into the church and placed in the sight of the people. As the cross is carried in, the procession stops three times and the following is said:*

Behold the wood of the cross on which hung the world's salvation.

**Come let us worship.**

*The people kneel or sit. During the anthem and hymn individuals are invited to venerate the cross by coming forward to make some sign of devotion, such as genuflecting, bowing or kneeling before the cross, or kissing the foot of the cross.*

*ANTHEM*

*Crux fidelis*

Scott Villard

*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!*



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.

*THE MASS OF THE PRESANCTIFIED*

*The Holy Eucharist is not celebrated until the Great Vigil of Easter. The altar is covered with a fair linen cloth and the reserved sacrament is placed on the altar in silence.*

*All join in the Confession of Sin.*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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 our Savior 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.**

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

*The Lord's Prayer is said, the presider first saying*

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

**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 presider says the following Invitation*

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.

*The Sacrament is administered with the following words*

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life.  
**Amen.**

*All are welcome at the altar. Those not receiving communion are invited to come forward for a prayer of blessing (to indicate this, carry your service booklet forward to the altar). For more information about baptism please speak to the clergy.*

*A period of silence follows the distribution of the sacrament.*

*The service concludes with the following.*

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.**

*The people depart in silence.*

## ***Holy Week Schedule***

Morning (9:00am) and Evening (5:00pm) Prayer daily

**Holy Saturday:** Burial of Christ Liturgy (Chapel), 9am  
Great Vigil of Easter (Church), 7pm  
*-Reception to follow-*

**Easter Sunday:** Festal Choral Eucharist (w/incense), 10am

The church offices will be closed  
Monday, April 10 through Friday, April 14.

## Participants in the Liturgy

Presider:	The Rev. Rick Stravers
Preacher:	Keith Phillips
Deacon:	The Rev. Trish Harris
Crucifer:	Nathan Isaacs
Lectors:	Barb Hibiske & Becky Squires
Chalice:	The Rev. Trish Harris, Becky Squires & Mark Olmstead
Choir:	St. Thomas Choral Scholars
Altar Chapter:	Bob Harberts & Mira Wuerges
Usher:	Roy Hillman
A/V Tech:	Yvette Petti

Dear Friends,

Because of the vicious history of Christian antisemitism, sometimes fostered by the texts we read on Palm Sunday and Good Friday, we want to remind all who worship at St Thomas that hatred of Jews and opposition to Jews is a hideous misinterpretation of the Good News of God in Christ. We are joining with churches across our diocese in addressing this misinterpretation.

We Christians are the spiritual children of our Jewish ancestors. With all Jews everywhere we are siblings in faith in the God of Abraham and Sarah. We have been grafted into the blessed spiritual tradition that emerged among the Jews by God's grace. So do not let anything in these readings mislead you to think that Christians are against or opposed to Jews. We are not. We embrace the Jewish people as God's people, and we ask God's blessing upon them.

Your parish staff & Senior Warden:

The Rev. Rick Stravers, The Rev. Trish Harris, Dr. Stephen White and Kathy Dingwall

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*We seek to love and serve the Lord  
through our Mission Imperatives:*



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## **Worship Services**

### *Sundays*

10:00 a.m., Holy Eucharist  
5:00 p.m., Worship (First & Third Sundays)

### *Weekdays*

9:00 a.m., Morning Prayer  
5:00 p.m., Evening Prayer

### *Wednesdays*

11:15 a.m. Silence/Meditation; 12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist  
*Holy Days* – See Announcements