



ST. ALBAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
GOOD FRIDAY 12PM  
APRIL 3, 2026



*On this day the ministers enter in silence.*

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

Blessed be our God.

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***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.***

### **Old Testament Lesson**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah, chapter 52 beginning with the 13<sup>th</sup> verse.

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.*

Psalm 22 *Deus, Deus meus*

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- <sup>1</sup> My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? \*  
    and are so far from my cry  
    and from the words of my distress?
- <sup>2</sup> *O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; \*by  
    night as well, but I find no rest.*
- <sup>3</sup> Yet you are the Holy One, \*  
    enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
- <sup>4</sup> *Our forefathers put their trust in you; \*  
    they trusted, and you delivered them.*
- <sup>5</sup> They cried out to you and were delivered; \*  
    they trusted in you and were not put to shame.

- <sup>6</sup> *But as for me, I am a worm and no man, \*  
scorned by all and despised by the people.*
- <sup>7</sup> All who see me laugh me to scorn; \*  
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,
- <sup>8</sup> *"He trusted in the LORD; let him deliver him; \*  
let him rescue him, if he delights in him."*
- <sup>9</sup> Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, \*  
and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.
- <sup>10</sup> *I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; \*  
you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.*
- <sup>11</sup> Be not far from me, for trouble is near, \*  
and there is none to help.
- <sup>12</sup> *Many young bulls encircle me; \*  
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.*
- <sup>13</sup> They open wide their jaws at me, \*  
like a ravening and a roaring lion.
- <sup>14</sup> *I am poured out like water;  
all my bones are out of joint; \*  
my heart within my breast is melting wax.*
- <sup>15</sup> 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.
- <sup>16</sup> *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.*
- <sup>17</sup> They stare and gloat over me; \*  
they divide my garments among them;  
they cast lots for my clothing.
- <sup>18</sup> *Be not far away, O LORD; \*  
you are my strength; hasten to help me.*

- <sup>19</sup> Save me from the sword, \*  
my life from the power of the dog.
- <sup>20</sup> *Save me from the lion's mouth, \**  
*my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.*
- <sup>21</sup> I will declare your Name to my brethren; \*  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.
- <sup>22</sup> *Praise the LORD, you that fear him; \**  
*stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;*  
*all you of Jacob's line, give glory.*
- <sup>23</sup> 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.
- <sup>24</sup> *My praise is of him in the great assembly; \**  
*I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship*  
*him.*
- <sup>25</sup> The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: \*  
"May your heart live for ever!"
- <sup>26</sup> *All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,*  
*\*and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.*
- <sup>27</sup> For kingship belongs to the LORD; \*  
he rules over the nations.
- <sup>28</sup> *To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship;*  
*\*all who go down to the dust fall before him.*
- <sup>29</sup> My soul shall live for him;  
my descendants shall serve him; \*  
they shall be known as the LORD's for ever.
- <sup>30</sup> *They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \**  
*the saving deeds that he has done.*

## New Testament Reading

A Reading from Ephesians chapter 1 beginning with the 3<sup>rd</sup> verse

Ephesians 1:3-14

<sup>3</sup> Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. <sup>4</sup> For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love <sup>5</sup> he<sup>[a]</sup> predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— <sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. <sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace <sup>8</sup> that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, <sup>9</sup> he<sup>[c]</sup> made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, <sup>10</sup> to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

<sup>11</sup> In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, <sup>12</sup> in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup> And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup> who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*Thanks be to God.*

Sequence Hymn:     *O Sacred Head, Sore Wounded*     *Bulletin p 9*

## O Sacred Head, Sore Wounded

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.

Words: Paul Gerhardt (1607-1676); sts. 1-3 and 5, tr. Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930);  
 st. 4, tr. James Waddell Alexander (1804-1859), alt.

Music: *Herzlich tut mich verlangen* [Passion Chorale], Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612);  
 adapt. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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

*The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted.*

### **John 18:1 – 19:42** *Common English Bible*

<sup>18</sup> After he said these things, Jesus went out with his disciples and crossed over to the other side of the Kidron Valley. He and his disciples entered a garden there. <sup>2</sup> Judas, his betrayer, also knew the place because Jesus often gathered there with his disciples. <sup>3</sup> Judas brought a company of soldiers<sup>[a]</sup> and some guards from the chief priests and Pharisees. They came there carrying lanterns, torches, and weapons.

<sup>4</sup> Jesus knew everything that was to happen to him, so he went out and asked, “Who are you looking for?” <sup>5</sup> They answered, “Jesus the Nazarene.” He said to them, “I Am.”<sup>[b]</sup> (Judas, his betrayer, was standing with them.) <sup>6</sup> When he said, “I Am,” they shrank back and fell to the ground. <sup>7</sup> He asked them again, “Who are you looking for?” They said, “Jesus the Nazarene.” <sup>8</sup> Jesus answered, “I told you, ‘I Am.’<sup>[c]</sup> If you are looking for me, then let these people go.” <sup>9</sup> This was so that the word he had spoken might be fulfilled: “I didn’t lose anyone of those whom you gave me.”

<sup>10</sup> Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it and struck the high priest’s servant, cutting off his right ear. (The servant’s name was Malchus.) <sup>11</sup> Jesus told Peter, “Put your sword away! Am I not to drink the cup the Father has given me?” <sup>12</sup> Then the company of soldiers, the commander, and the guards from the Jewish leaders took Jesus into custody. They bound him <sup>13</sup> and led him first to Annas. He was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. (<sup>14</sup> Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jewish leaders that it was better for one person to die for the people.)

<sup>15</sup> Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Because this other disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the high

priest's courtyard. <sup>16</sup> However, Peter stood outside near the gate. Then the other disciple (the one known to the high priest) came out and spoke to the woman stationed at the gate, and she brought Peter in. <sup>17</sup> The servant woman stationed at the gate asked Peter, "Aren't you one of this man's disciples?" "I'm not," he replied. <sup>18</sup> The servants and the guards had made a fire because it was cold. They were standing around it, warming themselves. Peter joined them there, standing by the fire and warming himself.

<sup>19</sup> Meanwhile, the chief priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching. <sup>20</sup> Jesus answered, "I've spoken openly to the world. I've always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews gather. I've said nothing in private. <sup>21</sup> Why ask me? Ask those who heard what I told them. They know what I said." <sup>22</sup> After Jesus spoke, one of the guards standing there slapped Jesus in the face. "Is that how you would answer the high priest?" he asked. <sup>23</sup> Jesus replied, "If I speak wrongly, testify about what was wrong. But if I speak correctly, why do you strike me?" <sup>24</sup> Then Annas sent him, bound, to Caiaphas the high priest.

<sup>25</sup> Meanwhile, Simon Peter was still standing with the guards, warming himself. They asked, "Aren't you one of his disciples?" Peter denied it, saying, "I'm not." <sup>26</sup> A servant of the high priest, a relative of the one whose ear Peter had cut off, said to him, "Didn't I see you in the garden with him?" <sup>27</sup> Peter denied it again, and immediately a rooster crowed.

<sup>28</sup> The Jewish leaders led Jesus from Caiaphas to the Roman governor's palace.<sup>[d]</sup> It was early in the morning. So that they could eat the Passover, the Jewish leaders wouldn't enter the palace; entering the palace would have made them ritually impure.

<sup>29</sup> So Pilate went out to them and asked, "What charge do you bring against this man?" <sup>30</sup> They answered, "If he had done nothing wrong, we wouldn't have handed him over to you." <sup>31</sup> Pilate responded, "Take him yourselves and judge him according to your Law." The Jewish leaders replied, "The

Law doesn't allow us to kill anyone." (<sup>32</sup>This was so that Jesus' word might be fulfilled when he indicated how he was going to die.)

<sup>33</sup> Pilate went back into the palace. He summoned Jesus and asked, "Are you the king of the Jews?" <sup>34</sup> Jesus answered, "Do you say this on your own or have others spoken to you about me?" <sup>35</sup> Pilate responded, "I'm not a Jew, am I? Your nation and its chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?" <sup>36</sup> Jesus replied, "My kingdom doesn't originate from this world. If it did, my guards would fight so that I wouldn't have been arrested by the Jewish leaders. My kingdom isn't from here." <sup>37</sup> "So you are a king?" Pilate said. Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. I was born and came into the world for this reason: to testify to the truth. Whoever accepts the truth listens to my voice." <sup>38</sup> "What is truth?" Pilate asked.

After Pilate said this, he returned to the Jewish leaders and said, "I find no grounds for any charge against him. <sup>39</sup> You have a custom that I release one prisoner for you at Passover. Do you want me to release for you the king of the Jews?" <sup>40</sup> They shouted, "Not this man! Give us Barabbas!" (Barabbas was an outlaw.)

<sup>19</sup> Then Pilate had Jesus taken and whipped. <sup>2</sup> The soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and dressed him in a purple robe. <sup>3</sup> Over and over they went up to him and said, "Greetings, king of the Jews!" And they slapped him in the face.

<sup>4</sup> Pilate came out of the palace again and said to the Jewish leaders, "Look! I'm bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no grounds for a charge against him." <sup>5</sup> When Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe, Pilate said to them, "Here's the man." <sup>6</sup> When the chief priests and their deputies saw him, they shouted out, "Crucify, crucify!"

Pilate told them, "You take him and crucify him. I don't find any grounds for a charge against him." <sup>7</sup> The Jewish leaders replied, "We have a Law,

and according to this Law he ought to die because he made himself out to be God's Son."

<sup>8</sup> When Pilate heard this word, he was even more afraid. <sup>9</sup> He went back into the residence and spoke to Jesus, "Where are you from?" Jesus didn't answer. <sup>10</sup> So Pilate said, "You won't speak to me? Don't you know that I have authority to release you and also to crucify you?"

<sup>11</sup> Jesus replied, "You would have no authority over me if it had not been given to you from above. That's why the one who handed me over to you has the greater sin." <sup>12</sup> From that moment on, Pilate wanted to release Jesus. However, the Jewish leaders cried out, saying, "If you release this man, you aren't a friend of the emperor! Anyone who makes himself out to be a king opposes the emperor!"

<sup>13</sup> When Pilate heard these words, he led Jesus out and seated him on the judge's bench at the place called Stone Pavement (in Aramaic, *Gabbatha*). <sup>14</sup> It was about noon on the Preparation Day for the Passover. Pilate said to the Jewish leaders, "Here's your king." <sup>15</sup> The Jewish leaders cried out, "Take him away! Take him away! Crucify him!" Pilate responded, "What? Do you want me to crucify your king?" "We have no king except the emperor," the chief priests answered. <sup>16</sup> Then Pilate handed Jesus over to be crucified.

The soldiers took Jesus prisoner. <sup>17</sup> Carrying his cross by himself, he went out to a place called Skull Place (in Aramaic, *Golgotha*).

*Please stand as able.*

<sup>18</sup> That's where they crucified him—and two others with him, one on each side and Jesus in the middle. <sup>19</sup> Pilate had a public notice written and posted on the cross. It read "Jesus the Nazarene, the king of the Jews." <sup>20</sup> Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city and it was written in Aramaic, Latin, and Greek. <sup>21</sup> Therefore, the

Jewish chief priests complained to Pilate, “Don’t write, ‘The king of the Jews’ but ‘This man said, “I am the king of the Jews.”””

<sup>22</sup> Pilate answered, “What I’ve written, I’ve written.”

<sup>23</sup> When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and his sandals, and divided them into four shares, one for each soldier. His shirt was seamless, woven as one piece from the top to the bottom. <sup>24</sup> They said to each other, “Let’s not tear it. Let’s cast lots to see who will get it.” This was to fulfill the scripture,

*They divided my clothes among themselves,  
and they cast lots for my clothing.<sup>[e]</sup>*

That’s what the soldiers did.

<sup>25</sup> Jesus’ mother and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene stood near the cross. <sup>26</sup> When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “Woman, here is your son.” <sup>27</sup> Then he said to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” And from that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

<sup>28</sup> After this, knowing that everything was already completed, in order to fulfill the scripture, Jesus said, “I am thirsty.” <sup>29</sup> A jar full of sour wine was nearby, so the soldiers soaked a sponge in it, placed it on a hyssop branch, and held it up to his lips. <sup>30</sup> When he had received the sour wine, Jesus said, “It is completed.” Bowing his head, he gave up his life.

<sup>31</sup> It was the Preparation Day and the Jewish leaders didn’t want the bodies to remain on the cross on the Sabbath, especially since that Sabbath was an important day. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of those crucified broken and the bodies taken down. <sup>32</sup> Therefore, the soldiers came and broke the legs of the two men who were crucified with Jesus. <sup>33</sup> When they came to Jesus, they saw that he was already dead so they didn’t break his legs. <sup>34</sup> However, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out. <sup>35</sup> The one who saw this has testified, and his testimony is true. He knows that he speaks the truth, and he has testified so that you also can believe. <sup>36</sup> These things happened to

fulfill the scripture, *They won't break any of his bones.*<sup>[f]</sup> <sup>37</sup> And another scripture says, *They will look at him whom they have pierced.*<sup>[g]</sup>

<sup>38</sup> After this Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate if he could take away the body of Jesus. Joseph was a disciple of Jesus, but a secret one because he feared the Jewish authorities. Pilate gave him permission, so he came and took the body away. <sup>39</sup> Nicodemus, the one who at first had come to Jesus at night, was there too. He brought a mixture of myrrh and aloe, nearly seventy-five pounds in all.<sup>[h]</sup> <sup>40</sup> Following Jewish burial customs, they took Jesus' body and wrapped it, with the spices, in linen cloths. <sup>41</sup> There was a garden in the place where Jesus was crucified, and in the garden was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. <sup>42</sup> Because it was the Jewish Preparation Day and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus in it.

**The Sermon**

**Father Greg Peters**

**Hymn:**

*Were You There?*

**Bulletin p 16**

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?

Words: Afro-American spiritual

Music: *Were You There*, Afro-American spiritual; harm. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

Irr.

*The Priest/Deacon says to the people*

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 N., 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 his 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 all nations and peoples of the earth, and for those in authority among them;

For Donald 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 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 Jews and Christians, in obedience to God's will.

*Silence*

O God of Abraham, you planted your people Israel as the root and grafted Gentiles as wild branches into a single olive tree of praise to you: As we come near to the cross, we lament Christian acts of prejudice and violence against your faithful people, of whom Jesus Christ was born. Bless the children of your covenant, so that together we may attain the fullness of your blessing for the world. *Amen.*

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

For those who are hungry and homeless, destitute and 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 pray for those who have not embraced God's redemptive love;

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*

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.*

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.*

## The Veneration of the Cross

*A wooden cross is brought into the church and placed in the sight of the people.*

### Veneration Response

The musical score is written in G minor (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with a half note G4, followed by a dotted half note A4-Bb4, and then a half note C5. The piano accompaniment starts with a half note G3, followed by a dotted half note A3-Bb3, and then a half note C4. The second system continues the vocal line with a half note D5, followed by a dotted half note E5-F5, and then a half note G5. The piano accompaniment continues with a half note D4, followed by a dotted half note E4-F4, and then a half note G4. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us."

## Anthems for the Veneration of the Cross

It is nothing to you, all you who pass by?  
Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow  
which is brought upon me,  
which the Lord inflicted on the day of his fierce anger.  
*Holy God, holy and mighty,  
Holy immortal One, have mercy upon us.*

O my people, O my Church,  
what have I done to you,  
or in what have I offended you?

Testify against me.

I led you forth from the land of Egypt,  
and delivered you by the waters of Baptism,  
but you have prepared a cross for your Saviour.

*Holy God, holy and mighty,  
Holy immortal One, have mercy upon us.*

I led you through the desert forty years,  
and fed you with manna,  
I brought you through tribulation and penitence,  
and gave you my body, the bread of heaven,  
but you have prepared a cross for you Saviour.

*Holy God, holy and mighty,  
Holy immortal One, have mercy upon us.*

I went before you in pillar of cloud,  
and you have led me to the judgement hall of Pilate.  
I scourged your enemies and brought you  
to a land of freedom,  
but you have scourged, mocked, and beaten me.  
I gave you the water of salvation from the rock,  
but you have given me gall and left me to thirst.

*Holy God, holy and mighty,  
Holy immortal One, have mercy upon us.*

I gave you a royal scepter,  
and bestowed the keys to the kingdom,  
but you have given me a crown of thorns.  
I raised you on high with great power,  
but you have hanged me on the cross.

*Holy God, holy and mighty,  
Holy immortal One, have mercy upon us.*

My peace I gave, which the world cannot give,  
and washed your feet as a sign of my love,  
but you draw the sword to strike in my name,  
and seek high places in my kingdom.

I offered you my body and blood,  
but you scatter and deny and abandon me.

*Holy God, holy and mighty,  
Holy immortal One, have mercy upon us.*

I sent the Spirit of truth to guide you,  
and you close your hearts to the Counselor.  
I pray that all may be one in the Father and me,  
but you continue to quarrel and divide.

I call you to go and bring forth fruit,  
but you cast lots for my clothing.

*Holy God, holy and mighty,  
Holy immortal One, have mercy upon us.*

I grafted you into the tree of my chosen Israel,  
and you turned on them with persecution  
and mass murder.

I made you joint heirs with them of my covenants,  
but you have made them scapegoats for your own guilt.

*Holy God, holy and mighty,  
Holy immortal One, have mercy upon us.*

I came to you as the least of your brothers and sisters;  
I was hungry and you gave me no food,  
I was thirsty and you gave me no drink,  
I was a stranger and you did not welcome me,  
naked and you did not clothe me,

sick and in prison and you did not visit me.

*Holy God, holy and mighty,*

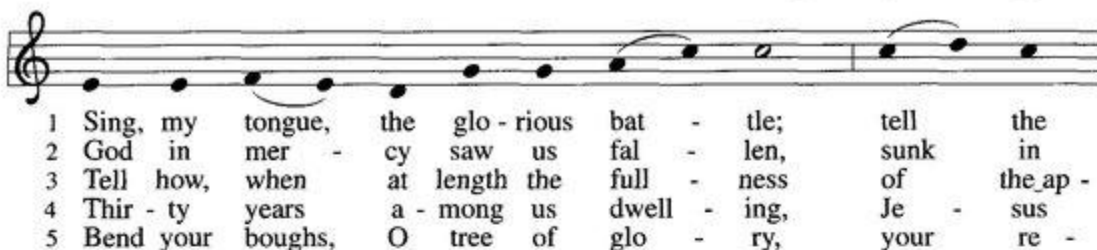
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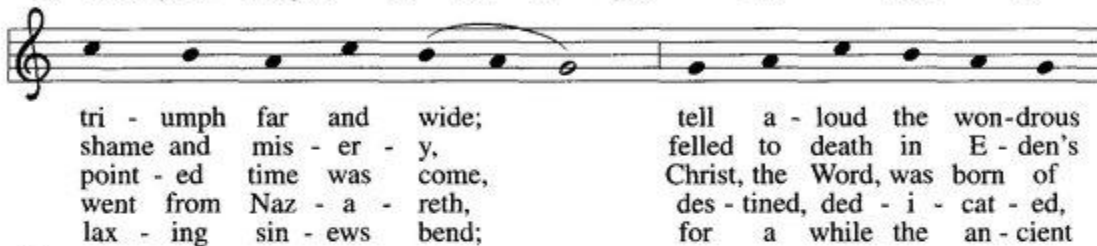
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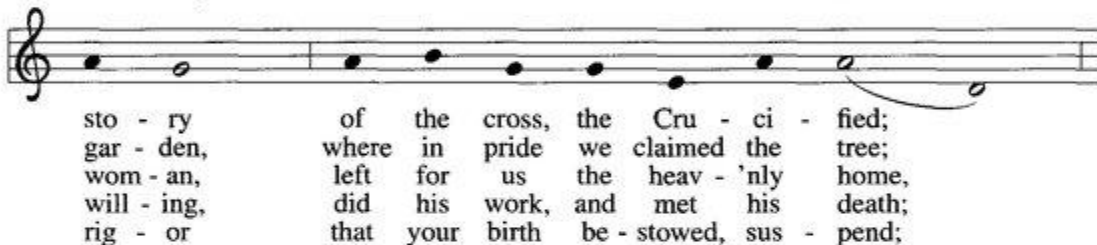
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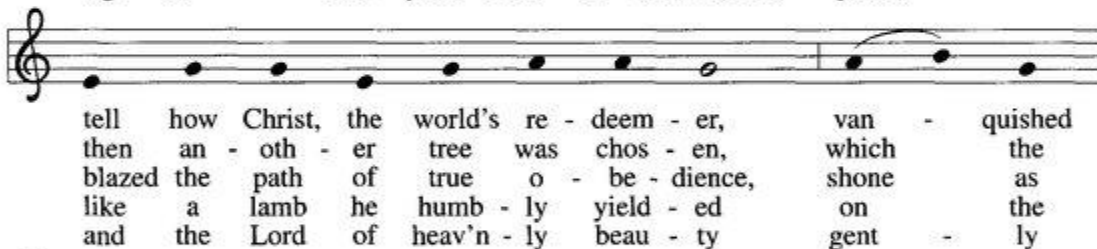
1 Sing, my tongue, the glo - rious bat - tle; tell the  
 2 God in mer - cy saw us fal - len, sunk in  
 3 Tell how, when at length the full - ness of the ap -  
 4 Thir - ty years a - mong us dwell - ing, Je - sus  
 5 Bend your boughs, O tree of glo - ry, your re -



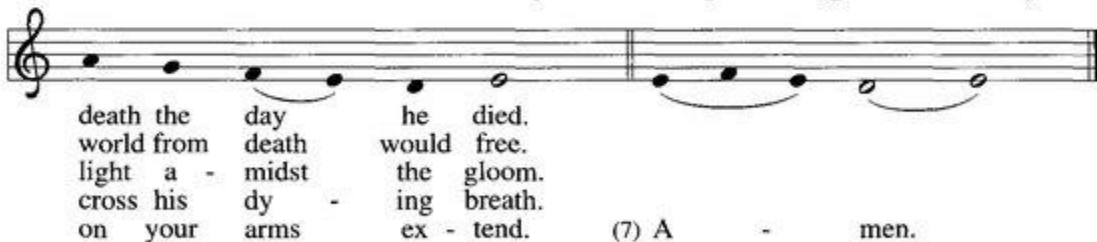
tri - umph far and wide; tell a - loud the won - drous  
 shame and mis - er - y, felled to death in E - den's  
 point - ed time was come, Christ, the Word, was born of  
 went from Naz - a - reth, des - tined, ded - i - cat - ed,  
 lax - ing sin - ews bend; for a while the an - cient



sto - ry of the cross, the Cru - ci - fied;  
 gar - den, where in pride we claimed the tree;  
 worn - an, left for us the heav - 'nly home,  
 will - ing, did his work, and met his death;  
 rig - or that your birth be - stowed, sus - pend;



tell how Christ, the world's re - deem - er, van - quished  
 then an - oth - er tree was chos - en, which the  
 blazed the path of true o - be - dience, shone as  
 like a lamb he humb - ly yield - ed on the  
 and the Lord of heav'n - ly beau - ty gent - ly



death the day he died.  
 world from death would free.  
 light a - midst the gloom.  
 cross his dy - ing breath.  
 on your arms ex - tend. (7) A - men.

6 Faithful cross, true sign of triumph,  
 be for all the noblest tree;  
 none in foliage, none in blossom,  
 none in fruit your equal be;  
 symbol of the world's redemption,  
 for your burden makes us free.

7 Unto God be praise and glory;  
 to the Father and the Son,  
 to the eternal Spirit honor  
 now and evermore be done;  
 praise and glory in the highest,  
 while the timeless ages run. Amen.

The Lord be with you.  
*And also with you.* \

Let us pray.

*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 service concludes with the following 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.*

*No blessing or dismissal is added.*

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Organist

Jon Breitenbach-Patch

Lectors

Mary Fowler

John Rowan

Altar Guild

All Teams

A/V Ministry

Phil McClelland

Denise Robertson

Brad Goergen

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## Holy Week Schedule

April 3 - Good Friday

12pm Service at St. Alban's in person/live streamed YouTube

6:00pm Service at St. Hilda St. Patrick

12:00-5:00pm, Stations of the Cross in Labyrinth, self-paced

April 4- Holy Saturday

12:00pm Service You Tube only

1:00pm Easter Egg Hunt at St. Alban's

7:45pm, Easter Vigil at St. Alban's

April 5 - Easter Sunday Eucharist - St. Alban's

8:00am Service in person

9:15am Special Coffee Hour for both services

10:30pm Service in person/live streamed YouTube