

St. Thomas Memorial Church
Good Friday
The Holy Eucharist – Rite II
April 3, 2026



Silent Procession

Silent Prayer

Good Friday Liturgy (starting on page 276 of the Book of Common Prayer (BCP))

Priest Blessed be our God.

People For ever and ever. Amen.

Priest 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 Reading of God's Word

The First Lesson Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Psalm 22

The Second Lesson Hebrews 10:16-25

Hymn #159 "At the cross"

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to John. The Passion Narrative is found in the insert. (The congregation may be seated for the first part of the Passion. Following the verse which reads, "Then Pilate handed Jesus over to them to be crucified", *all stand.*)

The Sermon.....The Rev. Jeffrey D. Murph

Hymn #158 "Ah, holy Jesus"

The Biddings and Solemn Collects (pg. 277 BCP)

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 *Ketlen*, 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 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

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.

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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 Bringing in of the Cross

The Reproaches:

The response is: *Holy God, holy and mighty, Holy Immortal One, have mercy upon us.*

The Veneration of the Cross

Anthems to the Cross

Anthem 1

Priest: 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.*

Priest: 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.*

Priest: 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.*

Anthem 2

Priest: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,

People: *because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.*

Priest: If we have died with him, we shall also live with him; if we endure, we shall also reign with him.

People: *We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.*

Anthem 3

Priest: O Savior of the world, who by thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us:

People: *Save us and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.*

Hymn #474 “When I survey the wondrous cross”

The Confession

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against your holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare those who confess their faults, restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

Absolution

The Lord’s Prayer

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 Communion (*please come forward to receive communion from the reserved Sacrament.*)

The Final 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 Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Silent Recession

This Good Friday service focuses on the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. The cross, a cruel instrument of shameful execution, is transformed by God's incredible grace into the means by which sin and death are destroyed and our salvation is procured.

The Tabernacle, which throughout the rest of the year contains the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, now stands empty.

We read the Passion according to John where Jesus, though treated with contempt and brutality, nonetheless radiates the power of God. The cross is brought into the Church in silence. After prayers for the many needs of humankind, the "Reproaches" are read (which in a penetrating way reveal the full measure of our fall from God's hope and desire for us).

Then a hymn is sung praising God that, through no deserving of our own but through the cross, his Son Jesus has saved us from our bondage to sin. For these reasons we call this Friday Good.

Remaining Holy Week Services

Easter Vigil Service:

7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 4

Easter Day Services:

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I (regular schedule)

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II (regular schedule)

We welcome you to join us!

We at St. Thomas, members of the Body of Christ, are called by God to Grow;
Spiritually, in Parish Life, in Community Life, and as a Congregation.

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NV = Non-voting member

Passion Gospel readers:

Narrator: Richard Williams

Jesus: Lawrence Miguez

Soldier, Police, Slave, Elder: Darrell Powell

Guard, Pilate: Kate Westermann

Peter, Elder 2, Priest: Elaine Chilcote

Participants for this service:

Acolytes: Abbie Hayward, Jordan McClain, Elisabeth Fischer

First Reading: James Fischer

Psalm: Elisabeth Fischer

Second Reading: Bill Lugar

Ushers: Lawrence Miguez, James Fischer