

TRINITY CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF ASBURY PARK, NJ

Good Friday

April 3, 2026 ~ 7:00 PM

About Today's Liturgy

The observance of the Friday before Easter as a commemoration of the crucifixion can be traced back to Jerusalem in the fourth century. Prior to that time Easter had been a unitive celebration of the passion and resurrection. It was not until the fourth century, when the observance of Good Friday spread throughout the Christian East and then to the West, that the two aspects were separated into Good Friday and Easter celebrations.

The Passion of Christ (the story of Christ's final days and death) is read on this day. The solemn collects (prayers) are one of the more striking features of today's liturgy. After the sermon, the veneration of the cross takes place. This is a ceremony brought home by pilgrims from Jerusalem, where, as the fourth century pilgrim Egeria tell us, the true cross was displayed at what was believed to be the actual site of the crucifixion for the faithful to venerate (to offer respect).

-- from *"Lent, Holy Week, and the Great Fifty Days: A Ceremonial Guide"* by Lenonel L. Mitchell (Cowley Press, 1996)

Introit *On the mount of Olives, from Responsaries for the Offices of Tenebrae*

Healey Willan

On the mount of Olives he prayed to his Father:
"Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me:
The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

Watch and pray that ye enter not into temptation.
The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

My soul is exceeding sorrowful even unto death:
Tarry ye here and watch with me:
Now shall ye see the multitude come about me:
Ye shall flee and I go to be sacrificed for you:

Behold, the hour is at hand,
and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of
sinners.
Ye shall flee and I go to be sacrificed for you.

On this day the ministers enter in silence. Please stand.

All then are invited to stand or kneel as able for silent prayer, after which the Celebrant stands and begins the liturgy, saying,

Celebrant Blessed be our God,
People **For ever and ever. Amen.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Savior 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 Lesson: A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah (52:13—53:12)

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.

Here ends the reading.

Psalm 22:1-11

Peter R. Hallock

Sung by the choir

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| <p>1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
and are so far from my cry and from the words
of my distress?</p> <p>2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not
answer; by night as well, but I find no rest.</p> <p>3 Yet you are the Holy One,
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.</p> <p>4 Our forefathers put their trust in you;
they trusted, and you delivered them.</p> <p>5 They cried out to you and were delivered;
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.</p> <p>6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man,
scorned by all and despised by the people.</p> | <p>7 All who see me laugh me to scorn;
they curl their lips and wag their heads,
saying,</p> <p>8 "He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him;
let him rescue him, if he delights in him."</p> <p>9 Yet you are he who took me out of the womb,
and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near,
and there is none to help.</p> |
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The Lesson: A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews (4:14-16; 5:7-9)

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

Here ends the reading.

Hymn LEVAS 37 "Were You There?"

Sung by all

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 laid Him in the tomb? _____ Were you
4. Were you there when He rose up from the grave? _____ Were you

1. there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
2. there when they nailed Him to the tree?
3. there when they laid Him in the tomb? O! _____
4. there when He rose up from the grave?

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

1. Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? _____
2. Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree? _____
3. Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb? _____
4. Were you there when He rose up from the grave? _____

The Reading of the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ

The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted. The congregation remains seated for the first part of the Passion. At the verse which mentions the arrival at Golgotha, all stand.

Meditation

The Rev. Chase Danford

Anthem "Who was the guilty?" from *Ah Holy Jesus Variations*

Roger Petrich

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee:
I crucified thee.

The Solemn Collects

All who can please stand or kneel

Dear People of God: Jesus was sent 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 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 God's 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 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 Savior. **Amen.**

Let us pray for all who suffer and are afflicted in body or in mind;
For those who hunger, those without homes, those who are destitute, and those who are oppressed
For those who are sick and wounded
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 imprisoned and held captive, and those in mortal danger
For those who are refugees and victims of war, genocide, and trafficking
For those who are persecuted for the sake of Christ

That God in God's 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 Savior. **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

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 Savior. **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 Savior, 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 Savior; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Anthems "The veil of the temple was rent" from *Responsaries for the Offices of Tenebrae* Healey Willan

The veil of the temple was rent, and the whole earth did quake:
The thief from the cross cried out saying:
"Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.

The rocks were rent, and the graves were opened,
And many bodies of the saints which slept arose.
And the whole earth did quake:

The thief from the cross cried out saying:
"Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom."

Then Jesus cried out in a loud voice

Marc Antonio Ingegneri; DSKing, arr.

Then Jesus cried out in a loud voice saying:
"Father, into thy keeping henceforth I yield up my spirit."
And having cried out, bowed his head and yielded up the ghost.

Tis finish'd!

Alice Parker / Robert Shaw

'Tis finish'd!" So the Saviour cried,
And meekly bowed His head and died.

'Tis finish'd! Yes, the race is run,
The battle's fought, the vict'ry's won.

The Veneration of the Cross

All who are able, please continue standing or kneeling

The veneration of the cross is an ancient custom observed on this day. A cross, representative of the cross upon which Christ was crucified, is processed from the back of the church to the altar. As it is processed the following is said three times:

Deacon: Behold the wood of the Cross, on which was hung the World's salvation.

People: **Come, let us adore Christ.**

The cross is set in place and the following is said:

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

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

Deacon: If we have died with him, we shall also live with him;

People: **if we endure, we shall also reign with Christ.**

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

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

Out of profound reverence for the act of Christ's sacrifice upon the cross, the ministers kneel at the foot of the cross. All who wish may approach the cross and make any act of reverence they may feel moved to make. Touching, genuflecting, kissing or bowing are all appropriate.

Anthem "Calvary"

Spiritual

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father (or Mother/Parent), **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. No blessing or dismissal is added.

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 God our Creator and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Anthem "O Vos Omnes"

Tomás Luis de Victoria

Translation:

O all you who pass by, behold and see:
If there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow.
Behold, all ye people, and see my sorrow.
If there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow.

Flowering of the Cross

At this time the people may place a flower on the cross. To do so, come up any aisle and to either side of the altar. Please depart from the Church in silence.

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