



The Crucifixion, replica of Orthodox Icon

Grace Episcopal Church

Good Friday

April 7, 2023 | noon and 7:00 pm

Ministers | All of Us

Interim Rector | Nat Johnson

Music Director | Jordan Pitre

Opening Acclamation

On this day the ministers enter in silence. All sit as we share in quiet prayer. At the ringing of the bell, all stand and the Celebrant says,

Celebrant Blessed be our God.

All For ever and ever. Amen.

The Collect

Celebrant Let us pray.

Lord, you are punctured, no longer divided between inside and out, knowing in your flesh the sharp violence that kills what it fears: take us through the narrow door from which an endless river flows into a new body — wounded but unafraid; through Jesus Christ, the passion of God. **Amen.**

We sit for readings.

The First Reading | Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

following the reading

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

All Thanks be to God.

Silence is kept.

Psalm 22

Read responsively.

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 forebears 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 less than human,
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,

**“You trusted in God for deliverance;
let God rescue you, if God delights in you.”**

Yet you, O God, are the one 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.

**Many young bulls encircle me;
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.**

They open wide their jaws at me,
like a ravening and a roaring lion.

**I am poured out like water;
all my bones are out of joint;
my heart within my breast is melting wax.**

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.

**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.**

They stare and gloat over me;
they divide my garments among them;
they cast lots for my clothing.

**Be not far away, O God;
you are my strength; hasten to help me.**

Save me from the sword,
my life from the power of the dog.

**Save me from the lion's mouth,
my wretched body from the horns
of wild bulls.**

I will declare your Name to my people;
in the midst of the congregation
I will praise you.

**May all who fear you, O God, give praise;
may the offspring of Israel stand in awe,
and all of Jacob's line give glory.**

For you do not despise nor abhor the poor
in their poverty,
neither do you hide your face from them,
but when they cry to you, you hear them.

**My praise is of you in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the presence of
those who worship you.**

The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek you shall praise you:
"May your heart live for ever!"

**All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to you,
and all the families of the nations shall
bow before you.**

For yours is the royal power, O God;
you rule over the nations.

**To you alone all who sleep in the earth
bow down in worship;
all who go down to the dust fall before you.**

My soul shall live for you;
my descendants shall serve you;
they shall be known as yours for ever.

**They shall come and make known to
a people yet unborn
the saving deeds that you have done.**

Second Reading | Hebrews 10:16-25

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Hebrews.

following the reading

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

All Thanks be to God.

Silence is kept

The Passion Gospel

John 18:1-19:42

The People are seated for the first part of the Passion.

At the verse which mentions the arrival at Golgotha (John 19:17) all stand.

Homily

Song | O Sacred Head, Now Wounded



1 O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down,
2 How pale thou art with an - guish, with sore a - buse and scorn;
3 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,
4 Lord, be my con - so - la - tion; shield me when I must die;



now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;
how does thy face now lan - guish, which once was bright as morn!
for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end?
re - mind me of thy pas - sion when my last hour draws nigh.



O sa - cred head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine!
Thy grief and bit - ter pas - sion were all for sin - ners' gain;
Oh, make me thine for - ev - er, and should I faint - ing be,
These eyes, new faith re - ceiv - ing, from thee shall nev - er move;



Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.
mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain.
Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.
for all who die be - liev - ing die safe - ly in thy love.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–1676

Music: HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN, Germany melody

The Solemn Collects

All standing, the Deacon says to the people

Dear People of God: Our Creator sent Jesus 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 liberated 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 Christ's holy Church throughout the world;

For its unity in witness and service

For all bishops and other ministers

and the people whom they serve

For *Melissa*, our Bishop Provisional, 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. Then the Celebrant prays,

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.**

Deacon

Let us pray for all nations and peoples of the earth, and for those in authority among them;

For Joe, the President of the United States

For the Congress and the Supreme Court, and for all local governments

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. Then the Celebrant prays,

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.**

Deacon

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, in mercy, God will comfort and relieve them, and grant them the knowledge of God's love, and stir up in us the will and patience to minister to their needs.

Silence. Then the Celebrant prays,

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.**

Deacon

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. Then the Celebrant prays,

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.**

Adoration of the Cross

Celebrant: 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.**

Celebrant: 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.**

Celebrant 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.**

We share in silence, during which all are invited to offer a sign or symbol of devotion, or sit in quiet reflection.

Song | When I Survey the Wondrous Cross



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a



prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that
love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and
pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748 Music: HAMBURG, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

Confession of Sin

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept.

Minister and People

**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.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord 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

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

People and Celebrant

**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,
forever and ever. Amen.**

All are invited to receive the sacrament. When all have shared in Holy Communion and the table is cleared, we share in silence marked by the ringing of a bell.

Final Prayer

The service concludes with the following prayer. No blessing or dismissal is added.

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

Depart in silence when you're ready.

Easter at Grace

Easter Vigil, April 8: 7:30pm in person and on Zoom

The Great Vigil of Easter includes blessing of the new fire paschal candle, the telling of salvation history, response in Song and Psalm, and the first Holy Eucharist of Easter. No childcare.

Easter Day, April 9

5:30am Lay-led Easter Sunrise Service: We begin by a fire near the baptismal font, read stories in the narthex that leads us into the "tomb" (the sanctuary). We then process outside into the light, and celebrate by eating hot-cross buns.

8:00am (in person) and 10:00am (in person and on Zoom) Celebration of the Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord. Coffee hour after each service. Childcare available at both services.

You may find news, and a link to sign up for our weekly newsletter at www.gracehere.org/weekly-newsletter.

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