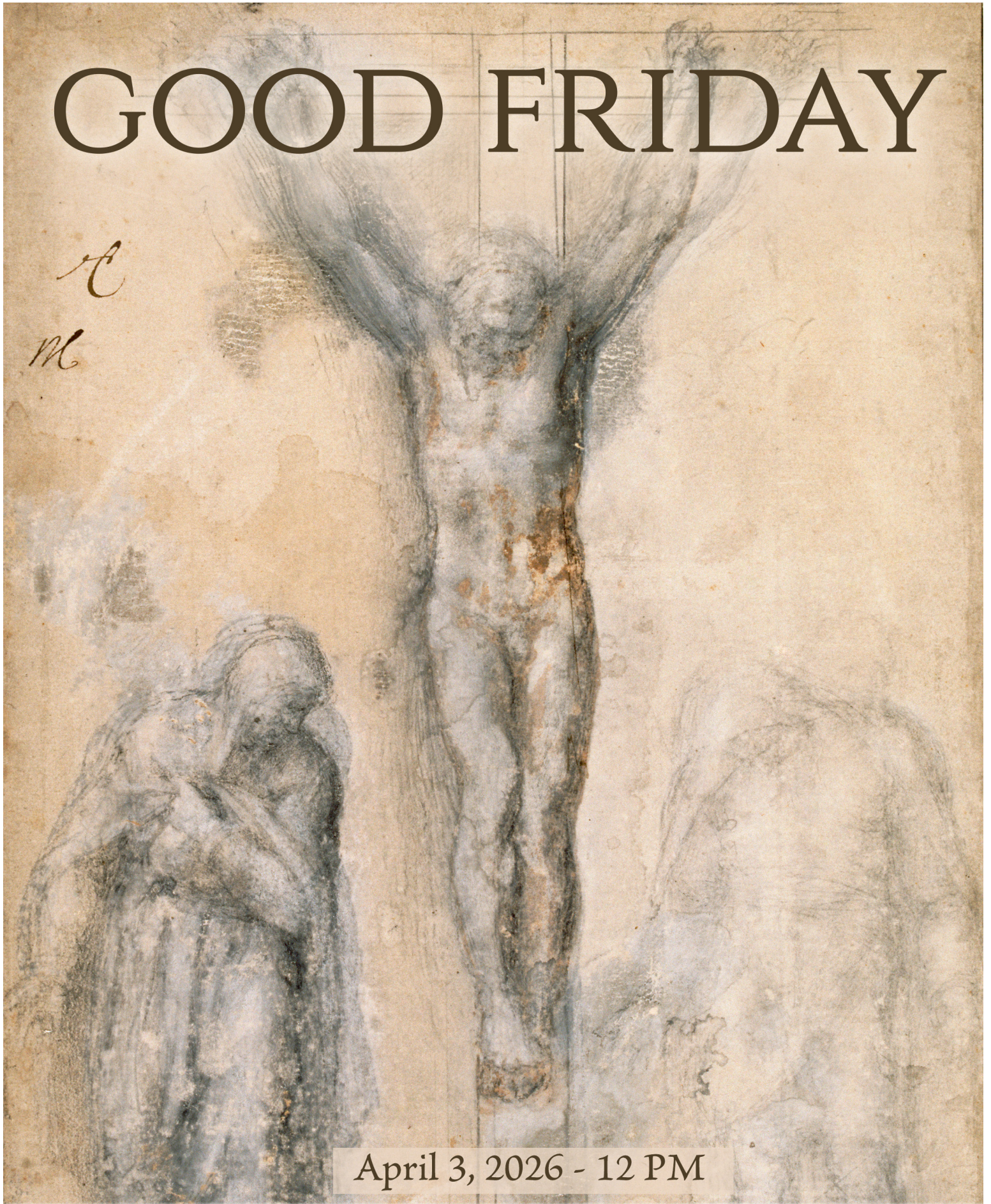


# GOOD FRIDAY



April 3, 2026 - 12 PM

CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTIANA HUNDRED

## WELCOME

Welcome to Christ Church for the worship that continues the great three days, or the *Triduum*. Since the fourth century, with great devotion, the church has honored the days of the Lord's Passion, venerating the wood of the cross, on which hung the Savior of the world. There is a starkness in this liturgy that exposes the paradox at the heart of the Christian gospel. This day is "good" because Christ has conquered death and won for us the victory of life. We rejoice and venerate the cross as his victory, still standing over evil, sin, and death today. And the stark worship of this day recalls the horror of how the Sinless One was killed, bruised for our iniquity.

On Good Friday, most congregations in The Episcopal Church collect an offering to support ministry in the Holy Land so that Christ's saving presence is shared where his life was lived. An offering plate is located in the back of the Church or you may give online using Apple or Google Pay, PayPal, Venmo, a credit/debit card, ACH, or text a contribution to (302) 244-5368.

In our worship, we hear St. John tell of Jesus arrested, his trial and humiliation, his crucifixion and death. We pray for the salvation of the world and all in need. At the conclusion, a cross is brought into the Church for our veneration. You are invited to come forward and kneel at the foot of the cross or sit in quiet contemplation, leaving the Church in silence. We hope you will return to share in the worship of Easter. You are welcome here.

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*After the Ministers enter in silence, all kneel, as able, for silent prayer.*

### Opening Sentences

*Officiant* Blessed be our God.

*People* ***For ever and ever. Amen.***

### Collect for Good Friday

*Officiant* 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.***

*Please be seated for*

### The First Reading

*Isaiah 52:13—53:6*

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.

*All then recite*

**Psalm 22:1-11** *Deus, Deus meus*

*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.*

**The Second Reading**

*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.

*Please stand, as able, and sing*

**Hymn 158** *Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended*

(blue) Hymnal 1982

*Please be seated for*

**The Passion Gospel**

*John 18:1-27*

Jesus went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to a place where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples. So Judas brought a detachment of soldiers together with police from the chief priests and the Pharisees, and they came there with lanterns and torches and weapons. Then Jesus, knowing all that was to happen to him, came forward and asked them, "Whom are you looking for?" They answered, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus replied, "I am he." Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. When Jesus said to them, "I am he," they stepped back and fell to the ground. Again he asked them, "Whom are you looking for?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. So if you are looking for me, let these men go." This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken, "I did not lose a single one of those whom you gave me." Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest's slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave's name was Malchus. Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword back into its sheath. Am I not to drink the cup that the Father has given me?" So the soldiers, their officer, and the Jewish police arrested Jesus and bound him. First they took him to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was better to have one person die for the people. Simon Peter and another

disciple followed Jesus. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, but Peter was standing outside at the gate. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in. The woman said to Peter, "You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not." Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing around it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and warming himself. Then the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching. Jesus answered, "I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. Why do you ask me? Ask those who heard what I said to them; they know what I said." When he had said this, one of the police standing nearby struck Jesus on the face, saying, "Is that how you answer the high priest?" Jesus answered, "If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong. But if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?" Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest. Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They asked him, "You are not also one of his disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not." One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?" Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed.

*Silence is kept for a time.*

## **Meditation on the Passion**

Ruth Beresford

*John 18:28—19:16*

Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate's headquarters. It was early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the headquarters, so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the Passover. So Pilate went out to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" They answered, "If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you." Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law." The Jews replied, "We are not permitted to put anyone to death." (This was to fulfill what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.) Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." Pilate asked him, "What is truth?" After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them, "I find no case against him. But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover. Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" They shouted in reply, "Not this man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a bandit. Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. They kept coming up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and striking him on the face. Pilate went out again and said to them, "Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him." So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Here is the man!" When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him." The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God." Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. He entered his headquarters

again and asked Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. Pilate therefore said to him, "Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?" Jesus answered him, "You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin." From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the Jews cried out, "If you release this man, you are no friend of the emperor. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against the emperor." When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat on the judge's bench at a place called The Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew Gabbatha. Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. He said to the Jews, "Here is your King!" They cried out, "Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!" Pilate asked them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but the emperor." Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

*Silence is kept for a time.*

## **Meditation on the Passion**

Thomas Word Peters

*Please stand for*

*John 19:16b-42*

So they took Jesus; and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." Many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'" Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written." When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. So they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it." This was to fulfill what the scripture says, "They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots." And that is what the soldiers did. Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home. After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty." A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the cross during the sabbath, especially because that sabbath was a day of great solemnity. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men broken and the bodies removed. Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. (He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth.) These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, "None of his bones shall be broken." And again another passage of scripture says, "They will look on the one whom they have pierced." After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body. Nicodemus, who

had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

*Silence is kept for a time.*

*Please be seated for*

### **Meditation on the Passion**

David Beresford

*Please kneel for*

### **Solemn Collects**

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 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 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.

*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 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.

*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.*

*Please stand and sing*

**Hymn 168** *O Sacred Head, Sore Wounded*

Hymnal 1982

*A wooden cross is brought into the Church. Three times the cross pauses as an anthem is offered.*

**Anthems for the Veneration of the Cross**

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

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

If we have died with him, we shall also live with him,

if we endure, we shall also reign with him.

*We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,*

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

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.*

May God be merciful to us and bless us,  
show us the light of his countenance, and come to us.  
*Let your ways be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.*

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.  
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*Please kneel for the Lord's Prayer and remain kneeling for the concluding collect. You are invited to come forward for personal prayer and veneration at the cross or remain in quiet contemplation before you leave the Church.*

#### **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.*

#### **Concluding Collect**

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 leave in silence.*

*The Good Friday Offering strengthens the witness of the Church in the Holy Land. An offering plate is located in the back of the Church.*

Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle; of the mighty conflict sing;  
Tell the triumph of the victim, to his cross thy tribute bring.  
Jesus Christ, the world's redeemer, from that cross now reigns as King.  
Thirty years among us dwelling, his appointed time fulfilled,  
Born for this, he meets his passion, this the Savior freely willed:  
On the cross the Lamb is lifted, where his precious blood is spilled.  
He endures the nails, the spitting, vinegar, and spear, and reed;  
From that holy body broken blood and water forth proceed:  
Earth, and stars, and sky, and ocean, by that flood from stain are freed.  
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.  
Bend thy boughs, O tree of glory! Thy relaxing sinews bend;  
For a while the ancient rigor that thy birth bestowed suspend;  
And the King of heavenly beauty gently on thine arms extend.  
Praise and honor to the Father, praise and honor to the Son,  
Praise and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One:  
One in might and one in glory while eternal ages run.

*This text is six verses of a ten verse hymn, extolling the virtue of the Cross,  
written in the sixth century by Venantius Honorius Fortunatus, appointed for Good Friday.*

## **JOIN US FOR EASTER**

### **Holy Saturday, April 4**

7:30 PM Overnight Vigil at the fire outside the Parish Center until 6 AM

Sign up for an hour or two at [www.christchurchde.org/news-events](http://www.christchurchde.org/news-events).

### **Easter Day, April 5**

6:00 AM Easter Vigil in the Chapel

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I in the Chapel

8:45 AM to 12:15 PM Child care available in the Nursery

9:00 AM All Ages Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

9:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II in the Church

11:00 AM Choral Eucharist, Rite II in the Church and livestreamed to our website

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, Christ Church welcomes you into a loving and joyful community that serves others and seeks to grow deeper in relationship with God through Jesus Christ.



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