



# Good Friday

April 18, 2025  
7:00pm

*“And they crucified Him....”*

What an odd title for such a day as this. For on this day the Prince of Glory was abused and suffered a travesty of justice, a farce of a trial, and was hauled outside Jerusalem like a common criminal. There on a desolate hill appropriately named The Skull he was put to the most shameful and painful death the ancient world had at its disposal. And yet we call this day “Good”. How can that be – should this not be “Bad Friday”?

In many respects it is bad, for on this day we see humanity at its worst. God finally arrived on earth as a fully Incarnate man, and the path of his life lead not to victorious glory but a painful, humiliating death. How ironic that the Good of Jesus brought out the Worst in People. Yes, when we look at the cross we see ourselves at our worst – the offense of the Cross of Jesus is that it exposes human sin. Things really are this bad. Judas asked, “Is it I?” who would betray Jesus, and on Good Friday we ask ourselves, “Is it I?” who put him on the cross?

But the mystery and power of God’s redemption is that, “By his blood he reconciled us, and by his wounds we are healed” (BCP p. 370, para. Isaiah 53:5). On this bad and terrible day, unbeknownst to all those gathered on Golgotha, God was actually doing something good. Something he had promised from ages past that would undo all the sorrowful, hurtful, wrong things of this world. God would forgive sins, wash away sorrow and guilt, and begin a New Creation. The offense of the cross is that it exposes human sin – the glory of the cross is that it also washes away human sin. God did all of this out of his great love for us at our worst (not our best!). All it cost was the life of the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

## The Liturgy for Good Friday

*The people stand as the ministers enter in silence*

*BCP p. 276*

*Celebrant* Blessed be our God.  
*People* **For ever and ever. Amen.**  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

### The Collect for Good Friday

**Opening Hymn** We sing the praise of him who died

*Sung by all*

1. We sing the praise of him who died, of him who died up on the cross; the  
 2. In - scribed up - on the cross we see in shin - ing let - ters, God is love; he  
 3. The cross: it takes our guilt a - way, and holds the faint - ing spi - rit up; it  
 4. It makes the cow - ard spi - rit brave, and nerves the fee - ble arm for fight; it  
 5. The balm of life, the cure of woe, the mea - sure and the pledge of love, the

sin - ner's hope let sin de - ride; for this we count the world but loss.  
 bears our sins up on the tree; he brings us mer - cy from a - bove.  
 cheers with hope the gloom - y day, and sweet - ens ev - ery bit - ter cup.  
 takes its ter - ror from the grave, and gilds the bed of death with light.  
 sin - ners. ref - uge here be - low, the an - gel's theme in heaven a - bove.

### Tenebrae — Ministry of the Word *after each Lesson*

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### First Lesson Luke 21:32-22:6

*Seated*

Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. “Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place and to stand before the Son of Man.” Every day he was teaching in the temple, and at night he would go out and spend the night on the Mount of Olives, as it was called. And all the people would get up early in the morning to listen to him in the temple.

Now the Festival of Unleavened Bread, which is called the Passover, was near. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to put Jesus to death, for they were afraid of the people. Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was one of the twelve; he went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers of the temple police about how he might betray him to them. They were greatly pleased and agreed to give him money. So he consented and began to look for an opportunity to betray him to them when no crowd was present .

## Responsory Psalm 69:1-10

- 1 Save me, O God,  
for the waters have risen up to my neck.
- 2 I am sinking in deep mire,  
and there is no firm ground for my feet.
- 3 I have come into deep waters,  
and the torrent washes over me.
- 4 I have grown weary with my crying;  
my throat is inflamed;  
my eyes have failed from looking for my God.
- 5 Those who hate me without a cause are more than the hairs  
of my head; my lying foes who would destroy me are mighty.  
Must I then give back what I never stole?
- 6 O God, you know my foolishness,  
and my faults are not hidden from you.
- 7 Let not those who hope in you be put to shame through me,  
Lord GOD of hosts;  
let not those who seek you be disgraced because of me,  
O God of Israel.
- 8 Surely, for your sake have I suffered reproach,  
and shame has covered my face.
- 9 I have become a stranger to my own kindred,  
an alien to my mother's children.
- 10 Zeal for your house has eaten me up;  
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

## Verse & Response

*Celebrant* Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked:  
*People* **From the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.**

## Extinguish First Candles

### Second Lesson Luke 22:39-46

*Seated*

He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he said to them, "Pray that you may not come into the time of trial." Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me, yet not my will but yours be done." Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground. When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, and he said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial."

## Responsory Anthem The Crucifixion by S. Barber

*Jennifer Smith, soloist*

## Verse & Response

*Celebrant* Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows:  
*People* **And by his scourging we are healed.**

## Extinguish Second Candles

### Third Lesson Luke 22:47-53

While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him, but Jesus said to him, "Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?" When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked, "Lord, should we strike with the sword?" Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said, "No more of this!" And he touched his ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him, "Have you come out with swords and clubs as though I were a rebel? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour and the power of darkness!"

## Responsory Psalm 22:1-18 *Deus, Deus meus* *Read in unison, p. 610*

- 1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?  
and are so far from my cry  
and from the words of my distress?
- 2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer;  
by night as well, but I find no rest.
- 3 Yet you are the Holy One,  
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
- 4 Our forefathers put their trust in you;  
they trusted, and you delivered them.
- 5 They cried out to you and were delivered;  
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.
- 6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man,  
scorned by all and despised by the people.
- 7 All who see me laugh me to scorn;  
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,
- 8 "He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him;  
let him rescue him, if he delights in him."
- 9 Yet you are he who took me out of the womb,  
and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.
- 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.

- 11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near,  
and there is none to help.
- 12 Many young bulls encircle me;  
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.
- 13 They open wide their jaws at me,  
like a ravening and a roaring lion.
- 14 I am poured out like water;  
all my bones are out of joint;  
my heart within my breast is melting wax.
- 15 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.
- 16 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.
- 17 They stare and gloat over me;  
they divide my garments among them;  
they cast lots for my clothing.
- 18 Be not far away, O Lord;  
you are my strength; hasten to help me.

### Verse & Response

*Celebrant* Behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed  
into the hands of sinners.

*People* **You will flee, and I will go to be offered up for you.**

### Extinguish Third Candles

#### Dramatic Reading of the Passion (from Luke 23:1-49)

*Congregation is invited to participate, saying the part of the CROWD*

NARRATOR – The assembly of the elders of the people rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying,

LEADERS – "We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king."

NARRATOR – Then Pilate asked Jesus,

PILATE – "Are you the king of the Jews?"

JESUS – "You say so."

NARRATOR – Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds,

PILATE – "I find no basis for an accusation against this man."

LEADERS – "He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even here to Jerusalem."

NARRATOR – When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies. Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them,

PILATE – "You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him."

**CROWD – "Away with this man! Release Barabbas for us!"**

NARRATOR – Now, Barabbas was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder. Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting,

**CROWD – "Crucify, crucify him!"**

PILATE – "Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him."

NARRATOR – But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released Barabbas and he handed Jesus over as they wished. As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said,

JESUS – "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us'; and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

NARRATOR – Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said,

JESUS – "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."

NARRATOR – And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying,

LEADERS – "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!"

NARRATOR – The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying,

CRIMINAL – "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"

NARRATOR – But the other rebuked him, saying,

CRIMINAL – "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

JESUS – "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

NARRATOR – It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said,

JESUS – "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."

NARRATOR – Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, "Certainly this man was innocent." And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

**Responsory Hymn #166** Sing my tongue the glorious battle *Sung by all*

**Verse & Response**

*Celebrant* Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God.  
*People* **Have mercy on me, a sinner.**

**Extinguish Final Candle**

**The Sermon** The Rev. Dr. Calvin Lane

*Seated*

**Hymn #168 vv. 1-3** O sacred head, sore wounded

*Sung by all*

**The Solemn Collects**

*Standing, BCP p.277-280*

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  
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 N., 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. *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.**

**Hymn # 474** When I survey the wondrous cross *Sung by all*  
*The cross is brought forward*

**Anthem at the Cross** *Kneeling*

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

*Celebrant* 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.**

*A prolonged period of silence before the cross is now observed. The people may kneel or sit. (Suggestions for prayerful meditation are found on the front of the bulletin)*

**Hymn #172** Were you there *Kneeling, sung by all*

**Concluding Collect** *BCP p. 282*

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 for ever. **Amen.**

**Dismissal**

*The people are asked to depart in silence*

### ***About Tenebrae***

*The origins of Tenebrae go all the way back to the ninth century. It originates with the Offices (prayer services) of matins and lauds held on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. The term itself is derived from the Latin word for “darkness”. The service is notable for progressively extinguishing candles as the sanctuary is moved from light to darkness. This dramatically anticipates the journey of Christ through Jerusalem to the Cross on Good Friday, as Jesus, the Light of the World, is brought to his death in darkness. Tenebrae was later formed into its own distinct service. It is typically held on the evening of Wednesday in Holy Week before the Church moves into the triduum, the three great services of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil. Our version of the liturgy has shortened Tenebrae and folded it into that of the Good Friday service, combining the drama of Tenebrae with the solemn moments of Good Friday.*

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