



## Good Friday

*April 3, 2026 | 7:00PM*

Saint Gabriel's Episcopal Church | Marion, Massachusetts

# Good Friday

The Friday before Easter Day, on which the church commemorates the crucifixion of Jesus. It is a day of fasting and special acts of discipline and self-denial. In the early church candidates for baptism, joined by others, fasted for a day or two before the Paschal feast. In the west the first of those days eventually acquired the character of historical reenactment of the passion and death of Christ. The liturgy of the day includes John's account of the Passion gospel, a solemn form of intercession known as the solemn collects (dating from ancient Rome), and optional devotions before the cross (commonly known as the veneration of the cross). The eucharist is not celebrated in the Episcopal Church on Good Friday, but Holy Communion may be administered from the reserved sacrament at the Good Friday service.

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# The Word of God

**ENTER IN SILENCE.**

## **OPENING ACCLAMATION**

*On this day the ministers enter in silence.*

*All then kneel for silent prayer, after which the Celebrant stands and begins the liturgy with the Collect of the Day.*

*Immediately before the Collect, the Celebrant may say*

Celebrant Blessed be our God.

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

## **THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Celebrant* 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.***

## **FIRST READING: Isaiah 52:13--53:12**

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

<sup>13</sup>See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high. <sup>14</sup>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—<sup>15</sup>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. <sup>53:1</sup>Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>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.

<sup>4</sup>Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>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.

<sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>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.

<sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>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.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* ***Thanks be to God.***

*Silence may follow.*

**PSALM: Psalm 22**

*Remain seated.*

<sup>1</sup>My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? \*  
and are so far from my cry  
and from the words of my distress?

<sup>2</sup>***O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; \*  
by night as well, but I find no rest.***

<sup>3</sup>Yet you are the Holy One, \*  
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.

<sup>4</sup>***Our forefathers put their trust in you; \*  
they trusted, and you delivered them.***

<sup>5</sup>They cried out to you and were delivered; \*  
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.

<sup>6</sup>***But as for me, I am a worm and no man, \*  
scorned by all and despised by the people.***

<sup>7</sup>All who see me laugh me to scorn; \*  
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,

<sup>8</sup>***“He trusted in the LORD; let him deliver him; \*  
let him rescue him, if he delights in him.”***

<sup>9</sup>Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, \*  
and kept me safe upon my mother’s breast.

<sup>10</sup>***I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; \*  
you were my God when I was still in my mother’s womb.***

<sup>11</sup>Be not far from me, for trouble is near, \*  
and there is none to help.

<sup>12</sup>***Many young bulls encircle me; \*  
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.***

<sup>13</sup>They open wide their jaws at me, \*  
like a ravening and a roaring lion.

<sup>14</sup>***I am poured out like water; \*  
all my bones are out of joint; \*  
my heart within my breast is melting wax.***

<sup>15</sup>My mouth is dried out like a pot-herd;  
my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; \*  
and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.

<sup>16</sup>***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.***

<sup>17</sup>They stare and gloat over me; \*  
they divide my garments among them;  
they cast lots for my clothing.

<sup>18</sup>***Be not far away, O LORD; \*  
you are my strength; hasten to help me.***

<sup>19</sup>Save me from the sword, \*  
my life from the power of the dog.

<sup>20</sup>***Save me from the lion’s mouth, \*  
my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.***

<sup>21</sup>I will declare your Name to my brethren; \*  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

<sup>22</sup>*Praise the LORD, you that fear him; \*  
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;  
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.*

<sup>23</sup>For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;  
neither does he hide his face from them; \*  
but when they cry to him he hears them.

<sup>24</sup>*My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*  
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.*

<sup>25</sup>The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: \*  
“May your heart live for ever!”

<sup>26</sup>*All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, \*  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.*

<sup>27</sup>For kingship belongs to the LORD; \*  
he rules over the nations.

<sup>28</sup>*To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \*  
all who go down to the dust fall before him.*

<sup>29</sup>My soul shall live for him;  
my descendants shall serve him; \*  
they shall be known as the LORD's for ever.

<sup>30</sup>*They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*  
the saving deeds that he has done.*

## SECOND READING: Hebrews 10:16-25

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

[After the Holy Spirit says,] <sup>16</sup>“This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds,” <sup>17</sup>he also adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.” <sup>18</sup>Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

<sup>19</sup>Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup>by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), <sup>21</sup>and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup>let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup>Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup>And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup>not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.

*People*           ***Thanks be to God.***

*Silence may follow.*

SEQUENCE HYMN

*Were you there when they crucified my Lord*

#172, *Were You There*

THE PASSION PLAY

The Saints

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

*Herzliebster Jesu (Ah, Holy Jesus)*

Johannes Brahms

THE HOMILY

The Rev. David Fredrickson

1 O sa - cred head, sore wound - ed, de - filed and put to scorn;  
 2 Thy beau - ty, long - de - sir - ed, hath va - nished from our sight;  
 3 In thy most bit - ter pas - sion my heart to share doth cry,

1 O king - ly head, sur - round - ed with mock - ing crown of thorn:  
 2 thy power is all ex - pir - ed, and quenched the light of light.  
 3 with thee for my sal - va - tion up - on the cross to die.

1 what sor - row mars thy gran - deur? Can death thy bloom de - flower?  
 2 Ah me! for whom thou di - est, hide not so far thy grace:  
 3 Ah, keep my heart thus mov - ed to stand thy cross be - neath,

1 O coun - te - nance whose splen - dor the hosts of heaven a - dore!  
 2 show me, O Love most high - est, the bright - ness of thy face.  
 3 to mourn thee, well - be - lov - ed, yet thank thee for thy death.

**THE SOLEMN COLLECTS**

*All standing, the Deacon, or other person appointed, says to the people*

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.

*In the biddings which follow, the indented portions may be adapted by addition or omission, as appropriate, at the discretion of the Celebrant. The people may be directed to stand or kneel.*

*The biddings may be read by a Deacon or other person appointed.*

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 Julia, 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 the Jewish people who possess an eternal covenant with the Lord, who delivered them from bondage to freedom;

For continued faithfulness to God's covenant with them  
For their flourishing in peace as witnesses to God's sustaining love  
For safety from all malice and harm  
For the fullness of redemption for the sake of God's Name

That unity and concord may exist between Jews and Christians, in obedience to God's will.

*Silence*

***O God of Abraham, you planted your people Israel as the root and grafted Gentiles as wild branches into a single olive tree of praise to you: As we come near to the cross, we lament Christian acts of prejudice and violence against your faithful people, of whom Jesus Christ was born. Bless the children of your covenant, so that together we may attain the fullness of your blessing for the world. Amen.***

Let us pray for all who suffer and are afflicted in body or in mind;

For those who are hungry and homeless, destitute and oppressed  
For those who are ill or disabled, in body, mind, or spirit  
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 persecuted for the sake of Christ  
For prisoners, refugees, and captives  
For victims of war, genocide, and trafficking, and all 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 those who have not embraced God's redemptive love;

For those who have never heard the word of salvation  
For those who have lost their faith  
For those hardened by sin and indifference  
For the contemptuous and the scornful  
For those who are persecutors of Christ's 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, the source of life and fountain of mercy, let the Gospel of your Son Jesus Christ be preached with grace and love; turn the hearts of the followers of Jesus who have harmed others in his name; lead all to repentance and amendment of life; and sustain by your loving grace all who lift their eyes to you. 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.***

## **ENTRANCE OF THE CROSS**

*If desired, a wooden cross may now be brought into the church and placed in the sight of the people.*

## **Devotions**

### **ANTHEM 1**

*The following or another suitable anthem may be sung or said.*

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.  
***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

*The following or another suitable anthem may be sung or said.*

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.***

## ANTHEM 3

*The following or another suitable anthem may be sung or said.*

O Savior of the world,  
who by thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us:  
***Save us and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.***

## CHORAL ANTHEM

***God So Loved the World***  
**St. Gabriel's Chancel Choir**

**John Stainer**

God so loved the world.  
That He gave His only begotten Son,  
That whoso believeth in Him  
Should not perish,  
But have everlasting life.

For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world;  
But that the world through Him might be saved.

God so loved the world.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.***

## FINAL PRAYER

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

**The Liturgy of the Holy Week  
continues tomorrow evening at  
8:00pm with The Great Vigil of Easter.**

*Clergy & Staff*

**Interim Priest:** The Rev. David Fredrickson;  
**Deacon:** The Rev. Kristine Holmes;  
**Director of Music:** David N. Burnham

*Assisting at Today's Liturgy*

**Ushers:** Russell Barre; **Chalice Bearer:** Robin Muise;  
**Lector:** Beth Burnham;

*St. Gabriel's Chancel Choir*

Beth Burnham  
Amy Casi  
Bernie Klim  
Cindy Latham  
Liz Leatham  
Jami Novo  
David Oliver  
Jean Pulsifer  
John Soares  
Laura Soares

# Holy Week Schedule

## April 4th- Holy Saturday

8:00 PM: The Great Vigil of Easter\*

## April 5<sup>th</sup> - Easter Sunday

8:00 AM: Holy Eucharist Rite I

10:00 AM: Holy Eucharist Rite II \*

All are welcome! Come as you are.

### LIVE STREAMING

This is available for select services. On the schedule to the right, an asterisk (\*) denotes that the service will be live streamed. Visit [www.stgabrielsmarion.org](http://www.stgabrielsmarion.org) for information on how to view these services.

### ACCESSIBILITY

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