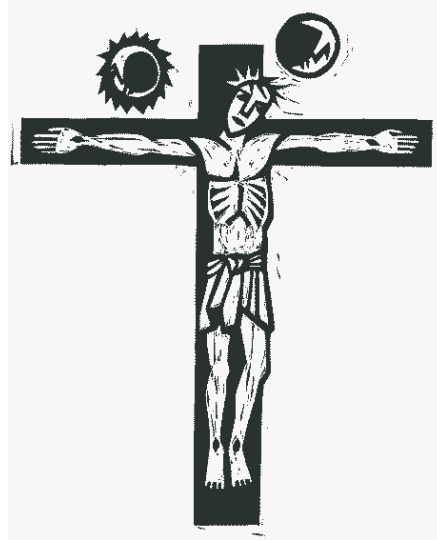


**ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**AND**  
**ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

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**GOOD FRIDAY**  
*March 29, 2024 – 7:00 p.m.*

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**PLEASE** wear a **mask/face covering** *if* you are **exhibiting any upper respiratory symptoms consistent with allergies, a cold, or COVID-19** (runny nose, cough, sore throat).

**To parents with small children:** We are glad your family is worshiping with us today! *“Quiet Bags”* (supplies & activities for use by small children) are available in the Welcome Area. If you or your child need a break from the service, feel free to walk to the Welcome Area/narthex (the service is still audible over the speakers).

A **handicap-accessible unisex restroom** is in the Welcome Area/Narthex next to the **accessibility lift** to the lower level, where the **Parish Hall and additional restrooms** are located. An usher will be happy to assist you with the lift. A stairway to the lower level of the church building is off the main entrance foyer.

**Assistive listening devices** and **low vision items** are available. Please ask one of our ushers for assistance.

*Thank you for worshiping with us. Please silence your cell phones.*

# THE LITURGY OF GOOD FRIDAY

*Hymns and prayers may be found in the large red hymnal.*

*On this solemn day the community keeps silence as it gathers.*

*The assembly **STANDS** when the ministers enter.*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, look with loving mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; Praise be to him who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

*The assembly is **SEATED**.*

## WORD

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### FIRST READING: 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.

<sup>53:1</sup>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.  
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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 22** *spoken responsively by double whole verse*

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?

My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer;

by night, but I find no rest.

**Yet you are the Holy One, enthroned on the praises of Israel.**

**Our ancestors put their trust in you,  
they trusted, and you rescued 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 not human,  
scorned by all and despised by the people.

**All who see me laugh me to scorn;  
they curl their lips; they shake their heads.**

**"Trust in the LORD; let the LORD deliver;  
let God rescue him if God so delights in him."**

Yet you are the one who drew me forth from the womb,  
and kept me safe on 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 no one to help.**

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

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

Packs of dogs close me in, a band of evildoers circles round me;  
they pierce my hands and my feet.

**I can count all my bones  
while they stare at me and gloat.**

**They divide my garments among them;  
for my clothing, they cast lots.**

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

My strength is dried up like a potsherd; my tongue sticks to the  
roof of my mouth;  
and you have laid me in the dust of death.

But you, O LORD, be not far away; O my help, hasten to my aid.  
Deliver me from the sword, my life from the power of the dog.

**Save me from the lion's mouth!**

**From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.**

**I will declare your name to my people; in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.**

You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory. Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel.

For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD's face hidden from them; but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.

**From you comes my praise in the great assembly;**

**I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.**

**The poor shall eat and be satisfied.**

**Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!**

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;  
all the families of nations shall bow before God.

For dominion belongs to the LORD,  
who rules over the nations.

**Indeed all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship;**

**all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.**

**Their descendants shall serve the LORD,**

**whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.**

They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn,  
saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"

#### **SECOND READING: Hebrews 10:16-25**

<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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** – *Spoken in unison.*

**Look to Jesus, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.**

**THE PASSION ACCORDING TO JOHN** *John 18:1-19:42*

*Due to the length of the reading, the assembly may be SEATED. We STAND again when the reader says, “Then he handed him over to them to be crucified...”*

*Silence for reflection follows the reading.*

*The assembly is SEATED for the homily.*

**HOMILY** The Very Rev. Mark Ohlemeier, *Priest-in-Charge, St. George’s Episcopal Church*

*Silence for reflection follows.*

*The assembly STANDS.*

## **BIDDING PRAYER**

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### **PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH**

Let us pray, brothers and sisters, for the holy church throughout the world.

Let us pray for Elizabeth and Michael, our presiding bishops, for Greg and Brian, our bishops, for Brian and Mark, our pastors, for all servants of the church, and for all the people of God.

*Following “we ask this through Christ our Lord,” the assembly responds Amen.*

### **PRAYERS FOR THE CHRISTIAN FAITHFUL**

Let us pray for those preparing for baptism.

Let us pray for our sisters and brothers who share our faith in Jesus Christ.

*Following “we ask this through Christ our Lord,” the assembly responds Amen.*

### **PRAYERS FOR PEOPLE OF OTHER FAITHS, OR NO FAITH**

Let us pray for the Jewish people, the first to hear the word of God.

Let us pray for those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ.

Let us pray for those who do not believe in God.

*Following “we ask this through Christ our Lord,” the assembly responds Amen.*

## PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD

Let us pray for God's creation.

Let us pray for those who serve in public office.

Let us pray for all those who are suffering and in need.

*Following "we ask this through Christ our Lord," the assembly responds Amen.*

Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask. (*pause*).

**The assembly STANDS.**

## 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,**

**forever and ever. Amen.**

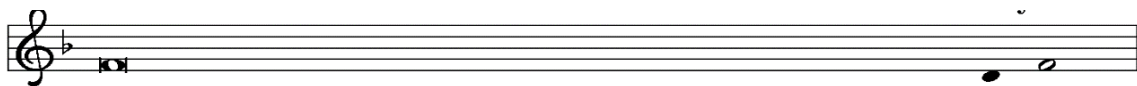
## LITURGY OF THE CROSS

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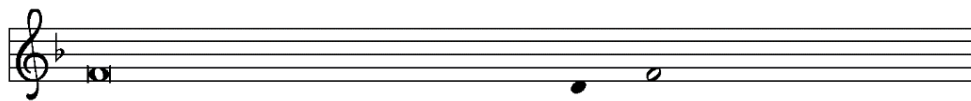
### PROCESSION OF THE CROSS

*A large cross is carried in procession through the church and placed before the assembly.*

*The following dialogue is sung as the procession begins.*



Be-hold the life-giving cross, on which was hung the Savior of the whole world.



Oh, come, let us wor-ship him.

*The dialogue is sung a second time at the midpoint of the procession.*

*The dialogue is sung a third time at the end of the procession.*

## ADORATION OF THE CROSS

*After the cross is placed before the altar, the assembly **KNEELS** or may be **SEATED**.  
A period of silence is kept.*

*Since earliest times Christians have offered reverence to the cross  
as the sign of our life, healing, and resurrection.*

*As the music begins, those who desire may come forward to offer a sign of reverence: you  
may pause briefly before the cross, bow, touch, or kiss the wood of the cross.*

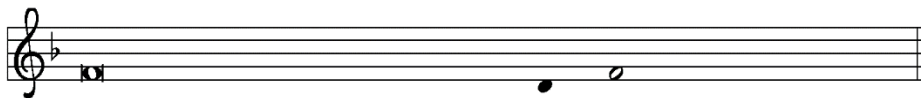
### CHOIR ANTHEM

### “And No Bird Sang”

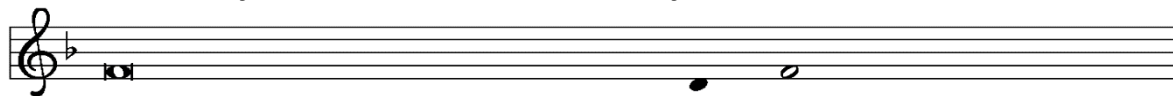
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*Following the Adoration, the assembly **STANDS** when directed.*

*After a brief silence, the presiding minister continues.*



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



**By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

## THE SOLEMN REPROACHES

*The Solemn Reproaches is an ancient text of Western Christendom associated with the ending of a Good Friday service. The reproaches follow the pattern of Psalm 78, which rehearses God’s continuing acts of faithfulness and Israel’s repeated rebellion.*

*Each reproach ends with the words “but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.” to which all respond, “**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**”*

*At the conclusion of the Solemn Reproaches, there is no benediction. By ancient custom, the assembly leaves quietly. Those who desire to do so may remain in prayer and meditation.*

### MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

PRESIDER: The Rev. Brian Robison + PREACHER: The Rev. Mark Ohlemeier

LECTORS: Missy Kimbrell & STG + ASSISTING MINISTER: Greg Guenther + USHER: Danielle Tribout

ORGANIST: Evelyn Duncan + CHOIR DIRECTOR: Carol Kugler

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