



Saint Matthew's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Good Friday Liturgy

April 2, 2021

12:00 pm

*The People are invited to read the words in **bold**. While we're online, these words will be led by someone on screen so that you can read and pray with them. No matter where you are, joining in this worship service is a form of prayer that connects you to God and to each other. Find a comfortable place to sit. Kneel or stand for the prayers if you'd like. Whenever two or three are gathered, even virtually, Scripture reminds us that Jesus is present among us.*

*On Good Friday, our worship is much more solemn and somber.
This is reflected both in the music and in the prayers.*

Prelude

Upon the Willows

Boddie

Wendy Kerner, Harp

Officiant

Blessed be our God.

People

For ever and ever. Amen.

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.**

The First Lesson

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.

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.

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. 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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 22:22-30 *The Choir chants the Psalm.*



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

²³ 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.

²⁴ My praise is of him in the great as/sembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those / who worship him.

²⁵ The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the Lord shall / praise him: *
"May your heart live / for ever!"

²⁶ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the / Lord, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow / before him.

²⁷ For kingship belongs to the / Lord; *
he rules over / the nations.

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

²⁹ My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall / serve him; *
they shall be known as the Lord's / for ever.

³⁰ They shall come and make known to a people yet un/born *
the saving deeds that / he has done.

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.

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Hymn 160

Cross of Jesus

The Choir sings the verses. The People are invited to sing at home.

1 Cross of Je - sus, cross of sor - row, where the
2 Here the King of all the a - ges, throned in
3 O mys - ter - ious con - de - scend - ing! O a -
4 Cross of Je - sus, cross of sor - row, where the

blood of Christ was shed, per - fect Man on
light ere worlds could be, robed in mor - tal
ban - don - ment sub - lime! Ve - ry God him -
blood of Christ was shed, per - fect Man on

thee did suf - fer, per - fect God on thee has bled!
flesh is dy - ing, cru - ci - fied by sin for me.
self is bear - ing, all the suf - fer - ings of time!
thee did suf - fer, per - fect God on thee has bled!

Words: William J. Sparrow-Simpson (1860-1952) Music: *Cross of Jesus*, John Stainer (1840-1901)

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

If you would like to follow along with the reading of the Passion, [click here](#) (opens new tab). The People may sit for the beginning of the Passion. Please stand as you are able when we reach the Place of the Skull.

Song

“Jesus, remember me”

Taizé



Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your King - dom.

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Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your King - dom.

The Sermon

The Rev. Marissa Rohrbach

Musical Reflection

Priere

Delmaus

Wendy Kerner, Harp

The Solemn Collects

Officiant

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.

Intercessor

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 Ian and Laura, our Bishops, and all the people of this diocese

For all Christians in this community

For those about to be baptized

That God will confirm the Church in faith, increase it in love, and preserve it in peace.

Silence

Officiant

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.**

Intercessor

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

For Joseph, 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

Officiant

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.*

Intercessor

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 will mercifully 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

Officiant

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.**

Intercessor

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

Officiant

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.**

Intercessor

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

Officiant

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.**

The Deacon begins, the People respond with the words in bold.

Anthem 1

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 2

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.

Hymn 172

Were You There

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

The Confession

Deacon Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept. The people may stand or kneel.

Celebrant and People say together

**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 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 your Son 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.

The Priest says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

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

Officiant and People

**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.**

The Final Prayer

The People stand or kneel as they are able.

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 service ends in silence.

Worship Leaders

Celebrant & Preacher

The Rev. Marissa Rohrbach

Deacon

The Rev. Deacon Don Burr

Lectors

Amy Gubner, Adair Garis, Paul Reis, Sharon Pearson

The Parish Choir

Passion Readers

Kate Jarvis, Paul Reis, Adair Garis, Don Burr, Becky Hudspeth,
Amy Gubner, Joe Magnano, Steve Hudspeth

Holy Week Calendar – April 2 – April 4

Friday, **April 2**

12:00pm

Good Friday Liturgy (Livestream)

Saturday, **April 3**

9:00am

The Liturgy of Preparation (Zoom)

9:00pm

Communion at Home (Zoom)

Sunday, **April 4**

9:00am

Easter Sunday

Coffee Hour (Zoom)

10:00am

Holy Eucharist – Rite 2 (Livestream)

Connection details available on our website, in the e-news, and in our Parishioner Facebook group. Need to sign up for the e-news? It's easy – just go to www.stmatthewswilton.org/newsletter.

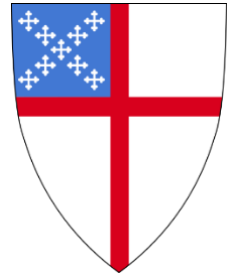
Need to join the Parishioner Facebook Group? Go here:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/StMatthewsOnline/>

Need something else? Send Marissa a note or be in touch with another member of the staff.

Next Week: Worship online again with St. Matthew's

There are many ways to connect with St. Matt's in the coming weeks. Please keep an eye on our website and social media as well as our e-news. There you'll find information and opportunities to connect for friends and members of all ages.



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