THE LITURGY OF GOOD FRIDAY April 2, 2021 – 12:00 Noon

Due to the pandemic, the music in this service <u>must be sung by a cantor only</u>. You are invited to join by silently lifting up the words to God.

THE WORD OF GOD

Silent Entrance

The People stand for the entrance of the ministers. All then kneel for silent prayer.

Opening Sentences

Priest: Blessed be our God,

People: For ever and ever. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Priest: 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 Lessons

Lector: A Reading from The Letter to the Hebrews. (10: 16-25) sit

"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," he also adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 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. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, 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.

People: Thanks be to God.

- I 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.
- In I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; * you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.
- II Be not far from me, for trouble is near, * and there is none to help.
- Many young bulls encircle me; * strong bulls of Bashan surround me.
- They open wide their jaws at me, * like a ravening and a roaring lion.
- I4 I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint; * my heart within my breast is melting wax.
- 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.
- 19 Save me from the sword, *
 my life from the power of the dog.
- 20 Save me from the lion's mouth, *
 my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.
- 21 I will declare your Name to my brethren; * in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. (18:1—19:42)

After Jesus had spoken these words, he 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.

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. 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.

All Stand

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.

The Sermon: The Reverend Shug Goodlow

sit

Hymn 172: "Were you there when they crucified my Lord"

Were You There, stand

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble.

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

The Solemn Collects

Deacon:

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. kneel

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 Deon, 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

Priest:

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.**

Deacon:

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

Priest:

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.**

Deacon:

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

Priest:

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.**

Deacon: 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

Priest:

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.**

Deacon:

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

Priest:

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.**

All Sit

Hymn: "Faithful cross! above all other"

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.

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.

Faithful cross! above all other, one and only noble tree! None in foliage, none in blossom, none in fruit thy peer may be.

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.

Sweetest wood and sweetest iron! sweetest weight is hung on thee.

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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.

Bend thy boughs, O tree of glory!
Thy relaxing sinews bend;
for awhile the ancient rigor
that thy birth bestowed, suspend;
and the King of heavenly beauty
gently on thine arms extend.

Sweetest wood and sweetest iron! sweetest weight is hung on thee.

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.

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.

> -Venantius Honorius Fortunatus (540?–600?); ver. Hymnal 1982, after J.M. Neale (1818–1866)

Confession of Sin

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

kneel

All:

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 have 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 Absolution

Priest:

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

The Lord's Prayer

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

All: 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.

Holy Communion

Administration of the Sacrament

While we celebrate the Eucharist with both bread and wine, currently we receive in bread only, which is full participation. Please tell the clergy if you require gluten-free bread.

When an usher invites your pew, please come forward, drop your offering (see page 13) in the offertory plate if you choose, use the hand sanitizer, and move to receive communion from Kelly or Shug, observing the floor markers to maintain social distancing.

To receive without physical contact, place one hand on top of the other, palms open.

Please consume the host when you have returned to your seat.

Crossing your arms over your chest will let the clergy know you would like to receive a blessing but not the sacrament.

If you are worshipping virtually and unable to physically partake of the sacrament, we invite you to make your spiritual communion by praying the following prayer, adapted from the prayer of St. Alphonsus de Liguori:

Beloved Jesus,

We believe that you are truly present in the sacrament of the altar.

We long for you in our souls,
to know that we are in you and that you are in us.
Though physically isolated from your altar
and the sacrament of your Body and Blood,
We receive you into our hearts and the depths of our being.
United with you, help us know that our lives are hid
with you, O Christ, in the heart of God. Amen.

The Concluding Prayer

kneel

All: 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; and 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.

Procession (in silence)

stand

The congregation is asked to leave the church building in silence.

The tower bell is tolled 33 times in memory of the years of our Lord's life.

The Episcopal Church has dedicated the Good Friday offering to support the mission and ministry of the Anglican Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East since 1922. Pastoral care, education, and health care continue to be primary ministries through which the reconciling spirit of the Christian faith serves all in need in the province. Generous donations given today will help the Christian presence in the Land of the Holy One to be a vital and effective force for peace and understanding among all of God's children.

THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY:

Presider: The Rev. Kelly Carlson Deacon: The Rev. Shug Goodlow

Cantors: Christina Kruger and David Sinden

Lectors: Ann Babington, Bud Wilson, Doris Lucy-Goodlow, and David Sinden

Ushers: Susan Schettler, Mike Newport

Altar Guild: Susan Schettler

Webcast: Jacquelyn VanWeelden

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUTDOOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS – Have you walked the path in the woods adjacent to St. Peter's lower parking lot? On Good Friday and Holy Saturday, the path will host the Stations of the Cross. If you would like to walk the way of the cross with Jesus, everything you need will be waiting for you at the entrance to the path.

EASTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Register online to attend in person or join us virtually via St. Peter's YouTube Channel.

7:30 p.m. on Saturday Easter Vigil with Holy Eucharist in the Church

6:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist in the Garden

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist in the Church (livestreamed)

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist in the Church

4:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist in the Church (livestreamed) While the afternoon service is designed for families with children, everyone is welcome to participate. Don't miss the Easter Egg Hunt on the front lawn immediately following worship!

40 CANS IN 40 DAYS – Easter morn will soon dawn! If you have been collecting cans for Trinity Food Pantry as a Lenten spiritual discipline, please bring your collection to St. Peter's, either when you come for Easter worship or any time on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday of Easter week. On April 3rd and 4th, Bill Gilbert will have his van in front of the church, ready to accept your offering. During the week, please leave your offering on the front porch of the church. Bill will begin delivering your gifts of abundance to the Food Pantry on Easter Day. **Thank you for your generosity!**

EASTER OUTREACH OFFERING – This year's Easter Outreach Offering supports two ministries focused on the welfare of children. In St. Louis, through the work of our Anti-Racism Committee, St. Peter's has teamed with Pastor Andre Alexander and his church, The Tabernacle, to provide laptops to Bridge of Hope Ministries. These laptops will be used in tutoring school children in the most under-resourced communities in North St. Louis City. In Haiti, as a member parish of Outreach Haiti, we are supporting Pere Banna in his work to educate, feed, and shelter the children of Petit Harpon. If you would like to know more about the efforts of our Anti-Racism Committee, talk to Charlie or Katie Claggett or the Rev. Shug Goodlow. If you would like to see firsthand the work Pere Banna is doing, talk to Chris Knight about joining the Outreach Haiti team on their trip to Petit Harpon in June; and be sure to join us for Coffee Hour on April 11 for an update on Outreach Haiti's work! Offerings may be made at church on Easter Sunday (please write "Easter Outreach" on the memo line of your check to distinguish it from an offering to St. Peter's), or anytime online at stpetersepiscopal.org/give.

DELIVERING EASTER FLOWERS – Share the good news of Easter with parishioners who are "mostly at home" or recently bereaved with the delivery of beautiful spring flowers. Pick up flowers and your delivery route at church the morning of Wednesday, April 7th, then make your deliveries before the weekend begins. To help, please email or call Jacquelyn VanWeelden at the church office *today!*