

For this I was born,
and for this I came
into the world,
to testify to the truth.

Good Friday
2 April 2021

Noon The Good Friday Liturgy



The Cathedral
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HOLY WEEK SERVICES**Holy Saturday, 11 April**

7 PM Liturgy for Holy Saturday

Easter Sunday, 12 April11 AM Easter Sunday

THE GOOD FRIDAY LITURGYThe Right Reverend Andrew ML Dietsche, *Officiant**XVI Bishop of New York*The Reverend Canon Steven Lee, *Preacher*

Cathedral Choir & Chorale

*A message from The Ecumenical & Interfaith Commission, Episcopal Diocese of New York:*During Holy Week our scripture readings make frequent reference to “the Jews.” These words are broadly understood as referring to some of the Judean authorities of the time who were opposed to Jesus, and not to Jews as a people, then or now.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY*Weinen, Klagen, Sorgen, Zagen* Franz Liszt (1811–1886)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY*Bishop* Let us pray.**A**LMIGHTY 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.*People* Amen.

A READING FROM THE BOOK
OF THE PROPHET ISAIAH

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. (52:13–53:12)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

HYMN

Sung by All.

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

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

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

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

Words: Paul Gerhardt (1607–1676); sts. 1-3, 5, tr. Robert Seymour Bridges (1844–1930); st. 4, tr. James Waddell Alexander (1804–1859), alt.
 Music: *Herzlich tut mich verlangen* [Passion Chorale], Hans Leo Hassler (1564–1612); adapt. And harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted.

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN

Jesus 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. 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. (18:1-19:42)

Silence is kept.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Canon Steven Lee

Canon Pastor and Vicar, Congregation of Saint Saviour

HYMN

Sung by All.

1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? _____ Were you there when they
 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? _____ Were you there when they
 3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side? _____ Were you there when they
 4 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? _____ Were you there when they

cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh! _____ Some - times it cau - ses me to trem - ble,
 nailed him to the tree? Oh! _____ Some - times it cau - ses me to trem - ble,
 pierced him in the side? Oh! _____ Some - times it cau - ses me to trem - ble,
 laid him in the tomb? Oh! _____ Some - times it cau - ses me to trem - ble,

trem - ble, trem - ble. _____ Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
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 trem - ble, trem - ble. _____ Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
 trem - ble, trem - ble. _____ Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Words: African-American spiritual

Music: *Were you There*, African-American spiritual; harm. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867–1944)

THE SOLEMN COLLECTS

The Prayers of the People on Good Friday are prayed using the ancient form used in Western Christianity. A minister bids the people to prayer for the Church, the nations and their leaders, those who are suffering, those who have not received the Good News of Jesus. After a period of silence after each bidding, the presider prays a collect. At the end of each collect, the people respond, "Amen."

THE VENERATION OF THE CROSS

A large crucifix is unveiled on the west stairs of the Cathedral, in the Portal of Paradise. Until 3:00, all are invited to come to the Cathedral to pray at the foot of the cross and to give thanks for salvation in Jesus.

During the veneration, this anthem will be sung:

ANTHEM

Crucifixus, Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)
from Mass in B Minor, BWV 232

CRUCIFIXUS etiam pro nobis sub Pontio Pilato,
 passus et sepultus est.

*He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.*

Nicene Creed

*The first 30 minutes of the veneration will be streamed,
 and this voluntary will be played:*

VOLUNTARY

Were you there Calvin Taylor (b. 1948)

The liturgy we have just celebrated is the second part of single Easter Triduum: Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday. The Triduum begins at sundown on Maundy Thursday (which is counted as Friday, since the liturgical day begins at sundown). The Church celebrates these three days as if they were one day, so all the liturgies are really one. The Liturgy we have just celebrated concludes with neither a blessing nor a dismissal, since it is actually the second segment of a three-part liturgy. The liturgy continues Sunday at 11:00.

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**CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY CARES (CCC)
SUNDAY SOUP KITCHEN**

During this time, the CCC Soup Kitchen remains open each Sunday, serving bagged meals to those in need. For more information or to volunteer, contact Thomas Perry at tperry@stjohndivine.org. Your support and contributions are greatly appreciated as we continue to serve our most vulnerable community members.

THE CONGREGATION OF SAINT SAVIOUR

Chartered in 1992, the Congregation of Saint Saviour is a 400-member strong community of believers who support the Cathedral with our time, talent, and money. We serve as lay ministers, ushers, vergers, readers, acolytes, choir members, and outreach volunteers. Although the Cathedral remains closed to large gatherings, we have created a vibrant online community with opportunities for worship, Bible study, and fellowship. To learn more about 'the heart of the Cathedral,' visit www.saintsaviour.org, or reach out to our Canon Pastor, Steven Lee, at slee@stjohndivine.org.

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The Cathedral is a house of worship for all, regardless of immigration status. If you, or members of your family, community or parish, need assistance navigating life as an immigrant of any legal status, we hope to connect you with the resources you need. For information on upcoming programs and more resources from the city and Diocese, visit stjohndivine.org.

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Visit the Cathedral's website to stream or download audio from past 11 AM Sunday Choral Eucharist sermons and listen on the go. Visit stjohndivine.org/spiritual/sermons-archive/ to listen and download.

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