

Good Friday
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
April 3, 2026 7:00 PM



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Welcome! We are glad you are here. No matter where you are on your faith journey, there's a place for you here. If you are interested in learning about the Episcopal Church and St. Andrew's, brochures are available on the shelf in the Narthex (Foyer).

All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. You will be given a piece of bread, and you may either consume it and drink from the chalice or dip your bread into the chalice of wine (intinction). You can always choose to receive communion in one kind only by receiving the bread and then crossing your arms over your chest when offered the wine. Gluten-free communion wafers are available – simply notify the priest. Please notify an usher if you wish to have Holy Communion brought to you at your seat. ***Note: Communion will be at the rail, you may stand or kneel.***

Children are welcome in Worship!

Coloring pages & Clipboards with crayons available in a basket by the table in the back of the church. Just ask a greeter.

Introduction

Life and death stand side by side as we enter into Good Friday. In John's passion account, Jesus reveals the power and glory of God, even as he is put on trial and sentenced to death. Standing with the disciples at the foot of the cross, we pray for the whole world in the ancient solemn collects, as Christ's death offers life to all. We gather in solemn devotion, but always with the promise that the tree around which we assemble is indeed a tree of life. We depart silently, and we anticipate the culmination of the Three Days in the Easter Vigil.

The Good Friday offering will be given to the Anglican Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. Your gift will support:

- *al-Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza, which has continued serving patients during the Israel-Hamas War amid bombardment, devastating shortages of food, water, and medicine, and extended power outages.*
- *St. George's Church in Baghdad, Iraq, and its medical center.*
 - *An eye clinic at Christ Church in Yemen.*
 - *All Saints' Episcopal Church in Damascus, Syria.*
 - *All Saints' Episcopal Church in Beirut, Lebanon.*

We gather in silence.

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Acclamation

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.**

Please be seated

The Word of God

First Reading Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah

¹³See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high.

¹⁴Just as there were many who were astonished at him —so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of mortals— ¹⁵so 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. ^{53:1}Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? ²For 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. ³He 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.

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

⁷He 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. ⁸By 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. ⁹They 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.

¹⁰Yet 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. ¹¹Out 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. ¹²Therefore 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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading Hebrews 10:16-25

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Hebrews

After the Holy Spirit says,¹⁶“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,”¹⁷he also adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”¹⁸Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.¹⁹Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus,²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh),²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God,²²let 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.²³Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful.²⁴And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds,²⁵not 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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Please remain seated

Meditation

The Passion Gospel John 18:1-19:42

Please listen as our three readers bring John's gospel to life.



Please stand as able.

Hymn

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded



- 1 O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down,
- 2 How pale thou art with an - guish, with sore a - buse and scorn;
- 3 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,
- 4 Lord, be my con - so - la - tion; shield me when I must die;



now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;
how does thy face now lan - guish, which once was bright as morn!
for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end?
re - mind me of thy pas - sion when my last hour draws nigh.



O sa - cred head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine!
Thy grief and bit - ter pas - sion were all for sin - ners' gain;
Oh, make me thine for - ev - er, and should I faint - ing be,
These eyes, new faith re - ceiv - ing, from thee shall nev - er move;



Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.
mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain.
Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.
for all who die be - liev - ing die safe - ly in thy love.

Please be seated or kneel as able.

The Solemn Collects

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.

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 Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Kristin, our Bishop, and all the people of this diocese

For all Christians in this community

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

Silent Prayer

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 the Jewish people, the first to hear the word of God.

Silent Prayer

Almighty and eternal God, long ago you gave your promise to Abraham and your teaching to Moses. Hear our prayers that the people you called and elected as your own may receive the fulfillment of the covenant's promises. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **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.

Silent Prayer

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 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.

Silent Prayer

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 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.

Silent Prayer

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.**

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.

Silent Prayer

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.**



Veneration of the Cross

A large cross is carried in procession through the church and placed before the congregation. The congregation stands and faces the cross as it is brought forward.

Priest Behold the life-giving cross,
on which was hung the Savior of the whole world.

People **Oh come, let us worship him.**

At the middle of the church

Priest Behold the life-giving cross,
on which was hung the Savior of the whole world

People **Oh come, let us worship him.**

At the front of the church

Priest Behold the life-giving cross,
on which was hung the Savior of the whole world.

People **Oh come, let us worship him.**

The cross is placed in its stand.

Priest We glory in your cross, O Lord,
People **and praise and glorify your holy resurrection;**
for by virtue of your cross joy has come to the whole world.

Priest May God be merciful to us and bless us,
People **show us the light of his countenance and come to us.**

Priest Let your ways be known upon earth,
People **your saving health among all nations.**

Priest Let the peoples praise you, O God;
People **let all the peoples praise you.**

Priest We glory in your cross, O Lord,
People **and praise and glorify your holy resurrection;**
for by virtue of your cross joy has come to the whole world.

Priest We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,
People **because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

Priest If we have died with him, we shall also live with him;
People **if we endure, we shall also reign with him.**

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

You may stand, sit or kneel.

At this time, all who wish may come forward to venerate the cross.

You may choose to venerate the cross in whichever manner you feel comfortable.

You may kneel, touch, bow, or genuflect before the cross.

Others may bow or stand in reverential silence.

During the veneration the following hymn will be sung.

Hymn **Holy God, Holy and Glorious**



1 Ho - ly God, ho - ly and glo - ri - ous,
 2 Ho - ly God, ho - ly and pow - er - ful,
 3 Ho - ly God, ho - ly and beau - ti - ful,
 4 Ho - ly God, ho - ly and on - ly wise,
 5 Ho - ly God, ho - ly and liv - ing one,



glo - ry most sub - lime, you come as one a - mong us
 pow - er with - out peer, you bend to us in weak - ness;
 beau - ty un - sur - passed, you are de - spised, re - ject - ed;
 wis - dom of great price, you choose the way of fol - ly:
 life that nev - er ends, you show your love by dy - ing,



in - to hu - man time, and we be - hold your glo - ry.
 emp - tied, you draw near, and we be - hold your pow - er.
 scorned, you hold us fast, and we be - hold your beau - ty.
 God the cru - ci - fied, and we be - hold your wis - dom.
 dy - ing for your friends, and we be - hold you liv - ing.

*Please stand as you are able as the Sacrament is
 Brought from the Altar of Repose.*



Holy Communion From the Reserved Sacrament

We receive the Body and blood of Christ in the

*consecrated bread and wine reserved from the
Maundy Thursday Holy Eucharist.*

Confession and Forgiveness

Priest Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Priest and People

**God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

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 *Standing at the foot of the cross, let us pray with confidence as our Savior
has taught us*

Priest 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,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

Priest Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of
the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**People Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word
and I shall be healed.**

Please be seated.

The Distribution

Choir Anthem When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Arr. Joel Raney

Please stand as you are able.

Closing Prayer

Priest

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.**

All depart in silence.

The three sacred days continue with the Easter Vigil, tomorrow evening at 8:00 PM.



PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Celebrant:	Pastor Sally Cook
Assisting Priest:	The Rev. Susan M. Smith
Crucifer:	Greg Stickney
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Chalicerists:	Greg Stickney/Tracy Stephens
Music Minister:	Eric Saupe
A/V Technician:	Greg Cook
Greeters:	John Reelhorn; Drew Shippy
Readers:	Jim Thesing/Andy Taylor
Passion Readers:	Andy Taylor/Jim Thesing/Tracy Stephens
Altar Guild:	All
Closer:	Jim Thesing
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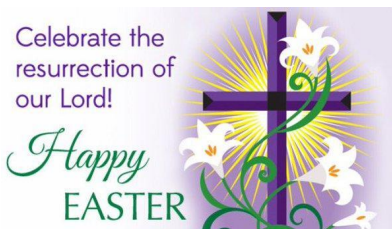
Easter Vigil: Saturday, April 4, 2026

8 PM

Weather permitting, we gather outside around a newly built fire to light the paschal (Greek for “Passage”) candle which is carried in procession into the darkened sanctuary

representing Jesus' tomb. We hear beloved Bible stories, sing hymns, and listen to the Easter gospel from John, all of which proclaim that God is always giving new life. The service concludes with the first Eucharist of Easter as we sing our Alleluia's to our Risen Savior.

**Ishmael Wisseh will be baptized at this service.
Champagne and Cake Reception after Service!**



Easter Sunday: Sunday, April 5, 2026 , Festival Worship 10AM

The tomb is empty! Jesus Christ is risen! Like Mary Magdalene and the other women who went to the tomb we experience the risen Lord and our sadness and weeping come to an end. "Now no more can death appall, now no more the grave enthrall; You have opened paradise, and your saints in you shall rise. Alleluia!" At The Lamb's High Feast We Sing (1982 Hymnal verse3)

After 10 AM Service

Easter Egg Hunt after Worship
(outside – weather permitting)

Festive Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall



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