

ST. JAMES PARISH CHURCH

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TO BE A BEACON RADIATING GOD'S LOVE AMONG ALL PEOPLE

**MATINS
GOOD FRIDAY**

**APRIL 18, 2025
7:30 A.M.**

“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 with 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.”

Hebrews 10:22-25

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Good Friday: Matins and Litany

ORGAN PRELUDE

OPENING SENTENCE:

PASSIONTIDE:

In this is love, not that we loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

I John 4:10

HYMN 145

1. The royal banners forward go,
the cross shines forth in mystic glow;
where he in flesh, our flesh who made,
our sentence bore, our ransom paid.
2. There whilst he hung, his sacred side
by soldier's spear was opened wide,
to cleanse us in the precious flood,
of water mingled with his blood.
3. Fulfilled is now what David told
in true prophetic song of old,
how God the heathen's King should be;
for God is reigning from the tree.
4. O tree of glory, tree most fair,
Ordained those holy limbs to bear,
how bright in purple robe it stood,
the purple of a Saviour's blood!

5. Upon its arms, like balance true,
he weighed the price for sinners due,
the price which none but he could pay,
and spoiled the spoiler of his prey.
6. To thee, eternal Three in One,
let homage meet by all be done:
as by the cross thou dost restore,
so rule and guide us evermore.

V. Blessed be the Lord our God,

R. By whose grace we are yet alive.

V. Blessed be His Son Jesus Christ,

R. By whose rising we are set free.

V. Blessed be the Spirit of God,

R. In whom is our hope and our joy;

The minister and people:

Father, we come together in the Name of your Son Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, to offer you our worship, praise and thanksgiving. To you belong all power and glory. You are the source of all goodness. Let our worship bear witness to your peace and saving power. Through your Spirit may we ever rejoice in the abiding presence of our risen and ascended Lord. Amen.

VENITE - PSALM 95:1-8

O come let us sing out to the Lord:*

let us shout in triumph to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come before His face with thanksgiving:*

and cry out to Him joyfully in psalms.

For the Lord is a great God: *
 and a great king above all gods.
 In His hands are the depths of the earth: *
 and the peaks of the mountains are His also.
 The sea is His and he made it: *
 His hands moulded dry land.
 Come let us worship and bow down: *
 and kneel before the Lord our maker.
 For he Himself is our God: *
 we are the people of His pasture, and the
 sheep of His hand.
 If only you would hear His voice today: *
 for He comes, He comes to judge the earth:
 He shall judge the world with righteousness: *
 and the peoples with His truth.
 Glory to the Father, and to the Son: *
 and to the Holy Spirit;
 as it was in the beginning is now: *
 and shall be forever. Amen.

The Minister says:

Lord, we pray to you for the forgiveness of our sins.

Minister and people, kneeling, together say:

**Have mercy upon us,
 most merciful Father;
 in your compassion forgive us our sins,
 known and unknown,
 things done and left undone;
 and so uphold us by your Spirit
 that we may live and serve you in newness of life,**

**to the honour and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Priest:

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Stand

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

PSALM 22

- 1 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.
- 10 I have been entrusted to you ever since I was
born; *
you were my God when I was still in my
mother's womb.
- 11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near, *
and there is none to help.
- 12 Many young bulls encircle me; *
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.
- 13 They open wide their jaws at me, *
like a ravening and a roaring lion.
- 14 I am poured out like water;
all my bones are out of joint; *
my heart within my breast is melting wax.
- 15 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.

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 assembly; *

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 unborn*
the saving deeds that he has done.

A SONG OF PENITENCE

THE PRAYER OF MANASSEH

O Lord and Ruler of the hosts of heaven,
God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob,
and of all their righteous offspring:

You made the heavens and the earth,
with all their vast array.

All things quake with fear at your presence;
they tremble because of your power.

But your merciful promise is beyond all measure;

it surpasses all that our minds can fathom.
O Lord, you are full of compassion,
long-suffering and abounding in mercy.
You hold back your hand;
you do not punish as we deserve.
In your great goodness, Lord,
you have promised forgiveness to sinners,
that they may repent of their sin and be saved.
And now, O Lord, I bend the knee of my heart,
and make my appeal, sure of your gracious
goodness.
I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned,
and I know my wickedness only too well.
Therefore I make this prayer to you:
Forgive me, Lord, forgive me.
Do not let me perish in my sin,
nor condemn me to the depths of the earth.
For you, O Lord, are the God of those who repent,
and in me you will show forth your goodness.
Unworthy as I am, you will save me,
in accordance with your great mercy,
and I will praise you without ceasing
all the days of my life.
For all the powers of heaven sing your praises,
and yours is the glory to ages of ages. **Amen.**

FIRST READING - HEBREWS 10:16-25

The Holy Spirit testifies saying,

"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.

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 2025

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION

THE GOSPEL READING:

THE SHORTER VERSION:

JOHN 19:1-42

*A Reading from the Gospel of John, Chapter 19,
beginning at the first verse.*

Jennifer Smith

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.

HYMN 669

1. THERE is a green hill far away,
Without a city wall,
Where the dear Lord was crucified,
Who died to save us all.
2. We may not know, we cannot tell
What pains He had to bear,
But we believe it was for us
He hung and suffered there.
3. He died that we might be forgiven,
He died to make us good,
That we might go at last to Heav'n,
Saved by His precious Blood.

4. There was no other good enough
To pay the price of sin,
He only could unlock the gate
Of Heaven, and let us in.

5. Oh, dearly, dearly has He loved,
And we must love Him too,
And trust in His redeeming Blood,
And try His works to do.

THE SERMON

THE APOSTLES CREED:

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and
born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day He rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the
right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body
 and the life everlasting. **Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

The minister shall say.

Let us pray.

ALL:

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your Name; your kingdom come;

your will be done

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

THE SUFFRAGES

V. Lord, reveal your love among us;

R. That we may know the joy of your salvation.

V. Grant peace within and among all nations;

R. And teach our leaders wisdom.

V. Endow your Church with faithfulness;

R. And her servants with knowledge and true godliness.

V. Defend, O Lord, the rights of the poor and the oppressed;

R. That your justice may be known among all people.

V. Lord, renew your Spirit within us;

R. That in us and through us your will may be done.

COLLECT FOR GOOD FRIDAY

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.**

One or more of the following prayers shall be said.

O God, the lover of unity and author of peace, to know you is eternal life; to serve you is perfect freedom. Defend us your servants from all assaults of the enemy, that we may trust in your defence and not fear the power of any adversary; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord God, Almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to

the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Into your hands, Lord, we commend ourselves this day. Let your presence be with us to its close. Strengthen us to remember that in whatever good work we do we are serving you. Give us a diligent and watchful spirit, that we may seek in everything to know your will, and knowing it, may gladly perform it, to the honour and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the rest of the past night, and for the gift of a new day, with its opportunities of pleasing you. Grant that we may so pass its hours in the perfect freedom of your service, that at evening we may again give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O God our Father, you have bidden light to shine out of darkness, and have awakened us again to praise your goodness and to seek your grace; make us children of the light and of the day, that our lives being open to your glory, we may shine as lights in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favour; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN 147

1. When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of Glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.
2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the cross of Christ, my God:
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.
3. See from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingling down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?
4. Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

NRSV

THE GREAT LITANY

2. *Prayer of approach to God*

O God the Father, creator of heaven and earth,
Have mercy upon us

O God the Son, redeemer of the world,
Have mercy upon us

O God the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide,
Have mercy upon us

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity three Persons in one God,

Have mercy upon us

3 Prayers for deliverance

Lord, remember not our offences, nor the offences of our forebears;

spare us, good Lord, spare your people whom you have redeemed with your precious blood,

Spare us, good Lord

From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the cunning assaults of the devil; from your wrath, and from everlasting condemnation,

Good Lord, deliver us

From all spiritual blindness; from pride, vanity, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, malice, and all uncharitableness,

Good Lord, deliver us

From fornication, adultery and all other disordered and sinful affections; from the deceits of the world and the snares of the devil,

Good Lord, deliver us

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and from contempt of your word and commandment,

Good Lord, deliver us

From lightning, fire and hurricane; from earthquake, drought, and flood; from famine, plague, and pestilence,

Good Lord, deliver us

From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,

Good Lord, deliver us

4. Prayer recalling Christ's saving work.

By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your birth, childhood, and obedience; by your baptism, fasting and temptation,

Good Lord, deliver us

By your ministry in word and work; by your mighty acts of power; by your proclamation of the kingdom,

Good Lord, deliver us

By your agony and sweat of blood; by your cross and passion; by your precious death and burial,

Good Lord, deliver us

By your mighty resurrection; by your glorious ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Spirit,

Good Lord, deliver us

In all times of trial and sorrow; in all times of joy and prosperity; in the hour of death and at the day of judgement,

Good Lord, deliver us

5. Prayers of Intercession.

Hear our prayers, O Lord our God,

Hear us, good Lord

6. For the Church.

Govern and direct your holy Church; fill it with love and truth; and grant it that unity which is your will,

Hear us, good Lord

Give us boldness to preach the gospel in all the world, and to make disciples of all nations,

Hear us, good Lord

Enlighten all bishops, priests, and deacons with true knowledge and understanding, that by their life and teaching they may proclaim your word,

Hear us, good Lord

Give your people grace to hear and receive your word, to find and follow their true vocation, and to bring forth the fruit of the Spirit,

Hear us, good Lord

Bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived,

Hear us, good Lord

Strengthen those who stand; comfort and help the fainthearted; raise up the fallen; and finally beat down Satan under our feet,

Hear us, good Lord

7. For the nations.

Guide the leaders of the nations into the way of justice and peace,

Hear us, good Lord

Enlighten and direct our rulers; grant that they may put their trust in you, and seek only your honour and glory,

Hear us, good Lord

Grant wisdom and insight to all in authority, and to judges and magistrates the grace to administer justice with mercy,

Hear us, good Lord

Give to all nations peace, unity, and concord; and grant to all people freedom and dignity, food and shelter,

Hear us, good Lord

8. For all people according to their needs.

Teach us to use the resources of the earth to your glory, that all may share in your goodness and praise you for your loving kindness,

Hear us, good Lord

Enlighten with your spirit all who teach and all who learn,

Hear us, good Lord

Help and comfort the lonely and aged, the bereaved, the overworked, the exploited and the oppressed,

Hear us, good Lord

Support and encourage all who are in poverty, unemployment or distress; protect those whose work is dangerous, and keep in safety all who travel,

Hear us, good Lord

Keep fathers, mothers; and children united in their family life, and give them wisdom and strength in times of stress,

Hear us, good Lord

Heal the sick in mind and body; strengthen and preserve all women in childbirth and all young children,

Hear us, good Lord

Defend and provide for the widowed and the orphaned, all migrant workers and refugees, the homeless and victims of strife; have pity on prisoners and all who live in fear, I

Hear us, good Lord

Forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and turn their hearts,

Hear us, good Lord

9. *Concluding prayers.*

Saviour of the world
forgive our sins, known and unknown
things done and left undone
grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit
that we may amend our lives
according to your holy word.

**Holy God
holy and strong
holy and immortal
have mercy upon us.**

11. A Prayer of St. Chrysostom.

Almighty God, you have given us grace to bring before you with one accord our common supplications, and you promise that when two or three are gathered together in your Name you will be in the midst of them. Fulfil now, O Lord the desires and petitions of your servants as may be most expedient for them, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth and in the world to come the fullness of eternal life. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Almighty God, we thank you
for the gift of your Holy Word.
May it be a lantern to our feet,
A light to our paths,
And a strength to our lives.
Take us and use us to love
and serve all persons
in the power of the Holy Spirit
and in the Name of your Son,
Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.**

MINISTER:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us evermore. **Amen.**

II Corinthians. 13:14

or

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Romans 15:13

or

Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we can ask or conceive, by the power which is at work among us, to Him be the glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus throughout all ages. **Amen.**

Ephesians 3:20-21

MINISTER: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

MINISTER: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN 162

1. We sing the praise of him who died,
of him who died upon the cross;
the sinner's hope let men deride;
for this we count the world but loss.
2. Inscribed upon the cross we see
in shining letters, "God is love":
he bears our sins upon the tree:
he brings us mercy from above.
3. The cross! it takes our guilt away,
it holds the fainting spirit up;
it cheers with hope the gloomy day,
and sweetens every bitter cup.

4. It makes the coward spirit brave,
and nerves the feeble arm for fight;
it takes its terror from the grave,
and gilds the bed of death with light.
5. The balm of life, the cure of woe,
the measure and the pledge of love,
the sinner's refuge here below,
the angel's theme in heaven above.

OFFICIANT:

Quietly we disperse –

***NO organ voluntary or music
is used at the end of this
Liturgy. All depart in silence.***

**NO pleasantries exchanged,
NO goodbye.**

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