

ADVENT | CHRISTMAS | EPIPHANY | **LENT** | EASTER | PENTECOST

GOOD FRIDAY

On the Friday prior to Easter, Good Friday, the Church traditionally marks the crucifixion, suffering, death, and burial of Jesus. Services on this day are a time of both somber reflection as well as preparation for the celebration of Easter morning. At All Saints, our service includes a dramatic reading of the passion narrative from the gospel of John, a brief homily, and a time of prayer. The congregation leaves in darkness and silence.

Although Good Friday is marked by sadness and mourning, it is not without joy. We hope that those who gather on Friday and leave in darkness will return on Sunday in the light of the celebration of Easter and the resurrection.



"ALL SAINTS IS A COMMUNITY OF GOD'S PEOPLE CALLED TO LIVE AS THE BODY OF CHRIST IN AUSTIN FOR THE WORLD

THROUGH WORSHIP, SPIRITUAL FORMATION AND SERVICE."

"Am I a stone, and not a sheep,
That I can stand, O Christ, beneath thy cross,
To number drop by drop Thy Blood's slow loss,
And yet not weep?

Not so those women loved
Who with exceeding grief lamented Thee;
Not so fallen Peter weeping bitterly;
Not so the thief was moved;

Not so the Sun and Moon Which hid their faces in a starless sky, A horror of great darkness at broad noon-I, only I.

Yet give not o'er,
But seek Thy sheep, true Shepherd of the flock;
Greater than Moses, turn and look once more
And smite a rock."

-Christina Rossetti, "Beneath Thy Cross"

PRELUDE

WERE YOU THERE?

CHOIR

Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Oh sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Oh sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, 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 pierced him in the side? Oh sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

(Words & Music: African-American Spiritual, CCLI License #2476739)

COLLECT

Minister: Blessed be our God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit

People: For ever and ever. Amen.

Minister: Let us pray...

People: Amen.

HYMN

WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS



(Words: Isaac Watts; Music: American folk tune; arr. David Lutes; CCLI license #2476739)

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN

The congregation is seated for the first part of the Passion.

At the verse which mentions the arrival at Golgotha all stand.

Narrator: Jesus went out with his disciples across the brook Kidron, where there was

a garden, which he and his disciples entered. And Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with his disciples. So Judas, having procured a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons. Jesus, knowing all that would happen to him, came forward and

said to them.

Jesus: "Whom do you seek?"

Narrator: They answered him, Soldier: "Jesus of Nazareth."

Narrator: He said to them,

Jesus: "I am he."

Narrator: Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. When Jesus said to

them, "I am he," they drew back and fell to the ground.

So he asked them again,

Jesus: "Whom do you seek?"

Priest: "Jesus of Nazareth."

Jesus: "I told you that I am he. So, if you seek me, let these men go."

Narrator: This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken: "Of those whom you gave

me I have lost not one." Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear. (The servant's

name was Malchus.) So Jesus said to Peter,

Jesus: "Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup that

the Father has given me?"

Narrator: So the band of soldiers and their captain and the officers of the Jews

arrested Jesus and bound him.

Narrator: Those who had arrested Jesus first led him to Annas, for he was the

father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year.

It was Caiaphas who had advised the Jews that it would be expedient that one man should die for the people. The high priest then questioned Jesus

about his disciples and his teaching. Jesus answered him,

Jesus: "I have spoken openly to the world. I have always taught in synagogues

and in the temple, where all Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. Why do you ask me? Ask those who have heard me what I said

to them; they know what I said."

Narrator: When he had said these things, one of the officers standing by struck Jesus

with his hand, saying,

Officer: "Is that how you answer the high priest?"

Narrator: Jesus answered him,

Jesus: "If what I said is wrong, bear witness about the wrong; but if what I said is

right, why do you strike me?"

Narrator: Annas then sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

Now Simon Peter had followed Jesus, and so did another disciple. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he entered with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, but Peter stood outside at the door. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the servant girl who kept watch at the door, and brought Peter in. The servant

girl at the door said to Peter,

Servant I: "You also are not one of this man's disciples, are you?"

Peter: "I am not."

Narrator: Now the servants and officers had made a charcoal fire, because it was cold,

and they were standing and warming themselves. Peter also was with them,

standing and warming himself. So they said to him,

Servant 2: "You also are not one of his disciples, are you?"

Peter: "I am not."

Servant 3: "Did I not see you in the garden with him?"

Narrator: Peter again denied it, and at once a rooster crowed.

THIS BREAKS MY HEART OF STONE



(Words: Charles Wesley, Music: Benj Pocta, from the Gadsby Hymnal; CCLI license #2476739)

my

heart

of

: (REPEAT)

stone!

This

breaks

HOMILY

REV. BRENT BAKER

Narrator: Early in the morning they led Jesus from the house of Caiaphas to the

governor's headquarters. They themselves did not enter the governor's

headquarters, so that they would not be defiled, but could eat the

Passover. So Pilate went outside to them and said,

Pilate: "What accusation do you bring against this man?"

Narrator: They answered him,

Elder: "If this man were not doing evil, we would not have delivered him

over to you."

Pilate: "Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law."

Elder: "It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death."

Narrator: This was to fulfill the word that Jesus had spoken to show by what kind of

death he was going to die. So Pilate entered his headquarters again and

called Jesus and said to him,

Pilate: "Are you the King of the Jews?"

Jesus: "Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?"

Pilate: "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over

to me. What have you done?"

Jesus: "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my

servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the

Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world."

Pilate: So you are a king?"

Jesus: "You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose

I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is

of the truth listens to my voice."

Pilate: "What is truth?"

Narrator: After he had said this, he went back outside to the Jews and told them,

Pilate: "I find no guilt in him. But you have a custom that I should release one man

for you at the Passover. So, do you want me to release to you the

King of the Jews?"

Crowd Member: "Not this man, but Barabbas!"

Narrator: Now Barabbas was a robber. Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged him. And

the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head and arrayed him in a purple robe. They came up to him, striking him with their

hands and saying,

Soldier: "Hail, King of the Jews! Hail, King of the Jews!"

Narrator: Pilate went out again and said to them,

Pilate: "See, I am bringing him out to you that you may know that I find

no guilt in him."

Narrator: So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe.

Pilate said to them,

Pilate: "Behold, the man!"

Narrator: When the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out,

Priest: "Crucify him! Crucify him!"

Pilate: "Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no guilt in him."

Priest: "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has

made himself the Son of God."

Narrator: When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid. He entered his

headquarters again and said to Jesus,

Pilate: "Where are you from?"

Narrator: But Jesus gave him no answer.

Pilate: "You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have authority to

release you and authority to crucify you?"

Jesus: "You would have no authority over me at all unless it had been given you

from above. Therefore he who delivered me over to you has the greater

sin."

Narrator: From then on Pilate sought to release him, but the Jews cried out,

Crowd Member: "If you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend.

Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar."

Narrator: So when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on

the judgment seat at a place called The Stone Pavement, and in Aramaic

Gabbatha. Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover.

It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews,

Pilate: "Behold your King!"

Narrator: They cried out,

People: "Crucify him! Crucify him! Crucify him!"

Narrator: Pilate said to them,

Pilate: "Shall I crucify your King?"

Priest: "We have no king but Caesar."

Narrator: So he delivered him over to them to be crucified.

(ALL STAND)

Narrator: So they took Jesus, and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place

called The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha.

There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate,

Priest: "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but rather,

'This man said, I am King of the Jews."

Pilate: "What I have written I have written."

Narrator: When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided

them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, so they said

to one another,

Soldier: "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be."

Narrator: This was to fulfill the Scripture which says, "They divided my garments

among them, and for my clothing they cast lots." So the soldiers did these things, but standing by 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 nearby, he

said to his mother,

Jesus: "Woman, behold, your son!"

Narrator: Then he said to the disciple,

Jesus: "Behold, your mother!"

Narrator: And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home. After this,

Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture),

Jesus: "I thirst."

Narrator: A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour

wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had

received the sour wine, he said,

Jesus: "It is finished,"

Narrator: He bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

(SILENCE)

HARK, THE VOICE OF LOVE AND MERCY



Solo: I. Hark, the voice of love and mer - cy

All: 2. "It is fin - ished!" O what plea - sure

- 3. Fin-ished all the types and sha-dows
 - 4. Tune your harps a new ye ser aphs;

sounds a -loud from Cal - va - ry!

- do these char ming words af ford.
- of the cer e mon-ial law; join to sing the pleas ing theme;



See, it rends the rocks a - sun - der, Heav'n-ly bless - ings with - out mea - sure Fin - ished all that God had pro - mised; Saints on earth and all in heav - en,

shakes the earth and veils the sky!

flow to us from Christ the Lord.
death and hell no more shall awe.
join to praise Im-man-uel's name.



"It is fin - ished, it is fin-ished," Hear the dy - ing Sa - vior "It is fin - ished, it is fin - ished," Saints the dy ing words record. "It is fin - ished, it is fin - ished," Saints from hence your com - fort draw. : Hal-le - lu - jah! Hal-le-lu - jah! Glo - ry to the bleed - ing lamb!



"It is fin-ished," it is fin-ished,"
"It is fin-ished," it is fin-ished,"
"It is fin-ished," it is fin-ished."

"It is fin-ished, it is fin-ished, Hal-le-lu - jah! Hal-le-lu - jah! Hear the dy - ing Sa - vior cry.

Saints the dy - ing words re - cord.

"Saints from hence your com - fort draw.

Glo - ry to the bleed - ing lamb!

(REPEAT)

(Words: Jonathan Evans & Benjamin Francis; Music: Jeff Koonce, CCLI license #2476739)

Narrator:

Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away. So 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. But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe. For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: "Not one of his bones will be broken." And again another Scripture says, "They will look on him whom they have pierced."

After these things Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took away his body. Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight. So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

HYMN OF RESPONSE

WHAT WONDROUS LOVE



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* THE SOLEMN COLLECTS

Minister: 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;

that God will confirm his Church in faith, increase it in love.

and preserve it in peace.

People: For its unity in witness and service,

For all pastors and other ministers and the people whom they serve,

For all Christians in this community.

(PAUSE FOR SILENT PRAYER)

Minister: 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.

People: Amen.

Minister: Let us pray for all nations and peoples of the earth, and for those in

authority among them; That by God's help they may seek justice and

truth, and live in peace and concord.

People: For 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.

(Pause for Silent Prayer)

Minister: 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.

People: Amen.

Minister: Let us pray for all who suffer and are afflicted in body or in mind; 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.

People: 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.

(PAUSE FOR SILENT PRAYER)

Minister: 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.

People: Amen.

Minister: Let us pray for all who have not received the Gospel of Christ; that God

will open their hearts to the truth, and lead them to faith and obedience.

People: 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;

(Pause for Silent Prayer)

Minister: 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.

People: Amen.

CLOSING COLLECT

Minister: 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; rest to the dead; peace and concord to your holy Church; 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.

People: Amen.

DISMISSAL IN SILENCE.

Please exit quietly in order to allow those who remain to pray in silence.



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