



# Good Friday

April 7, 2023 + 12:00 PM + Christ Church + Greenville, South Carolina

# WELCOME

In the name of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ, we welcome you to Christ Church Episcopal.

Known as the “Parish in the Heart of the City,” Christ Church is blessed by the beauty of its church, chapel, and setting, which have been preserved and expanded by the energy and vision of faithful stewards, both past and present.

Now into our third century, we have been gathering to worship God and demonstrate our faith in our daily lives. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we are inspired to be *a joyful community sharing life in Jesus Christ.*

We hope you will experience God’s blessings during this service  
as we have been blessed by your presence.

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## WHY WE NEED

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# Holy Week

Stories shape our lives in profound ways. From the whimsical bedtime stories of childhood to the significant family narratives that are shared over celebratory meals and holiday gatherings each year, these stories become part of us. The retelling of important stories satisfies a deep need to remember that which we hold dear. Whether we are remembering beloved people in our lives, deeply held beliefs, or momentous occasions, stories help us keep these things alive and fresh in our memories.

Since the 4th century, the church has set aside a week each year for profound story telling. At their core, the celebrations of Holy Week are an elaborate, theatrical, and beautiful way of retelling our most important story. The story we tell each year during Holy Week is nothing less than the most magnificent love story ever told. Each chapter of the story, while adding new dimensions and perspectives, continues to underpin the theme of God's relentless, extravagant, and boundless love for us.

Good story telling involves the careful use of drama. Nowhere else in the church's liturgical year is this more evident than Holy Week. The colorful and elaborate rituals of the Holy Week liturgies have a significant purpose. The embellishment of the liturgy, particularly during the Triduum ("The Three Days" of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday),

is intended to help us enter into the story in tangible and meaningful ways. The ancient patterns of these reenactments connect us to our past as a Christian people.

The prospect of attending all or most of these Holy Week services can seem daunting and perhaps even fanatical. I can fully appreciate that sentiment. But I would also submit to you that, if we are honest with ourselves, we need to enter into this journey. Not because God needs our worship – God certainly desires and commands our worship, though God does not need our worship – but because we need to worship. We need to be assured of the forgiveness of our sins. We need to learn how to love and serve others. We need to know that death is not the end, but the beginning. We need to hear that ancient story of God's unyielding love for us. This is why we need Holy Week.

Donald W. Duncan  
*Director of Liturgy & Music*

# UPCOMING SERVICES

## **Easter Eve Baptisms, April 8**

4:00 pm in the Church

## **The Great Vigil of Easter, April 8**

7:00 pm in the Church

*Incense will be used at this service.*

## **Easter Sunday, April 9**

7:30 AM – Quiet Sunrise Eucharist, Markley Chapel

9:00 AM & 11:15 AM – Family Eucharist, Markley Chapel

9:00 AM – Festal Eucharist with Choir, Organ & Brass, Church

11:15 AM – Solemn Eucharist with Choir, Organ, Brass, Incense & Chant, Church

5:00 PM – Evening Eucharist with Choir, Organ & Harp, Church

*Incense will be used at the 11:15 AM Solemn Eucharist.*



## ORDER OF SERVICE

*In preparation for the service, we invite your quiet prayers and ask that you please silence your cell phone.*

Good Friday is the most solemn day in Church year. The solemnity of the day is highlighted by a decidedly stark liturgy with very little adornment. The quiet and simple nature of the service is intended to focus our attention on the deep meaning of Our Lord's Passion.

### THE RINGING OF THE TOWER BELL

*The congregation stands at the sound of the tower bell, and remains standing for the entrance procession.*

### THE SILENT PRAYER

*The congregation kneels.*

### THE ACCLAMATION

Priest      Blessed be our God.  
People      **For ever and ever. Amen.**

### THE COLLECT FOR GOOD FRIDAY

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.  
People      **Amen.**

*The congregation is seated.*

### THE LESSON

Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12

Lector      A reading from the Book of 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.

Lector     The Word of the Lord.  
 People     **Thanks be to God.**

## THE PSALM

*Chanted by Cantor*

Psalm 22:1-11

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?  
 and are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress?  
 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer;

by night as well, but I find no rest.  
 Yet you are the Holy One,  
 enthroned upon the praises of Israel.  
 Our forefathers put their trust in you;  
 they trusted, and you delivered them.  
 They cried out to you and were delivered;  
 they trusted in you and were not put to shame.  
 But as for me, I am a worm and no man,  
 scorned by all and despised by the people.  
 All who see me laugh me to scorn;  
 they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,  
 “He trusted in the LORD; let him deliver him;  
 let him rescue him, if he delights in him.”  
 Yet you are he who took me out of the womb,  
 and kept me safe upon my mother’s breast.  
 I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born;  
 you were my God when I was still in my mother’s womb.  
 Be not far from me, for trouble is near,  
 and there is none to help.

## THE EPISTLE

Hebrews 10:16-25

Lector A reading from Hebrews.

“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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

## THE PASSION GOSPEL FOR GOOD FRIDAY

John 19:1-37

*The congregation remains seated until instructed to stand by the printed rubrics.*

*The customary responses are omitted before and after the Gospel.*

Narrator The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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,

Reader “Hail, King of the Jews!”

Narrator and striking him on the face. Pilate went out again and said to them,

Reader “Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him.”

Narrator So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them,

Reader “Here is the man!”

Narrator When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted,

**All “Crucify him! Crucify him!”**

Narrator Pilate said to them,

Reader “Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him.”

Narrator The Jews answered him,

**All “We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God.”**

Narrator Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus,

Reader “Where are you from?”

Narrator But Jesus gave him no answer. Pilate therefore said to him,

Reader “Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?”

Narrator Jesus answered him,

Jesus “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.”

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

**All “If you release this man, you are no friend of the emperor. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against the emperor.”**

Narrator 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,

Reader “Here is your King!”

Narrator They cried out,

**All “Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!”**

Narrator Pilate asked them,

Reader “Shall I crucify your King?”

Narrator The chief priests answered,

Reader “We have no king but the emperor.”

Narrator Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

*The congregation stands.*



Narrator 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,

Reader "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'"

Narrator Pilate answered,

Reader "What I have written I have written."

Narrator 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,

Reader "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it."

Narrator 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,

Jesus "Woman, here is your son."

Narrator Then he said to the disciple,

Jesus "Here is your mother."

Narrator 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),

Jesus "I am thirsty."

Narrator 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,

Jesus "It is finished."

Narrator Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

*The congregation kneels in silence.*

Narrator 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."

*The congregation is seated.*

## THE SERMON

*The congregation stands for the hymn.*

The Reverend Lindy Bunch

## THE HYMN, No. 167

*There is a green hill far away*

*There is a green hill far away, outside a city wall,  
where our dear Lord was crucified who died to save us all.*

*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.*

*He died that we might be forgiven, he died to make us good,  
that we might go at last to heaven, saved by his precious blood.*

*There was no other good enough to pay the price of sin,  
he only could unlock the gate of heaven and let us in.*

*O dearly, dearly has he loved! And we must love him too,  
and trust in his redeeming blood, and try his works to do.*

## 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.

*The congregation kneels.*

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 Daniel 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*

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 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*

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.

*Silence*

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.

*Silence*

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.

*Silence*

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.**

*The congregation remains kneeling.*

## THE PROCESSION OF THE CROSS

*As the cross is processed into the church, an organ improvisation on the ancient 6th century hymn “Pange lingua” is played.*

## THE GOOD FRIDAY ANTHEMS

### Anthem 1

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.**

### Anthem 2

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

### Anthem 3

Priest O Savior of the world,  
**People Who by thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us:**

Priest Save us and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

*All are now seated.*

## THE VENERATION OF THE CROSS

*Those who wish to venerate the cross are invited to come forward. The veneration of the cross by the faithful on Good Friday is an ancient practice that dates to the 4th century. The act of veneration may include prayerfully touching or kissing the cross, or bowing/genuflecting before the cross as a sign of devotion.*

*After all have been given an opportunity to venerate the cross the service continues with the concluding prayers, all kneeling.*

## **THE CONCLUDING PRAYERS**

Priest      Let us pray.  
**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.**

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.

**All      Amen.**

*All stand following the prayers.*

## **THE TOLLING OF THE TOWER BELL IN HONOR OF OUR LORD'S PASSION**

*After the bell tolls 33 times and the Clergy process out, the congregation leaves in silence.*

*The Holy Triduum liturgy will conclude with the Easter Vigil  
on Saturday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the Historic Church.*



## CHRIST CHURCH CLERGY

The Reverend Dr. Harrison McLeod, Rector

The Reverend Kellie Wilson, Senior Associate Rector

The Reverend Scott Fleischer, Associate for Pastoral Care

The Reverend Lindy Bunch, Associate for Parish Life

The Reverend Wallace Adams-Riley

*Christ Church Episcopal School Chaplain*

## MUSICIANS FOR GOOD FRIDAY

Donald W. Duncan, Director of Liturgy & Music

# UPCOMING SERVICES OF HOLY WEEK

## **Good Friday, April 7**

3:00 PM – Stations of the Cross, Churchyard

## **Easter Eve, April 8**

4:00 PM – Baptisms, Church

7:00 PM – The Great Vigil and First Eucharist of Easter, Church

*Incense will be used at the 7:00 PM Church service*

## **Easter Sunday, April 9**

***Markley Chapel***

7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:15 AM

***Church***

9:00 AM, 11:15 AM, 5:00 PM

*Incense will be used at the 11:15 AM Church service*



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