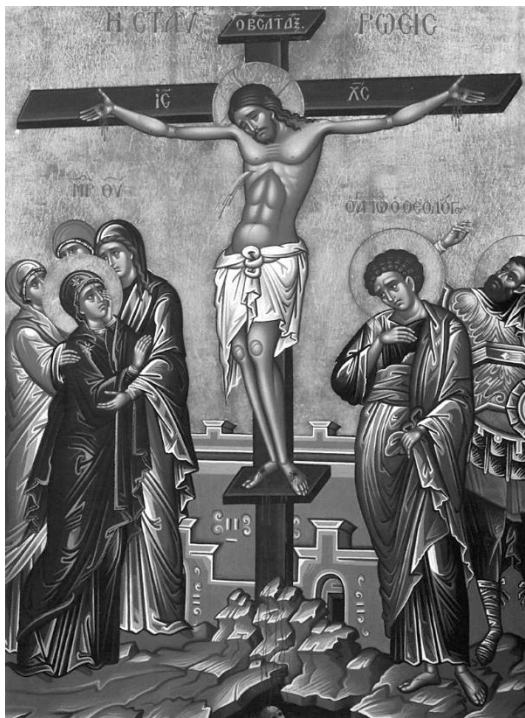


St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church



Good Friday
April 3, 2026 - 7:00 pm

Prelude

Herzlich tut mich verlangen
("O sacred head, sore wounded")

Johannes Brahms
(1833-1897)

Please stand, as able.

Ministers enter in silence and then all kneel, as able, observing silent prayer.

Opening Sentences

Presider: Blessed be our God.

People: **For ever and ever. Amen.**

Presider: 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, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading

Isaiah 52:13–53:12

Lector: A reading from 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.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 22

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.

Many young bulls encircle me; *
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.

They open wide their jaws at me, *
like a ravening and a roaring lion.

I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint; *
my heart within my breast is melting wax.

My mouth is dried out like a pot-herd;
my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; *
and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.

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.

They stare and gloat over me; *
they divide my garments among them;
they cast lots for my clothing.

Be not far away, O Lord; *
you are my strength; hasten to help me.

Save me from the sword, *
my life from the power of the dog.

Save me from the lion's mouth, *
my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.

I will declare your Name to my brethren; *
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

Praise the Lord, you that fear him; *
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

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.

My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: *
"May your heart live for ever!"

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
For kingship belongs to the Lord; *
he rules over the nations.
To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.
My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.
They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.

The Second Reading

Ephesians 1:3-14

Lector: A reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

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Hymn 168 vs. 1-3

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The Passion

John 19:1 - 42

Deacon: The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Alan Christensen

Hymn 172

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were You There

Please stand, as able.

The Solemn Collects

Deacon: 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.

Leader: 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 Phil, 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.

Silence

Leader: 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.**

Leader: 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.

Silence

Leader: 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.**

Leader: Let us pray for the Jewish people, who by the grace of their eternal covenant with God were delivered from bondage into freedom;
For their continued faithfulness;
For their flourishing in peace as witnesses to God's sustaining love;
For their safety from all malice and harm
For their liberation from all forms of antisemitism and hatred
For the fullness of redemption for the sake of God's Name.
That unity and concord may exist between Jews and Christians, in obedience to God's will.

Silence

Leader: O God of Abraham and Sarah and Hagar, you planted your people Israel as the root and grafted all peoples as wild branches into a single olive tree of praise to you: As we come near to the cross, we lament Christian acts of prejudice and violence against your faithful people, of whom Jesus Christ was born. Bless the children of your covenant, so that together we may attain the fullness of your blessing for the world.

People: **Amen.**

Leader: Let us pray for all who suffer and are afflicted in body or in mind;
For those who are hungry and homeless, destitute and oppressed
For those who are ill or disabled, in body, mind, or spirit
For those who are lonely, fearful or anguished
For those who face temptation, doubt, and despair
For those who are sorrowful and bereaved
For those who are prisoners, refugees, and captives
For those who are victims of war, genocide, and trafficking;
and all those in mortal danger
For those who are persecuted for the sake of Christ
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

Leader: 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.**

Leader: Let us pray for those who have not embraced God's redemptive love.
For those who have never heard the word of salvation
For those who have lost their faith
For those hardened by sin and indifference
For those who are contemptuous or scornful
For those who are persecutors of Christ's disciples
For those who in the name of Christ have persecuted others
That God will open their hearts to truth, and lead them to faith and
obedience.

Silence

Leader: Merciful God, creator of all the peoples of the earth and lover of souls: Have compassion on all who do not know you; let the Good News of your salvation 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.**

Leader: 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

Leader: 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.

People: **Amen.**

A wooden cross will now be brought into the church and placed in the sight of the people

Veneration of the Cross

Leader: 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.**

Leader: May God be merciful to us and bless us, show us the light of his countenance, and come to us.

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

Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

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

Leader: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,

People: **because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

Leader: If we have died with him, we shall also live with him;
if we endure, we shall also reign with him.

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

Leader: 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.**

The Lord's Prayer

Presider: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.

Concluding Prayer

The people stand or kneel, as able

Presider 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.

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