

# Good Friday

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## Silent Procession

### *All kneel for silent prayer*

Blessed be our God.

**For ever and ever. Amen.**

Let us pray.

**Almighty God, we pray to 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.**

### Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12

Look, my servant will succeed. He will be exalted and lifted very high. Just as many were appalled by you, he too appeared disfigured, inhuman, his appearance unlike that of mortals. But he will astonish many nations. Kings will be silenced because of him, because they will see what they haven't seen before; what they haven't heard before, they will ponder. Who can believe what we have heard, and for whose sake has the LORD's arm been revealed? He grew up like a young plant before us, like a root from dry ground. He possessed no splendid form for us to see, no desirable appearance. He was despised and avoided by others; a man who suffered, who knew sickness well. Like someone from whom people hid their faces, he was despised, and we didn't think about him. It was certainly our sickness that he carried, and our sufferings that he bore, but we thought him afflicted, struck down by God and tormented. He was pierced because of our rebellions and crushed because of our crimes. He bore the punishment that made us whole; by his wounds we are healed. Like sheep we had all wandered away, each going its own way, but the LORD let fall on him all our crimes. He was oppressed and tormented, but didn't open his mouth. Like a lamb being brought to slaughter, like a ewe silent before her shearers, he didn't open his mouth. Due to an unjust ruling he was taken away, and his fate—who will think about it? He was eliminated from the land of the living, struck dead because of my people's rebellion. His grave was among the wicked, his tomb with evildoers, though he had done no violence, and had spoken nothing false. But the LORD wanted to crush him and to make him suffer. If his life is offered as restitution, he will see his offspring; he will enjoy long life. The LORD's plans will come to fruition through him. After his deep anguish he will see light, and he will be satisfied. Through his knowledge, the righteous one, my servant, will make many righteous, and will bear their guilt. Therefore, I will give him a share with the great, and he will divide the spoil with the strong, in return for exposing his life to death and being numbered with rebels, though he carried the sin of many and pleaded on behalf of those who rebelled. \*

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

**Thanks be to God.**

### 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 potsherd; 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\*  
**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.**

**The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to John**

**Insert**

*The congregation reads the part of Jesus. Please remain seated for the first part of the Passion. At the verse which mentions the arrival at Golgotha, all stand.*

**Sermon**

**The Rev. Nan Hilderbrand**

**Gather 295 (Good Friday Verses)**

**Triduum Hymn: Wondrous Love**

The Solemn Collects (kneeling)

*Book of Common Prayer*, p. 277

Anthems

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Gather 302

Were You There

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,  
holy is your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us  
as we forgive others.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

Concluding Prayer

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*The congregation departs in silence*

*\* All readings are from the Common English Bible*

#### Good Friday Offering Supports Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry asks all congregations to participate in the Good Friday Offering, a decades-old tradition that serves as an important statement of our solidarity with the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. The Diocese of Washington has maintained a companion relationship with the Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East since 2009.

The Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East operates dozens of parishes, numerous schools and institutes of learning for children K-12 and adults, and several clinics, hospitals and rehabilitation centers. The school and medical facilities serve Muslims, Christians and people of all faiths throughout Palestine and the Occupied Territories of the West Bank and Gaza, Israel, Jordan, Syria and Lebanon.

Funds collected from the Good Friday Offering are distributed to the province, which includes the Dioceses of Jerusalem and Cyprus and the Gulf, all members of the Anglican Communion. Find Good Friday offering materials on the Episcopal Church website.