



GOOD FRIDAY

NOON & 7 PM | APRIL 3, 2026

CONCERNING GOOD FRIDAY

The Good Friday liturgy is the second part of the Triduum (the sacred three days). This most somber of all days is appropriately marked by fasting, abstinence, and penitence, leading us to focus on Jesus and the meaning of his Cross. Some churches do not use musical instruments or bells on this day. The church is often darkened. The bare, stark appearance of the church serves as a reminder of the solemnity and the sorrow of the day. The Lord of Life was rejected, mocked, scourged, and then put to death on the Cross. The faithful are reminded of the role which their own sin played in this suffering and agony, as Christ took all sin upon himself, in obedience to his Father's will. By the Cross we are redeemed, set free from bondage to sin and death. The Cross is a sign of God's never-ending love for us. It is a sign of life, in the midst of death.

In addition to the liturgies for the Triduum, there are many other edifying devotions appropriate for this day, including The Way of the Cross, Tenebrae, and The Seven Last Words.

ACNA Prayer Book p. 565

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WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

CREATION

All of creation was made good, with humanity as its very good crown - created in the image of God, the delight of His heart.

FALL

Humanity rebelled, seeking to be god rather than to submit to God, and began to live life selfishly rather than according to His goodness. In this rebellion, we have bound ourselves under sin, evil, and death. This results in alienation from God, from one another, from creation, and even from ourselves, and brings us under God's righteous judgment.

REDEMPTION

God, in His mercy and great love for us and for all of creation, entered into the world to save people and to renew his creation: Jesus Christ, God in flesh, came to free us from sin, evil, and death. Through His life, death, and resurrection, Jesus paid the penalty for our sins, conquered evil and death, and was exalted as King over all.

INVITATION

We are invited to be reconciled to God and participate in the renewal of all creation. This requires repentance from our old way of life, having faith in Christ's act of love and mercy, and having a new life of grace and love with the Holy Spirit. This can begin now. Join with us in worship, as we come to God in our need, confess our sins, receive His forgiveness, hear His word, and are nourished by His self-giving love in the bread and wine. Please speak to one of our pastors if you'd like to learn more about forming a relationship with this God who loves you already.



Visitors, we are happy you are worshipping with us today!

Please consider completing this online connection card located on our website. We look forward to seeing you in the future.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Christ Church Anglican was founded in 1733 and maintains its historical heritage as the first church in Georgia and as a member of the Gulf Atlantic Diocese in the Anglican Church of North America (ACNA).

Parking can be found in our lot on 37th Street and is also available at the Library next door on Bull St. or at the Georgia Infirmary on 36th St. or The Whitefield Center at Drayton and 37th St.

Nursery Care is provided on Sundays beginning at 8 a.m. for children 3 and under, downstairs in the Wesley Wing.

Children of all ages are welcome to stay in the service. Children's activity bags and books for use during the service are available at the 37th Street entrance. Please leave the activity bags and books in the pew or return to the Narthex. Little Church for children ages 4-10 takes place during the 10:30 a.m. sermon.

Weekly Newsletter scan the QR code to access and sign up for our weekly newsletter. Parish news and events are featured in our Thursday release.



GOOD FRIDAY ORDER OF WORSHIP

Please kneel or sit in silence as you prepare your heart to worship the Living God.

PRELUDE (7 PM)

Theme from Schindler's List
Kaitlyn Duckworth, violin.

John Williams
U.S.:1993

The Congregation stands as the ministers enter in silence.

PROCESSION IN

Officiant All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned every one to his own way,
People **And the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.**
Officiant Let us pray.

Almighty God, we beseech 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.**

HYMN

“Go to Dark Gethsemane”

Hymnal #119
Redhead

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Pew Bible, p. 729

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

PSALM 22:1-21

Said by half verse.

- 1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me, *
and are so far from my cry, and from the words of my complaint?
- 2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not hear; *
in the night season also, but I find no rest.
- 3 But you remain holy, *
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
- 4 Our fathers hoped in you; *
they trusted in you, and you delivered them.
- 5 They called upon you, and were delivered; *
they put their trust in you, and were not confounded.
- 6 But as for me, I am a worm, and no man, *
scorned by all, and the outcast of the people.

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- 7 All those who see me laugh me to scorn; *
they curl their lips, and shake their heads, saying,
- 8 “He trusted in God, that he would deliver him; *
let him deliver him, if he will have him.”
- 9 But you are he that took me out of my mother’s womb; *
you were my hope, when I was yet upon my mother’s breasts.
- 10 I have been cast upon you ever since I was born; *
you are my God, even from my mother’s womb.
- 11 O go not far from me, for trouble is near at hand, *
and there is none to help me.
- 12 Many oxen have come around me; *
fat bulls of Bashan close me in on every side.
- 13 They gape at me with their mouths, *
like a ravening and a roaring lion.
- 14 I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; *
my heart also in he midst of my body is like melting wax.
- 15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue cleaves to my gums, *
and you bring me into the dust of death.
- 16 For many dogs have come about me, *
and the council of the wicked lays siege against me.
- 17 They pierced my hands and my feet; I can count all my bones; *
they stand staring and looking upon me.
- 18 They part my garments among them, *
and casts lots for my clothing.
- 19 But be not far from me, O LORD. *
You are my succor; hasten to help me.
- 20 Deliver my soul from the sword, *
my life from the power of the dog.
- 21 Save me from the lion’s mouth, *
and my soul in misery from among the horns of wild oxen.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL

John 19:1-37

Pew Bible, p. 1075

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

The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted. The Congregation may be seated for the first part of the Passion.

All stand at the verse that mentions the arrival at Golgotha (John 19:17). *All may kneel in silence after the verse that mentions Christ's death (John 19:30).*

THE HOMILY

The Very Rev. Dr. Craig Stephans, Rector

The congregation is invited to pray and reflect in silence for a time following the sermon.

HYMN (*Stand*)

Hymnal #131

“Ah, Holy Jesus”

Herzliebster Jesu

THE SOLEMN COLLECTS

All kneel as the Officiant says

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 biddings may be read by a Deacon or other person appointed. The Officiant says the Collects. The People may kneel and offer their own prayers silently.

Deacon

Let us pray for the holy Church throughout the world: that the Lord our God may preserve her in unity, peace, and safety, bringing into divine subjection all powers and principalities; and that he may grant us to dwell in such peace and tranquility that we may show forth the glory of God.

Silence

Officiant

Almighty Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church. Fill it with all truth, in all truth, with all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son our Savior. **Amen.**

Deacon

Let us pray for Alex our Bishop and for Foley our Archbishop: that the Lord our God, who has appointed them to this office, may preserve them in health and safety for the governance of God's holy people.

Silence

Officiant

Almighty and everlasting God, whose judgment upholds all things both in heaven and on earth: as you have appointed these your servants to be our Bishops, so also defend them by your mercy against all adversities; that we, acknowledging you as the great Shepherd and Overseer of our souls, may so prosper by their care that we may bring forth the fruit of righteousness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Deacon

Let us pray for all Bishops, Priests, Deacons and Ministers, and for all God's holy People.

Silence

Officiant

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.**

Deacon

Let us pray for our nation's leaders and for all in Civil Authority; that they, knowing whose ministers they are, may above all things seek God's honor and glory: and that we, remembering whose authority they bear, may faithfully and obediently honor them in accordance with God's holy Word.

Silence

Officiant

Almighty God, whose kingdom is everlasting and whose power is infinite: We commend our nation to your merciful care, that being guided by your Providence, we may dwell secure in your peace. Grant to our nation's leaders and to all in authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do your will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness; and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve this people in your fear; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Deacon

Let us pray to God the Father Almighty, that he would cleanse the world from all evil; deliver it from pestilence and famine; set free those who are in captivity; restore the sick to health; and bring those who travel to a haven of safety.

Silence

Officiant

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.**

Deacon

Let us pray for all who are in heresy or schism: that the Lord our God may deliver them from all false doctrine, and restore them to the faith and unity of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

Silence

Officiant

O God of truth and love, who desires not the death of sinners but rather that they should turn from their wickedness and live: Look with mercy on those who are deceived by the lies of the world, the flesh, and the devil; that the hearts of those who have gone astray may be restored to wisdom and return to the way of truth in the unity of your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Deacon

Let us pray for the Jewish people: that the Lord our God may look graciously upon them, and that they may come to know Jesus as the Messiah, and as the Lord of all.

Silence

Officiant

Almighty and everlasting God, you established your covenant with Abraham and his seed: Hear the prayers of your Church, that the people through whom you brought blessing to the world may also receive the blessing of salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Deacon

Let us pray for all those who do not believe in Christ, that the Holy Spirit may enlighten them through the Gospel and bring them into the way of salvation.

Silence

Officiant

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.**

Deacon

Let us commit ourselves to our God, and pray for the grace of a holy life, that, with all who 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

Officiant

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. **Amen.**

THE REPROACHES

All stand. Led by the Officiant.

O my people, what have I done to you?
How have I wearied you? Testify against me.
I brought you forth from the land of bondage,
and led you through the waters of salvation,
and you have prepared a Cross for your Savior.

**Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.**

I led you through the desert forty years,
and fed you with the bread of heaven;
I brought you into the land of promise,
and you have prepared a Cross for your Savior.

**Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.**

What could I have done for you that I have not done?
I planted you, my vineyard, to bear sweet fruit;
but you have become very bitter to me,
and gave me vinegar for my thirst.

**Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.**

I passed over your first-born and delivered them from death,
and you have delivered me into the hands of my enemies;
I led you in the pillar of cloud,
and you have led me into the judgment hall of Pilate.
O my people, what have I done to you?
How have I wearied you? Testify against me.

**Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.**

I struck down the kings of the Canaanites for your sake,
and you struck my head with a reed;
I gave you a royal inheritance,
and you have crowned my head with thorns.
O my people, what have I done to you?
How have I wearied you? Testify against me.

**Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.**

I opened the rock and gave you to drink from the water of life,
and you have opened my side with a spear.
I raised you on high with great power,
and you have hanged me high upon the Cross.
O my church, what have I done to you?
How have I wearied you? Testify against me.

**Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.**

HYMN (*Stand*)

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

*Hymnal #132
Hamburg*

Officiant We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,
People **because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**
Officiant If we have died with him, we shall also live with him;
People **If we endure, we shall also reign with him.**
Officiant We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,
People **because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Officiant And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray: *All say together.*

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. Amen.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Celebrant

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; peace and rest to the dead; to your holy Church unity 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.**

The congregation departs in silence.

Easter Vigil Tomorrow Evening!

Blessing of Fire, Baptism & Holy Eucharist 8 PM

Bring a bell to ring in the Resurrection of our Lord!

This service begins on the Bull Street Steps.



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Schedule

Morning Prayer: Monday - Saturday | 8 AM

Noon Prayer: Monday - Saturday | Noon

Evensong: 6:30 PM | First Friday of Each Month

Sunday Worship: Holy Eucharist 8 & 10:30 AM | Compline 8 PM

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday | Noon - 5PM

Clergy

The Very Rev. Dr. Craig Stephans, Rector
The Rev. Canon Bryan Biba, Assistant Rector
The Rev. Drew Ibach, Curate
The Venerable Rev. Greg Malley, Deacon
The Rev. Sally Lufburrow, Deacon
The Rev. Steve Dantin, Deacon
The Rev. Kirk Duffy, Deacon
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