

ST. ANDREW'S PARISH CHURCH

Established 1706



GOOD FRIDAY

3 April 2026 at Noon

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***On this holy day, please prepare your heart for worship in prayer and silence.
Please refrain from conversation. As the service begins, the ministers will enter in silence
with the people standing.***

Celebrant: All we like sheep have gone astray; we turned every one to his own way.

People: **And the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.**

Celebrant: 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. **Amen.**

Please be seated

THE FIRST CHORAL ANTHEM

Crux fidelis

Words: Venantius Fortunatus (530-609) Music: John IV, King of Portugal (1604-1656)

**Crux fidelis, inter omnes, arbor una nobilis:
Nulla silva talem profert, fronde, flore, germine:
Dulce lignum, dulces clavos,
Dulce pondus sustinet. Amen**

*Cross most faithful, high exalted, noble tree beyond compare:
Never grew there one so blessed, branches, blossoms green and fair:
Sweetest wood, sweetest nails,
Sweetest burden thou dost bear. Amen*



¹³ Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted. ¹⁴ As many were astonished at you - his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind - ¹⁵ so shall he sprinkle many nations. Kings shall shut their mouths because of him, for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand.

¹ Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed. ² 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, and no beauty that we should desire him. ³ He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. ⁴ Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. ⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. ⁷ He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. ⁸ By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? ⁹ And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. ¹⁰ Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. ¹¹ Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. ¹² Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**



MY God, my God, look upon me; why hast thou forsaken me : and art so far from my health, and from the words of my complaint?

2 O my God, I cry in the day-time, but thou hearest not : and in the night-season also I take no rest.

4 Our fathers hoped in thee : they trusted in thee, and thou didst deliver them.

6 But as for me, I am a worm, and no man : a very scorn of men, and the outcast of the people.

7 All they that see me laugh me to scorn : they shoot out 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.

10 I have been left unto thee ever since I was born: thou art my God, even from my mother's womb.

11 O go not from me, for trouble is hard at hand : and there is none to help me.

14 I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint : my heart also in the midst of my body is even like melting wax.

15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue cleaveth to my gums : and thou shalt bring me into the dust of death.

17 They pierced my hands and my feet; I may tell all my bones : they stand staring and looking upon me.

18 They part my garments among them : and cast lots upon my vesture.

19 But be not thou far from me, O Lord : thou art my succour, haste thee to help me.

20 Deliver my soul from the sword : my darling from the power of the dog.

27 All the ends of the world shall remember themselves, and be turned unto the Lord : and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before him.

28 For the kingdom is the Lord's : and he is the Governor among the people.



For since the law has but a shadow of the good things to come instead of the true form of these realities, it can never, by the same sacrifices that are continually offered every year, make perfect those who draw near. 2 Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered, since the worshipers, having once been cleansed, would no longer have any consciousness of sins? 3 But in these sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year. 4 For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. 5 Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me; 6 in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. 7 Then I said, 'Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.'"

8 When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), 9 then he added, "Behold, I have come to do your will." He does away with the first in order to establish the second. 10 And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. 11 And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. 12 But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, 13 waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. 14 For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

15 And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying, 16 "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds," 17 then he adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." 18 Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. 19 Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, 20 by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, 21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near 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. 23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, 25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE HYMN *(Please stand and sing)*

Tune: *Herzlichkeit Michverlangen*

1. O sac - red head, sore wound - ed, de - filed and put to scorn;
 2. Thy beau - ty, long - de - sir - ed, hath va - nished from our sight;
 3. In thy most bit - ter pas - sion my heart to share doth cry,
 O king - ly head sur - round - ed with mock - ing crown of thorn:
 thy power is all ex - pir - ed, and quenched the light of light.
 with thee for my sal - va - tion up - on the cross to die.
 what sor - row mars thy gran - deur? Can death thy bloom de - flower?
 Ah me! for whom thou di - est, hide not so far thy grace:
 Ah, keep my heart thus mov - ed to stand thy cross be - neath,
 O coun - te - nance whose splen - dor the hosts of heaven a - dore!
 show me, O Love most high - est, the bright - ness of thy face.
 to mourn thee, well - be - lov - ed, yet thank thee for thy death.

Text: Paul Gerhardt (1607-1676); tr. Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930)

Music: HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN [*Passion Chorale*], Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612)

¹Then the whole company of them arose and brought him before Pilate. ²And they began to accuse him, saying, “We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding us to give tribute to Caesar, and saying that he himself is Christ, a king.” ³And Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” And he answered him, “You have said so.” ⁴Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, “I find no guilt in this man.” ⁵But they were urgent, saying, **“He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee even to this place.”**

⁶When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. ⁷And when he learned that he belonged to Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him over to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. ⁸When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had long desired to see him, because he had heard about him, and he was hoping to see some sign done by him. ⁹So he questioned him at some length, but he made no answer. ¹⁰The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. ¹¹And Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him. Then, arraying him in splendid clothing, he sent him back to Pilate. ¹²And Herod and Pilate became friends with each other that very day, for before this they had been at enmity with each other.

¹³Pilate called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, ¹⁴and said to them, “You brought me this man as one who was misleading the people. And after examining him before you, behold, I did not find this man guilty of any of your charges against him. ¹⁵Neither did Herod, for he sent him back to us. Look, nothing deserving death has been done by him. ¹⁶I will therefore punish and release him.”

¹⁷But they all cried out together, **“Away with this man, and release to us Barabbas”**— ¹⁸a man who had been thrown into prison for an insurrection started in the city and for murder. ¹⁹Pilate addressed them once more, desiring to release Jesus, ²⁰but they kept shouting, **“Crucify, crucify him!”** ²¹A third time he said to them, “Why? What evil has he done? I have found in him no guilt deserving death. I will therefore punish and release him.” ²²But they were urgent, demanding with loud cries that he should be crucified. And their voices prevailed. ²³So Pilate decided that their demand should be granted. ²⁴He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, for whom they asked, but he delivered Jesus over to their will.

²⁵And as they led him away, they seized one Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross, to carry it behind Jesus. ²⁶And there followed him a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. ²⁷But turning to them Jesus said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁸For behold, the days are coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!’ ²⁹Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us,’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ ³⁰For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

Please Stand

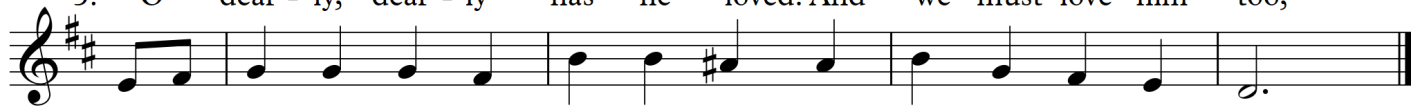
³¹Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³²And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³³And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” And they cast lots to divide his garments. ³⁴And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!” ³⁵The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁶and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” ³⁷There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

³⁸One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!” ³⁹But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴⁰And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴¹And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” ⁴²And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

⁴³It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, ⁴⁴while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁵Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!” And having said this he breathed his last. ⁴⁶Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying, “Certainly this man was innocent!” ⁴⁷And all the crowds that had assembled for this spectacle, when they saw what had taken place, returned home beating their breasts. ⁴⁸And all his acquaintances and the women who had followed him from Galilee stood at a distance watching these things.

THE HYMN *(Please stand and sing)*Tune: *Horsley*

1. There is a green hill far a - way, out - side a ci - ty wall,
2. We may not know, we can - not tell, what pains he had to bear,
3. He died that we might be for - given, he died to make us good,
4. There was no o - ther good e - nough to pay the price of sin,
5. O dear - ly, dear - ly has he loved! And we must love him too,



where our dear Lord was cru - ci - fied who died to save us all.
 but we be - lieve it was for us he hung and suf - fered there.
 that we might go at last to heaven, saved by his prec - ious blood.
 he on - ly could un - lock the gate of heaven and let us in.
 and trust in his re - deem - ing blood, and try his works to do.

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), alt.
 Music: HORSLEY, William Horsley (1774-1858)

THE SOLEMN COLLECTS *(Please remain standing)*

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. Kneeling, let us pray for people everywhere according to their needs. *(Please Kneel)*

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 Chip, 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

The Celebrant then prays

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 Donald Trump, 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

The Celebrant then prays

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.**

The Deacon, or other appointed person continues

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

The Celebrant then prays

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.**

The Deacon, or other appointed person continues

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

The Celebrant then prays

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

The Celebrant then prays

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.**

A wooden cross is brought into the church and placed at the entrance to the Sanctuary.

Anthem 1 (Please remain kneeling; Congregational responses are in Bold)

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.

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

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

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

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.

Anthem 2

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

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

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

Anthem 3

O Savior of the world,
who by thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us:
Save us and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

THE FOURTH ANTHEM (CHORAL)

‘THE ROYAL BANNERS FORWARD GO’

Vexilla Regis by Venantius Fortunatus (530-609)

Arranged by David & Judith Acres - March 2017

1. The royal banners forward go; now shines the Cross’s mystery,
Upon it Life did Death endure, and yet by death did life procure.
2. Fulfilled is all that David told, in true prophetic song of old;
Amidst the nations, God, saith he, hath reigned and triumphed from the Tree.
3. O Tree of beauty, Tree of light, O Tree with royal purple dight; elect,
On whose triumphal breast those holy limbs should find their rest.
4. To Thee, eternal Three in One, let homage meet by all be done,
whom by the Cross Thou dost restore, preserve, and govern evermore. Amen

This melody was composed some 1,453 years ago and it is wonderful to consider that music sung in Europe nigh on 1,500 years ago from the Saturday before Palm Sunday through to Good Friday, is now being sung liturgically in the United States of America, in our historic and beautiful church, here in South Carolina. Vexilla Regis is traditionally sung during the procession of the Blessed Sacrament on Good Friday.

THE INVITATION TO CONFESSION

The Celebrant then prays

All who truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and seek to be reconciled with your neighbors, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking in his holy ways, draw near with faith and make your humble confession to Almighty God.

Silence

THE CONFESSION OF SINS *(Please kneel)*

The Deacon and People kneel as able and pray

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ’s sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP 2019 page 134)

Celebrant:

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

**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.**

THE INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION FROM RESERVE SACRAMENT

The Sacrament is received by the ministers and the people.

THE FIRST COMMUNION ANTHEM

Sung by the choir

Drop, drop, slow tears

Music: Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

Words: Phineas Fletcher (1582-1650)

1. Drop, drop slow tears, and bathe those beauteous feet,
Which brought from heaven the news and Prince of peace.
2. Cease not, wet eyes, his mercies to entreat;
To cry for vengeance sin doth never cease.
3. In your deep floods drown all my faults and fears;
Nor let His eye see sin, but through my tears.

THE SECOND COMMUNION ANTHEM

Sung by the choir

In the departure of the Lord

Words: Sir William Leighton (c.1565-1622) Music: John Bull (1563-1628)

In the departure of the Lord, of mortal body's vital breath,
There lies a mystery worth record, which He did show us here on earth:
Who doth prepare to die each hour must follow Christ our Saviour.

Were You There?

A Spiritual - Arranged by Bob Chilcott (b.1955)

1. Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Oh! Sometimes it cause me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

2. 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?

THE COMMUNION HYMN (*if needed*)Tune: *Rockingham*

1. When I sur - vey the won - drous cross where the young
 2. For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
 3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
 4. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were an
 prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
 cross of Christ my God: all the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
 of - fering far too small; love so a - maz - ing,
 count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Text: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Music: ROCKINGHAM, melody from *Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature*, ca. 1780; adapt. Edward Miller (1731-1707); harm. Samuel Webbe (1740-1816)

THE CONCLUDING PRAYER

The service concludes with the following prayer. No blessing or dismissal is added.

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.

*Please Stand As The Ministers Depart**When you are ready to leave the Church, kindly depart in silence.*