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We're glad you took the opportunity to visit us. Our hope is that you find a home among us, in a place where the love of God is shared. We hope you hear a message about the meaning and purpose of life you can take with you.



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

A Sharing of the Sunday of the Passion

March 28, 2021

*Saint Paul's & Christ Memorial
Episcopal Churches*



Sharing of the Sunday of the Passion

1:00 p.m.

PRELUDE— To Our Lady of Sorrows Morfydd Llwyn Owen (1891-1918) Katherine Aregood Crusi, Soprano

OPENING ACCLAMATION
Blessed be our God

For ever and ever Amen.

People: Holy God, holy and mighty, Holy Immortal One, have mercy upon us.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: 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.**

HYMN #1— My Song Is Love Unknown—(Solo by Bruce Candlish)

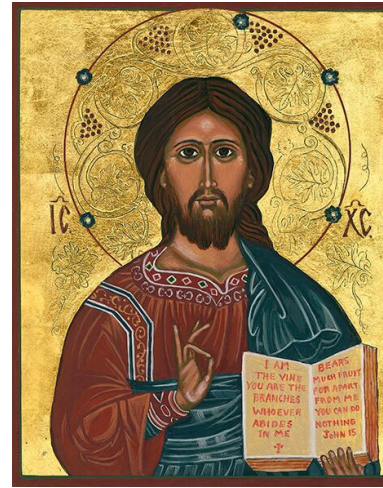
GOSPEL READING # 1—JESUS AT BETHANY—MARK 14: 1-11

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him; for they said, “Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people.”

While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly



PRAYER FOR HOLY WEEK

Almighty God, whose dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

HOLY WEEK EVENTS—LIVESTREAMED ON YOUTUBE @ CHRIST MEMORIAL

Good Friday, April 2 - [Eucharist](#) at Saint Paul's @ 12 Noon -

<https://youtu.be/ItVnbL41XGs>

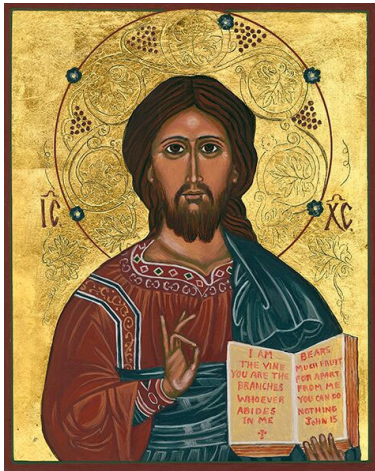
1pm—4pm [Rites of Reconciliation](#) (by appointment) in Priest's Office at Saint Paul's and/or Christ Memorial

Holy Saturday, Apr. 3 [Holy Saturday](#) Prayers and Preparations – @ 10:00 AM

Easter Sunday, Apr 4 [Eucharist](#) @ 9 AM

https://youtu.be/nidV_tdimpY

Easter Sunday [Eucharist](#) at 11:15 Christ Memorial—in Person—and online on Borough Lawn
<https://youtu.be/dc59duyPKNM>



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HOLY WEEK EVENTS—LIVESTREAMED ON ZOOM @ SAINT PAUL’S

Holy Wednesday, March 31 [Evening Prayer](#) - St. Paul’s Bloomsburg @ 7pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81127884401> Meeting ID: 811 2788 4401

Maundy Thursday April 1 - [Eucharist](#) – Saint Paul’s Bloomsburg @ 7pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89037490953>— Meeting ID: 890 3749 0953

1pm—4pm [Rites of Reconciliation](#) (by appointment) in Priest’s Office at Saint Paul’s and/or Christ Memorial

Good Friday, April 2 - [Eucharist](#) at Saint Paul’s @ 7pm -

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83347722409>—Meeting ID: 833 4772 2409

ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. But some were there who said to one another in anger, “Why was the ointment wasted in this way? For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor.” And they scolded her. But Jesus said, “Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.”

Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. When they heard it, they were greatly pleased, and promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

COLLECT FOR THE HUMAN FAMILY

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN #2 — The King of Love My Shepherd is — (Christ Memorial Choir Members) - Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877); para. Psalm 23 Music: St. Columba, Irish melody, harm

GOSPEL READING # 2—THE LAST SUPPER—MARK 14: 12-26

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is

sacrificed, his disciples said to him, “Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?” So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, “Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, ‘The Teacher asks, Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.” So the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

When it was evening, he came with the twelve. And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.” They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another, “Surely, not I?” He said to them, “It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.”

While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, “Take; this is my body.” Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. He said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.”

When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

COLLECT FOR COMMUNION

Gracious Father, we give you praise and thanks for this Holy Communion of the Body and Blood of your beloved Son



We view the world through the lenses of our biases and experiences. This Holy Week take time to contemplate (20' a day?) these questions. Strive to find some silence and become aware of what you believe based upon the Gospel story as we hear it in Holy Week.

“Reality is always better than any of us imagined or feared; there is joy associated with a true hearing of the Gospel.” (Rohr, March, 2021 [A Gospel Lens](#))

Dig deep[into your soul and ask:

“What should life be?”

“Why isn’t it?”

“How do we repair it?”

This Eastertide— How will you and we bring new life into world as we thank God for Christ’s presence among us and offering of new life for our neighbors?

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 Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE—AH, HOLY JESUS - ARR. Mark C. Jones (1957-2017)

Jesus Christ, the pledge of our redemption; and we pray that it may bring us forgiveness of our sins, strength in our weakness, and everlasting salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN #3 - Draw Nigh and Take the Body Of the Lord (Vs. 1-3,8— St. Paul's choir members) - Words: Bangor Antiphoner, ca. 690; tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt. Music: Song 46, melody and bass Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625); harm

GOSPEL READING # 3—GETHSEMANE —MARK 14: 27-51

And Jesus said to them, “You will all become deserters; for it is written,

‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.’

But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.” Peter said to him, “Even though all become deserters, I will not.”

Jesus said to him, “Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.”

But he said vehemently, “Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.” And all of them said the same.

They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.” He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. And he said to them, “I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake.” And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. He said, “Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I

want, but what you want.” He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, “Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. He came a third time and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.”

Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard.” So when he came, he went up to him at once and said, “Rabbi!” and kissed him. Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to them, “Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled.” All of them deserted him and fled.

A certain young man was following him, wearing nothing but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him, but he left the linen cloth and ran off naked.

Celebrant: 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.

Celebrant: 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.

ANTHEM 2

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

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

Celebrant: 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.

CLOSING PRAYERS

Almighty God, whose dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Jesus saw where the body was laid.

CONCLUDING COLLECT

May the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. **Amen.**

HYMN #7- ABIDE WITH ME (COMBINED CHOIRS) - Words: Henry Frances Lyte (1793-1847)
Music: Eventide, William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

ANTHEM 1

Celebrant: 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.**

COLLECT FOR PEACE

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

HYMN #4—Go To Dark Gethsemane (CMEC choir members—Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854)
Music: Petra, Richard Redhead (1820-1901))

GOSPEL READING # 4—JESUS’ TRIAL & PETER’S DENIAL — MARK 14: 52-75

They took Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled. Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none. For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree. Some stood up and gave false testimony against him, saying, “We heard him say, ‘I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.’” But even on this point their testimony did not agree. Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, “Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?” But he was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him, “Are you the

Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?” Jesus said, “I am; and
‘you will see the Son of Man
seated at the right hand of the Power,’
and ‘coming with the clouds of heaven.’”

Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, “Why do we still
need witnesses? You have heard his blasphemy! What is your
decision?” All of them condemned him as deserving death. Some
began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying
to him, “Prophecy!” The guards also took him over and beat him.
While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls
of the high priest came by. When she saw Peter warming himself,
she stared at him and said, “You also were with Jesus, the man
from Nazareth.” But he denied it, saying, “I do not know or
understand what you are talking about.” And he went out into the
forecourt. Then the cock crowed. And the servant-girl, on seeing
him, began again to say to the bystanders, “This man is one of
them.” But again he denied it. Then after a little while the
bystanders again said to Peter, “Certainly you are one of them;
for you are a Galilean.” But he began to curse, and he swore an
oath, “I do not know this man you are talking about.” At that
moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter
remembered that Jesus had said to him, “Before the cock crows
twice, you will deny me three times.” And he broke down and
wept.

COLLECT FOR THE OPPRESSED

Look with pity, O heavenly Father, upon the people in this
land who live with injustice, terror, disease, and death as

HYMN #6—AH, HOLY JESUS (Vs. 1,2, & 5) CMEC choir
members) - Words: Johann Heermann (1585-1647); tr. Robert
Seymour Bridges (1844-1930), alt.
Music: Herzliebster Jesu, Johann Cruger (1598-1662), alt.

GOSPEL READING # 6—JESUS IS CRUCIFIED AND ENTOMBED — MARK 15: 25-47

It was nine o’clock in the morning when they crucified him. The
inscription of the charge against him read, “The King of the
Jews.” And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right
and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking
their heads and saying, “Aha! You who would destroy the temple
and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the
cross!” In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes,
were also mocking him among themselves and saying, “He saved
others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of
Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and
believe.” Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three
in the afternoon. At three o’clock Jesus cried out with a loud
voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?” which means, “My God,
my God, why have you forsaken me?” When some of the
bystanders heard it, they said, “Listen, he is calling for Elijah.”
And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a
stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, “Wait, let us see
whether Elijah will come to take him down.” Then Jesus gave a
loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was
torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who
stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he
said, “Truly this man was God’s Son!”

There were also women looking on from a distance; among them
were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the
younger and of Joses, and Salome. These used to follow him and

over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again, “Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?” They shouted back, “Crucify him!” Pilate asked them, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Crucify him!” So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor’s headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him, “Hail, King of the Jews!” They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

PRAYER FOR SELF DEDICATION

Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to thee, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly thine, utterly dedicated unto thee; and then use us, we pray thee, as thou wilt, and always to thy glory and the welfare of thy people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

their constant companions. Have mercy upon us. Help us to eliminate our cruelty to these our neighbors. Strengthen those who spend their lives establishing equal protection of the law and equal opportunities for all. And grant that every one of us may enjoy a fair portion of the riches of this land; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN #5 O SACRED HEAD SORE WOUNDED (Vs. 1-3) St. Paul’s choir Members) - Words: Paul Gerhardt (1607-1676); sts. 1-3, 5, tr. Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930); st. 4, tr. James Waddell Alexander (1804-1859), alt.
Music: Herzlich tut mich verlangen [Passion Chorale], Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612); adapt. And harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

GOSPEL READING # 5—JESUS IS SENTENCED BY PILATE — MARK 15: 1-24

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” He answered him, “You say so.” Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again, “Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.” But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them, “Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?” For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him