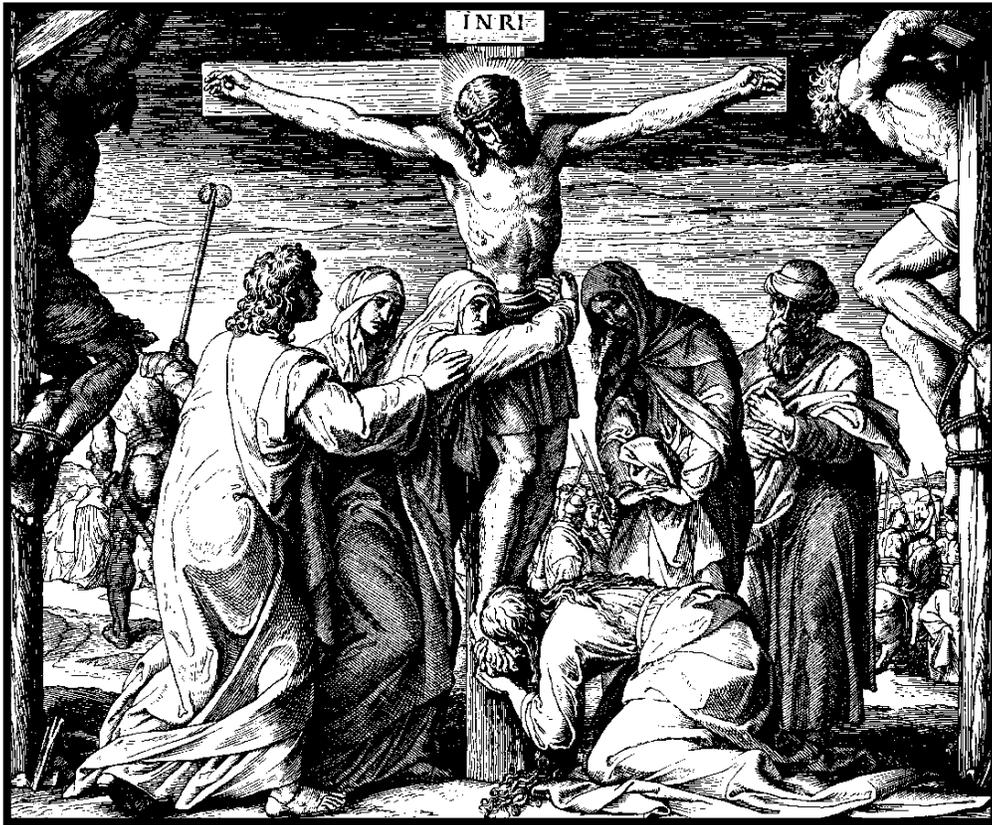




SAINT JAMES EPISCOPAL



GOOD FRIDAY

April 3, 2026

12:00 PM

WELCOME TO ST. JAMES

St. James is part of the Episcopal Church and a member of the Anglican Communion—a fellowship of 70 million Christians throughout the world. Our purpose is to be a Christ-centered community proclaiming God’s word, worshipping God in the beauty of holiness, lifting our hearts in prayer, exploring and deepening our faith in community, and serving others as Christ came to serve. We welcome all who seek the living God to journey with us. We are a truly diverse group which gathers around one table as one family in the Body of Christ, each a beloved child of God.

We believe in the Real Presence: that Jesus Christ becomes truly present to us in the sacrament of his Body and Blood. In this sacrament, our unity in Christ is revealed and from it, we draw our spiritual strength.

All are welcome at God’s altar during communion. Baptized Christians of all ages are invited to join with us in receiving the sacrament, regardless of your denomination. If you are not baptized or are in any way uncomfortable receiving communion today, when you come forward, simply cross your arms over your chest to indicate you desire a blessing rather than the sacrament. If you are not baptized and would like to be, please speak with a member of the clergy after the service.

We are honored that you have chosen to worship with us today to continue in the Apostles’ fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers. Again, welcome, thank you for joining us, and know that we believe in the words of St. Paul who said:

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. (Hebrews 13:2)

Gluten Free Communion Wafers are available. Please make your request known to the clergy at the Altar Rail.



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The Rt. Rev. Daniel P. Richards, Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina

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Today's Liturgy

Today's liturgy marks the second of the "Triduum Sacrum" – the Holy Three Days. Three services make up this central observance of the heart of Holy Week: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil. It is important to remember that the Holy Week liturgies are really one long liturgy in three separate acts. On Good Friday, we commemorate the events immediately leading to and including the death of Jesus Christ as we read John's account of those events. We pray the solemn collects for the Church and for the world. We venerate the cross, "on which was hung the world's salvation". We confess our sins and receive communion from the Reserved Sacrament. We leave the service in silence, waiting for the next chapter of the story to unfold.

The Veneration of the Cross

The earliest description of this ceremony is found in the late fourth century treatise "The Pilgrimage of Egeria." In this diary she describes the Good Friday ceremonies in Jerusalem. During that service, fragments that were believed to be of the true cross were placed on a table in front of the bishop. The people came forward, bowed toward the table, and kissed the sacred wood. Variations of the ceremony developed throughout Christianity. The custom was restored in the 1979 BCP (p. 281), in which a wooden cross may be brought into the church and placed in the sight of the people. Following this the people may sing the Good Friday anthems and the hymn "Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle". Veneration is not worship – it is holding great respect for a person or thing. Therefore, we do not worship the cross. Rather, we hold the cross in great respect as a symbol of Christ's suffering and our means of salvation.

Today's Offering

The Good Friday Offering is designated for the work of the Episcopal Church in the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. Our sisters and brothers there face lives made difficult by ongoing conflicts in the region. Their faith in Christ sustains them as they seek to find hope in the midst of despair. Our tangible support through the Good Friday Offering will assist them as they work to bring the healing power of Christ to this most broken part of the world.

The Proper Liturgy for Good Friday

12:00 Noon

*You are invited to keep a reverent silence in the nave before the service begins.
Please turn off all cellular phones and similar devices.*

The Silent Procession

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 276

All kneel for silent prayer.

Celebrant Blessed be our God for ever and ever. Amen
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.**

The First Lesson

Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12

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;

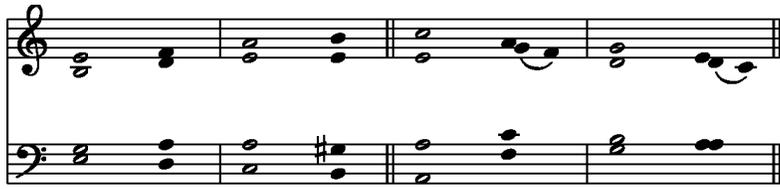
yet he bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors.

Psalm 22 *Deus, Deus meus* Chanted by all, to the Psalm tune († denotes second half of chant)



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- 1 My God, my God, why have you for-/saken me? *
and are so far from my cry and from the words of my dis-/tress?
- 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 de-/livered them.
- 5 They cried out to you and were de-/livered; *
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 de-/liver him; *
let him rescue him, if he de-/lights 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 en-/circle me; *
strong bulls of Bashan sur-/round 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 pot-sherd; 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 a-/round me; *
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.



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- 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 as-/sembly; *
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 bow be-/fore 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 be-/fore 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 un-/born *
the saving deeds that he has / done.

The Second Lesson

Hebrews 10:16-25

The Holy Spirit testifies saying,

“This is the covenant that I will make with them
after those days, says the Lord:
I will put my laws in their hearts,
and I will write them on their minds,”

he also adds,

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

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.**

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

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. **Amen.**

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

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.**

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

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. **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

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.**

The Veneration of the Cross

BCP 281

In silence, the servers carry in the cross.

The congregation is invited to come forward to pray before the cross, to kneel before the cross or to touch the cross if you are moved to do so.

The Cantor chants the anthems on pages 281-282.

The people kneel during the singing of Hymn 166.



1 Sing, my tongue, the glo - rious bat - tle; of the might - y con - flict
 2 Thir - ty years a - mong us dwell - ing, his ap - point - ed time ful -
 3 He en - dures the nails, the spit - ting, vin - e - gar, and spear, and
 4 Faith - ful cross! a - bove all o - ther, one and on - ly no - ble
 5 Bend thy boughs, O tree of glo - ry! Thy re - lax - ing sin - ews
 *6 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or to the



1 sing; tell the tri - umph of the vic - tim, to his
 2 filled, born for this, he meets his pas - sion, this the
 3 reed; from that ho - ly bo - dy bro - ken blood and
 4 tree! None in fo - liage, none in blos - som, none in
 5 bend; for a - while the an - cient ri - gor that thy
 6 Son, praise and hon - or to the Spi - rit, ev - er



1 cross thy tri - bute bring. Je - sus Christ, the world's Re -
 2 Sa - vior free - ly willed: on the cross the Lamb is
 3 wa - ter forth pro - ceed: earth, and stars, and sky, and
 4 fruit thy peer may be: sweet - est wood and sweet - est
 5 birth be - stowed, sus - pend; and the King of heaven - ly
 6 Three and ev - er One: one in might and one in



1 deem - er from that cross now reigns as King.
 2 lift - ed, where his pre - cious blood is spilled.
 3 o - cean, by that flood from stain are freed.
 4 i - ron! sweet - est weight is hung on thee.
 5 beau - ty gent - ly on thine arms ex - tend.
 6 glo - ry while e - ter - nal a - ges run.

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The Altar party leaves the Nave to retrieve the Sacrament from the oratory.

Confession of Sin & Absolution

BCP 360

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Celebrant offers the absolution.

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

People and Celebrant

**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.**

Communion from the Reserved Sacrament

Baptized Christians of all traditions and ages are invited to receive the sacrament. If you are not baptized or are uncomfortable receiving communion for any reason, you are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.

Closing Prayer

BCP 282

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.**

***There is no dismissal. The congregation departs in silence.
Individuals may stay for personal prayer and meditation.***

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Holy Week

Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday-March 29

8:00 AM Liturgy of the Palms & Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:30 AM Liturgy of the Palms & Holy Eucharist, Rite II*

Wednesday, April 1

6:30 PM Tenebrae (*with Chant Choir*)

Thursday, April 2

6:30 PM Maundy Thursday Holy Eucharist,
Rite II & Stripping of the Altar*
9:00 PM Vigil at the Altar of Repose
(*all night at the Oratory in the Narthex*)

Friday, April 3

12:00 PM The Good Friday Liturgy*
6:30 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 4

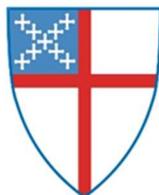
11:00 AM Holy Saturday in Memorial Garden
8:00 PM The Great Vigil of Easter+

Easter Day, April 5

7:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I
9:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II
10:15 AM Easter Egg Hunt
11:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II *+

* *Service will be livestreamed.*

+ *Incense will be used.*



*St. James Episcopal Church is, above all,
a welcoming, caring community.*

*We are dedicated to worship, outreach,
fellowship and growth in the service of Christ.*

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