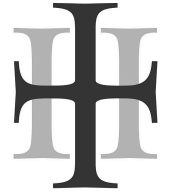




HOLY TRINITY PARISH
DECATUR, GEORGIA
GOOD FRIDAY
APRIL 3, 2026 – 7 P.M.



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

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if we endure, we shall also reign with him.

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Welcome. If you are visiting and would like to let us know you were here, please use this QR code.

*Please note—congregational responses are in **bold**.*

THE SILENT PROCESSION

The choir is seated in the chancel at the beginning of the service.

All then kneel for silent prayer, after which the Officiant begins the liturgy.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.**

PSALM 22:1-21 *Sung by the choir*

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
and are so far from my cry
and from the words of my distress?

O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer;
by night as well, but I find no rest.

Yet you are the Holy One,
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.

Our forefathers put their trust in you;
they trusted, and you delivered them.

They cried out to you and were delivered;
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.

But as for me, I am a worm and no man,
scorned by all and despised by the people.

All who see me laugh me to scorn;
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,

“He trusted in the LORD; let him deliver him;
let him rescue him, if he delights in him.”

Yet you are he who took me out of the womb,
and kept me safe upon my mother’s breast.

I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born;
you were my God when I was still in my mother’s womb.

Be not far from me, for trouble is near,
and there is none to help.

Many young bulls encircle me;
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.

They open wide their jaws at me,
like a ravening and a roaring lion.

I am poured out like water;
all my bones are out of joint;
my heart within my breast is melting wax.

My mouth is dried out like a pot-herd;
my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;
and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.

Packs of dogs close me in,
and gangs of evildoers circle around me;
they pierce my hands and my feet;
I can count all my bones.

They stare and gloat over me;
they divide my garments among them;
they cast lots for my clothing.

Be not far away, O Lord;
you are my strength; hasten to help me.

Save me from the sword,
my life from the power of the dog.

Save me from the lion's mouth,
my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.

I will declare your Name to my brethren;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN

Please sit in silence as the Passion Gospel is read.

At various points during the Passion we will pause to sing a verse of "Ab, holy Jesus" to allow listeners to pause and refocus. You may remain seated.

All stand, as able, at the mention of Golgotha, the place of the skull.

- 1 Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended,
that man to judge thee hath in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,
O most afflicted.

- 2 Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee:
I crucified thee.

- 3 Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;
the slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered;
for our atonement, while we nothing heeded,
God interceded.

- 4 For me, kind Jesus, was thy incarnation,
thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation;
thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion,
for my salvation.

- 5 Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee,
I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee,
think on thy pity and thy love unswerving,
not my deserving.

THE SERMON

THE SOLEMN COLLECTS *All stand, as able.*

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.

It is customary to kneel for the bidding ("Let us pray for...") and for an extended time of silent prayer. Then the officiant will invite you to stand for a common prayer, known as a collect.

Prayers For the Church

Kneeling, as able

The Bidding: 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 Rob, our Bishop, and all the people of this diocese

For all Christians in this community

For all about to be baptized.

That God will confirm the Church in faith, increase it in love, and preserve it in peace.

After a time of silent prayer, the officiant will invite you to stand for the collect.

The Collect: 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.**

Prayers for the Nations

Kneeling, as able

The Bidding: Let us pray for all nations and peoples of the earth, and for those in authority among them;

For Donald, the President of the United States

For Brian, the Governor of Georgia

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.

After a time of silent prayer, the officiant will invite you to stand for the collect.

The Collect: 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.**

Prayers for the Suffering

Kneeling, as able

The Bidding: 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 those awaiting execution

For captives, and all 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.

After a time of silent prayer, the officiant will invite you to stand for the collect.

The Collect: 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.**

Prayers for Those Who Do Not Know Christ

Kneeling, as able

The Bidding: 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.

After a time of silent prayer, the officiant will invite you to stand for the collect.

The Collect: 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.**

Prayers for Our Own Lives

Kneeling, as able

The Bidding: Let us commit ourselves to our 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.

After a time of silent prayer, the officiant will invite you to stand for the collect.

The Collect: 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

You are all invited to come and venerate the Cross of Christ.

All are invited to the foot of the Cross for individual devotions.

Those with nails from Ash Wednesday may leave them at the foot of the cross.

GOOD FRIDAY ANTHEMS *(sung responsively)*



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O Savior of the world, who by thy cross and precious blood
has redeemed | us:

Save us and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O | Lord.

MUSIC AT THE VENERATION

Calvary

Spiritual

Calvary, Calvary, surely he died on Calvary.

Adoramus te *(if needed)*

Jacques Berthier

Adoramus te domine.

We adore thee, O Lord.

MUSIC AFTER THE VENERATION

Hymn 172

Were you there

Were You There

- 1 Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
 Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
 Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
- 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
 Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
- 3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
 Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
- 4 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 CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

**Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,
we have offended against thy holy laws,
we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
spare thou those who confess their faults,
restore thou those who are penitent,
according to thy promises declared unto mankind
in Christ Jesus our Lord;
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 COMMUNION

Blessed are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.

Communion is administered from the reserved Sacrament.

The Choir will come down the center aisle to receive communion first.

Please let the server know if you need gluten-free bread.

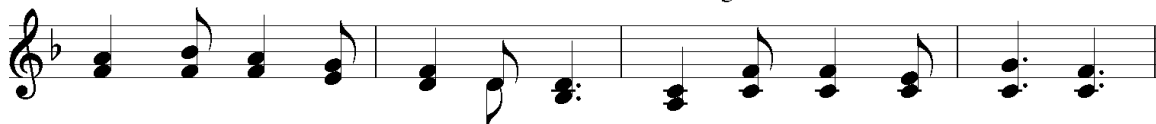
All baptized Christians of any age and tradition are invited to receive Holy Communion, and no one who comes to the altar with outstretched hands will be turned away. To receive a blessing instead of the sacrament cross your arms over your chest.

HYMN

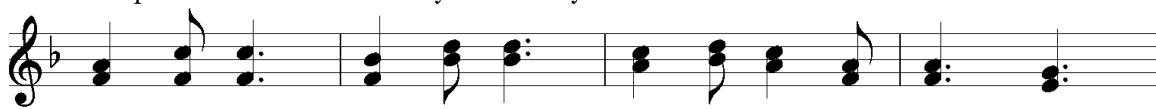
Jesus, keep me near the cross



1. Je - sus, keep me near the cross, There's a pre - cious foun - tain;
2. Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, Love and mer - cy found me;
3. Near the cross! O Lamb of God, Bring its scenes be - fore me;



1. Free to all, a heal - ing stream Flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.
2. There the Bright and Morn - ing Star Sheds its beams a - round me.
3. Help me walk from day to day With its shad - ows o'er me.



In the cross, in the cross Be my glo - ry ev - er;



Till my rap - tured soul shall find Rest be - yond the riv - er.

THE CLOSING PRAYER. *Please kneel, as able.*

Let us pray.

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.

Please be seated.

ANTHEM (*sung by the choir*)

O vos omnes

Carlo Gesualdo

O vos omnes qui transitis per viam:
attendite et videte si est dolor sicut dolor meus.

O all ye that pass by the way,
attend and see if there be any sorrow like to my sorrow.

The ministers of the day exit through the side door. The people leave in silence.



Good Friday Offerings around the world today support the ministries of the Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East. You may place your offering in the green box at the stairs or give online at <https://tinyurl.com/HTPGoodFriGift> (select “Good Friday” from fund drop down menu)

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