

# THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE *ASCENSION*



GOOD FRIDAY  
MARCH 29, 2024

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Glenda Curry, Bishop of Alabama  
The Rt. Rev. Brian Prior, Assisting Bishop  
The Rev. Candice B. Frazer, Rector  
The Rev. Andrew S. Brislin, Associate Rector

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**ALTAR GUILD:**

10:30 AM: Nan Barganier



## GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY 12:05PM LIVESTREAM

Voluntary: *Variations on “Herzlich tut mich verlangen”* (J. G. Walter)

*“Herzliebster Jesu, was hast du verbrochen”* (H. Walcha)

*If you would like to meditate on the text of these hymn tunes, they are found at Hymns 168 and 158.*

*Clergy and altar party enter in silence.*

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* Blessed be our God.

*People* For ever and ever. Amen.

*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.*

### FIRST LESSON: ISAIAH 52:13—53:12

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

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.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            Thanks be to God.

# **PSALM 22, *Deus, Deus meus***



1 My God, my God, why have you for / **saken** me? \*  
and are so far from my cry  
and from the words of my / **distress**?

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 / **delivered** 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 delights / 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 / **surround** me.
- 13 They open wide their / **jaws** at me, \*  
like a ravening and a roar- / ing **lion**.
- 14 I am poured out like / **water**;  
all my bones are out of joint; \*  
my heart within my breast is melt- / ing **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.
- 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.

#### THE EPISTLE HEBREWS 4:14-16; 5:7-9

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

## THE SOLEMN COLLECTS

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, kneeling as you are able.

Let us pray for the holy catholic church of Christ throughout world;

For its unity in witness and service  
For all bishops and other ministers  
And the people whom they serve  
For Glenda, our Bishop, and all the people of this diocese  
For all Christians in this community

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

*Silence*

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 Joe, 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 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*

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 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*

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 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.

*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 PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN 18:1-19:42

*Please stand at the mention of Golgotha*

**Sermon**

*The Rev. Andrew S. Brislin*

Hymn 172: *Were you there when they crucified my Lord (Were you there)*

1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you  
 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you  
 \*3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side? Were you  
 4 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you

there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh!  
 there when they nailed him to the tree? Oh!  
 there when they pierced him in the side? Oh!  
 there when they laid him in the tomb? Oh!

Some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,  
 Some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,  
 Some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,  
 Some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,

trem-ble. Were you there when they cru-ci-fied my Lord?  
 trem-ble. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
 trem-ble. Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
 trem-ble. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

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## VENERATION OF THE CROSS WITH ANTHEMS

### *Anthem 1*

*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 Communion**

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### **The Confession**

*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 Priest alone says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

*The Lord's Prayer is said, the Celebrant first saying*

*Let us pray in the words our Savior Christ has taught us.*

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 Celebrant may say the following Invitation*

## The Gifts of God for the People of God


and may add      Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*The Sacrament is administered with the following or other words*  
The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. [Amen.]

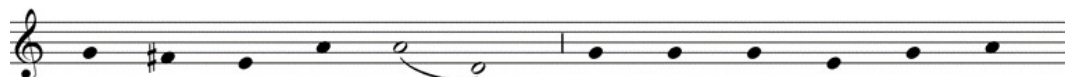
### Communion Hymn: 166 *Sing, my tongue the glorious battle* (*Pange lingua*)




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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### **Concluding Prayer**

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*.

***All Stand for the silent procession.***



# Easter Schedule

## Saturday March 30th

- Easter Vigil (Taize Service)
  - 7:25 PM

## Sunday March 31st

- Sunrise Service at Oakwood Cemetery
  - 6:30 AM
- Family Festal Eucharist Followed by Easter Egg Hunt
  - 9:00 AM
- Festal Eucharist
  - 11:00 Am



## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

### GOOD FRIDAY

**12:05 PM Good Friday Observance (Nave)**  
**5:00 PM Stations of the Cross (Outdoor Chapel)**

### HOLY SATURDAY

**9:00 AM Holy Saturday Liturgy**  
**7:25 PM The Great Vigil of Easter (Taize)**

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