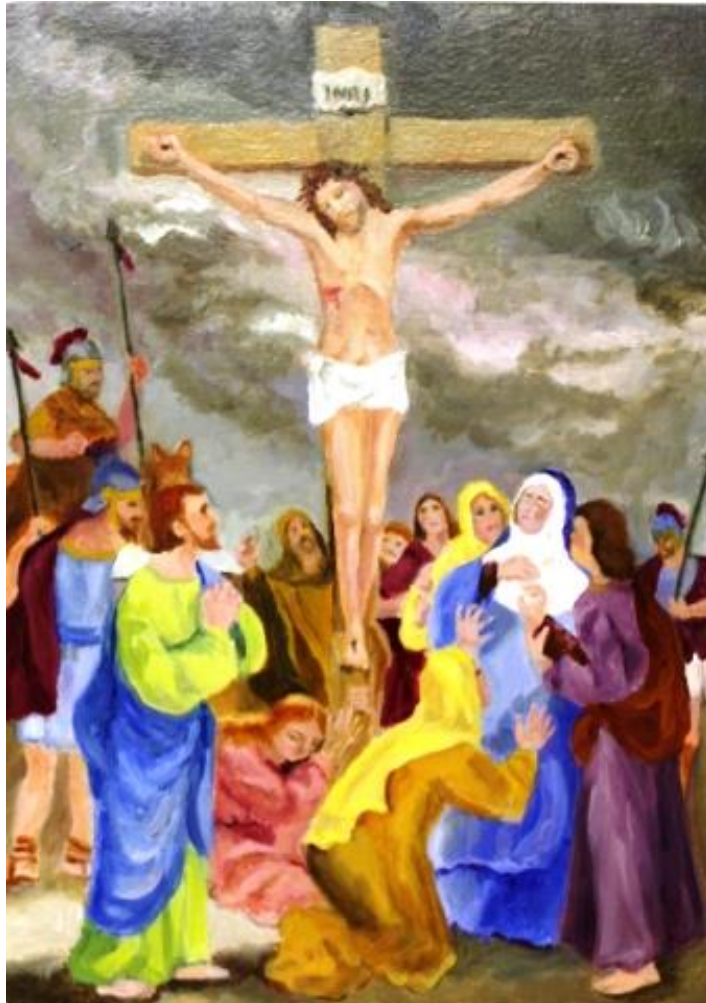


**BETHESDA EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
**Washington Street near Broadway**



**GOOD FRIDAY**  
**25 MARCH 2016**

# Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death

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*Please switch off all cellular telephones, Blackberries, and other electronic devices. Thank you.*

## The Entrance Rite

*On this day the Sacred Ministers and servers enter in silence.*

*All then kneel for silent prayer, after which the Celebrant stands and begins the liturgy with*

## **The Collect of the Day**

*People*            Blessed be our God.  
                         For ever and ever. Amen.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, we beseech thee graciously to behold this thy family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

# The Liturgy of the Word

*All sit*

**The Lesson** – *A Reading from the Book of 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. The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens - wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty? (52:13-53:12)

*Lector*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      Thanks be to God.

*The choir now sings the*

**Tract** – *Deus, Deus meus*

- 1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken 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 delivered; \*  
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 deliver 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.

Words: *Psalm 22: 1-11*  
Music: Tone IV.1

### **The Epistle** – *A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews*

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.  
(4:14-16; 5:7-9)

*Lector*     The Word of the Lord.  
*People*     Thanks be to God.

## **Gradual** – *Christus factus est*

Christus factus est pro nobis  
obediens usque ad mortem,  
mortem autem crucis.  
Propter quod et Deus  
exaltavit illum,  
et dedit illi nomen,  
quod est super omne nomen.

*Christ became obedient for us  
unto death,  
even the death of the cross.  
Wherefore God also hath highly  
exalted him,  
and hath given him a name  
which is above every name.*

Words: *Philippians 2:8,9*  
Music: Giovanni Anerio (1567-1630)

*All stand*

## **The Gospel of the Passion** – *John 19:1-37*

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*The traditional responses before and after the Gospel are omitted at this liturgy.*

At that time Pilate therefore took Jesus, and scourged him. And the soldiers platted a crown of thorns, and put it on his head, and they put on him a purple robe, and said, Hail, King of the Jews! And they smote him with their hands. Pilate therefore went forth again, and saith unto them, Behold, I bring him forth to you, that ye may know that I find no fault in him. Then came Jesus forth, wearing the crown of thorns, and the purple robe. And Pilate saith unto them, Behold the man! When the chief priests therefore and officers saw him, they cried out, saying, Crucify him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Take ye him, and crucify him: for I find no fault in him. The Jews answered him, We have a law, and by our law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God. When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he was the more afraid; And went again into the judgment hall, and saith unto Jesus, Whence art thou? But Jesus gave him no answer. Then saith Pilate unto him, Speakest thou not unto me? Knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee? Jesus answered, Thou couldest have no power at all against me, except it were given thee

from above: therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin. And from thenceforth Pilate sought to release him. But the Jews cried out, saying, If thou let this man go, thou art not Caesars friend. Whosoever maketh himself a king speaketh against Caesar. When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Jesus forth, and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called the Pavement, but in the Hebrew, Gabbatha. And it was the preparation of the passover, and about the sixth hour: and he saith unto the Jews, Behold your King! But they cried out, Away with him, away with him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your King? The chief priests answered, We have no king but Caesar. Then delivered he him therefore unto them to be crucified. And they took Jesus, and led him away. And he bearing his cross went forth into a place called the place of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew, Golgotha: where they crucified him, and two other with him, on either side one, and Jesus in the midst. And Pilate wrote a title, and put it on the cross. And the writing was JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS. This title then read many of the Jews: for the place where Jesus was crucified was nigh to the city: and it was written in Hebrew, and Greek, and Latin. Then said the chief priests of the Jews to Pilate, Write not, The King of the Jews; but that he said, I am King of the Jews. Pilate answered, What I have written, I have written. Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took his garments, and made four parts, to every soldier a part; and also his coat. Now the coat was without seam, woven from the top throughout. They said therefore among themselves, Let us not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be: that the scripture might be fulfilled, which saith, They parted my raiment among them, and for my vesture they did cast lots. These things therefore the soldiers did. Now there stood by the cross of Jesus his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son! Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home. After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst. Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar: and they filled a sponge with vinegar, and put it upon hyssop, and put it to his mouth. When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

*All kneel. Silence is kept for a space. Then all stand with the Celebrant.*

The Jews, therefore, because it was the preparation, that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the sabbath day, (for that sabbath day was an high day,) besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. Then came the soldiers, and brake the legs of the first, and of the other which was crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs: But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water. And he that saw it bare record, and his record is true; and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might believe. For these things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken. And again another scripture saith, They shall look on him whom they pierced.

Music: Tomas Victoria (1548-1611)

**The Sermon** - *The Figures of the High Altar Reredos Speak To Us.*

Dean Vang

## **Hymn 80**

## **The Solemn Collects**

*All standing, the Deacon says to the people*

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.

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 William, our Bishop, and all the people of this diocese  
For all Christians in this community  
For those about to be baptized , especially Julian Michael

That God will confirm his Church in faith, increase it in love, and preserve it in peace. Let us kneel in silent prayer. Let us kneel in silent prayer.

*The people kneel. Silence is kept for a space. Then the Deacon says, Arise.*

*The people stand.*

*Celebrant*

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 member of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly server you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

*The Deacon continues*

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

For Barack, 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. Let us kneel in silent prayer.

*The people kneel. Silence is kept for a space. Then the Deacon says, Arise.*

*The people stand.*

*Celebrant*

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 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. Let us kneel in silent prayer.

*The people kneel. Silence is kept for a space. Then the Deacon says, Arise.*

*The people stand.*

*Celebrant*

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 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. Let us kneel in silent prayer.

*The people kneel. Silence is kept for a space. Then the Deacon says, Arise.*

*The people stand.*

*Celebrant*

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.*

*The Deacon continues*

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. Let us kneel in silent prayer.

*The people kneel. Silence is kept for a space. Then the Deacon says, Arise.*

*The people stand.*

*Celebrant*

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

*The people remain standing.*

*A veiled Crucifix is now brought into the church in procession during which all sing this*

### **Hymn 337**

*The procession pauses for the first time at the West Entrance of the Church.*

*All facing the veiled Crucifix, the Celebrant sings*

Behold the wood of the Cross, whereon was hung the Savior of the world.

*The choir responds* O come, let us worship.

*The people kneel.*

*The procession moves to a place in the center of the nave.. For a second time the Celebrant sings* Behold the wood of the Cross, whereon was hung the Savior of the world.

*The choir responds* O come, let us worship.

The procession concludes before the Rood Screen.. For a third time the Celebrant sings Behold the wood of the Cross, whereon was hung the Savior of the world.

*The choir responds* O come, let us worship.

*First, the Sacred Ministers approach the Cross and kiss the feet of the Crucified.*

*Then the people move in procession to venerate the Cross.*

*Meanwhile the choir sings the following*

### **Improperia: The Reproaches**

*Response*      O my people, what have I done unto thee? Or wherein have I wearied thee? Testify against me.

Because I brought thee forth from the land of Egypt, thou hast prepared a Cross for thy Savior.

Agios O Theos.  
Agiou, ischyros.  
Agios, athanatos,  
Eleison imas.

*Holy God.  
Holy, mighty!  
Holy and immortal,  
Have mercy upon us.*

Because I led thee through the desert forty years, and fed thee with manna, and brought thee into a land exceeding good: thou preparest unto thee a Cross for thy Savior. *Agios ...*

What more could I have done unto thee that I have not done? I in sooth did plant thee, O my vineyard, with goodly clusters: and thou hast become exceeding bitter unto me: for vinegar, mingled with gall, thou didst give me when thirsty: and hast pierced with a spear the side of thy Savior. *Agios ...*

I did scourge Egypt with her first-born for thy sake: and thou hast scourged me and delivered me up. *O my people ...*

I led thee forth out of Egypt, drowning Pharaoh in the Red Sea, and thou delivered me up unto the chief priests. *O my people ...*

I did open the sea before thee: and thou hast opened my side with a spear. *O my people ...*

I did go before thee in the pillar of cloud: and thou hast led me unto the judgment hall of Pilate. *O my people ...*

I did feed thee with manna in the desert; and thou hast stricken me with blows and scourges. *O my people ...*

I did give thee to drink the water of life from the rock: and thou hast given me to drink but all and vinegar. *O my people ...*

I did smite the kings of the Canaanites for thy sake: and thou hast smitten my head with a reed. *O my people ...*

I did give thee a royal scepter: and thou hast given unto my head a crown of thorns. *O my people ...*

Agios O Theos.  
Agiou, ischyros.  
Agios, athanatos,  
Eleison imas.

*Holy God.  
Holy, mighty!  
Holy and immortal,  
Have mercy upon us.*

Words: from the *Book of the Prophet Micah*, Greek  
Music: Tomas Victoria

# Holy Communion

*A procession is now formed. The Blessed Sacrament, consecrated at the Liturgy of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday evening, is now carried by the Deacon from the Altar of Repose to the High Altar.*

*During the procession all sing the following, kneeling*

## **Hymn 66**

### **Confession of Sin**

*Deacon* Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*A period of silence may is kept.*

*Deacon and People*

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



*Celebrant*

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 tJesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*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.

*Celebrant*      Behold the Lamb of God, behold him that taketh away the sins of  
                    the world.

*The Sacred Ministers receive the Sacrament and then immediately communicate  
the people with these words*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. *Amen.*  
The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. *Amen.*

*During the Ministration of Communion, the choir sings the following*

**Motet – *Crux fidelis***

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

*Faithful cross, above all other,  
One and only noble tree:  
None in foliage, none in blossom,  
None in fruit thy peer may be.  
Sweetest wood and sweetest iron,  
Sweetest weight is hung on thee!*

Words: Traditional  
Music: John IV of Portugal

**Motet – *Crucifixus***

Crucifixus etiam pro nobis:  
sub Pontio Pilato  
passus et sepultus est.

*For our sake he was crucified  
under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.*

Words: The Nicene Creed  
Music: Antonio Lotti (c. 1667-1740)

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

*Celebrant*

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, we pray thee to set thy passion, cross, and death between thy 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 thy holy Church peace and concord; and to us sinners everlasting life and glory; for with the Father and the Holy Spirit thou livest and reignest, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*All depart quietly.*

## **A BETHESDA HOLY WEEK – 2016**

EASTER EVE, *March 26*

7:00 P.M. – Solemn Vigil of the Resurrection

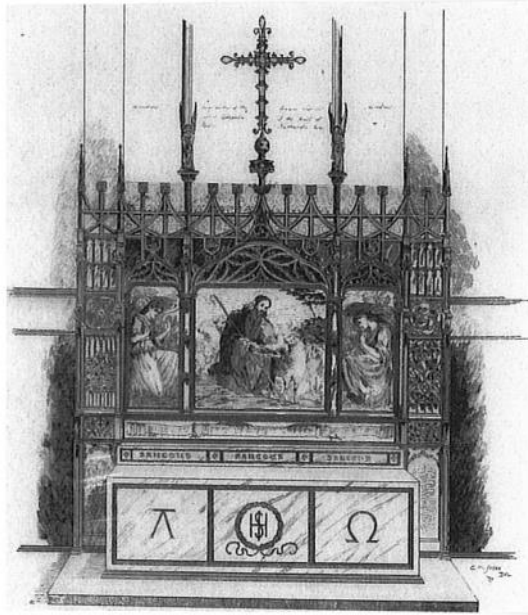
THE SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION: EASTER DAY, *March 27*

8:00 A.M. – Holy Eucharist with Hymns

10:00 A.M. – Solemn Eucharist with the Great Procession

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