

St. John's Episcopal Church



Good Friday

Year B

March 29, 2024

7:00 p.m.

Welcome

Welcome to St. John's Episcopal Church. Whether you are passing through or looking for a church home, we are honored by your presence and we invite you to worship with us fully—singing, praying and receiving communion. We are a multigenerational community that strives to serve Christ through invitation, inclusion, faith and action. Most Sundays we have two services: a contemplative 7:45 a.m. service and a choral service at 10:00 a.m.

Children are welcome at all services. Children's coloring bulletins, books and crayons are available near the back of the sanctuary. Children in PreK – 4th grade are invited to their own children's worship service upstairs at 10:00 a.m. and will return to the sanctuary for communion. Nursery is available for infants and toddlers beginning at 9:45 a.m. until noon.

All are welcome to receive communion at St. John's. This includes children of all ages. At the 7:45 service we gather around the altar. For the later services we have communion in stations, the right side for the bread and the left side is for the wine. We receive the Body of Christ, the bread, in our outstretched hands. Wine will be available to all who wish to take it via the common cup. If you do not wish to receive any part of the communion you may still come forward for a blessing. Crossing your hands over your chest lets us know you wish to receive a blessing.

If you would like more information about St. John's or to be included on our mailing list, please fill out the visitor book found near the entrance to the sanctuary or email <admin@stjohnsoakland.org>.

Land Acknowledgment:

Oakland and Berkeley sit in the territory of Huichin, part of the stolen land of the Chochenyo Muwekma Ohlone, the successors of the historic and sovereign Verona Band of Alameda County. We acknowledge the land and labor of the Ohlone people, whose connection to this land we remember, and whose presence—past, present, and future—we respect. We acknowledge that the land we are meeting on today is the original homeland of Ohlone people. We seek to show respect by rejecting the stories and practices that erase Indigenous people's history and culture, while seeking to invite and honor the truth.

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Good Friday

Please stand as you are able.

Silent Procession

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, ever one God, world without end.
Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 52:13–53:12

A Reading from 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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 22:1-11 (read in unison)

- 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.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 10:16-25

A Reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

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, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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Reading of The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

The congregation may be seated for the first part of the Passion.

At the verse which recounts the arrival at Golgotha (John 19:17), please stand.

Please be seated.

Silent Meditation

Musical Response

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me
St. John's Chancel Choir

arr. Norah Duncan, IV

Please stand as you are able.

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.

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 Marc, our Bishop, Austin, our Bishop-elect, and all the people of this diocese

For all Christians in this community

For those about to be baptized

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 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 those who are hungry and homeless, destitute and the oppressed

For those who are ill or disabled, in body, mind, or spirit

For those in loneliness, fear, and anguish

For those who face temptation, doubt, and despair

For those who are sorrowful and bereaved

For prisoners, refugees, and captives

For victims of war, genocide, and trafficking, 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.

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 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.**

Merciful God, the source of life and fountain of mercy, let the Gospel of your Son Jesus Christ be preached with grace and love; turn the hearts of the followers of Jesus who have harmed others in his name; lead all to repentance and amendment of life; and sustain by your loving grace all who lift their eyes to you. **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.**

Procession of the Cross

Out of the Depths
Sara Evinger, soloist

Alan Hovhaness
(1911-2000)

Hymn 172

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you There

The musical score is written for a soloist and a piano accompaniment. It features a treble clef and a bass clef, both in the key of D major (indicated by three sharps: F#, C#, G#). The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are as follows:

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,
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 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?

The Lord's Prayer

All kneel and say together:

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.

Concluding Prayer

Celebrant 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 at 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 forever. **Amen.**

The congregation is invited to remain for silent meditation.

You are invited to bring your votive candles to the foot of the cross, and light them from the single candle. You are welcome to reverence the cross or pray at the cross.

All depart in silence. After 9:00 p.m., the church will be closed.

Special Good Friday Offering:

For 101 years, Episcopalians have generously shared their love, compassion, and financial gifts to support the ministry of the Anglican Communion Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. Our

Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry, has asked that the offering on Good Friday be donated to the Church in Jerusalem. By supporting life-giving ministries in the Anglican Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East, including St. George's, Baghdad; the eye clinic in Ras Morbat, Yemen; the Al Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza; and numerous other institutions identified by their dioceses, you are ensuring that our siblings in Christ are not forgotten. These gifts have made an astounding difference in the lives of many people in the homeland of Jesus and beyond.

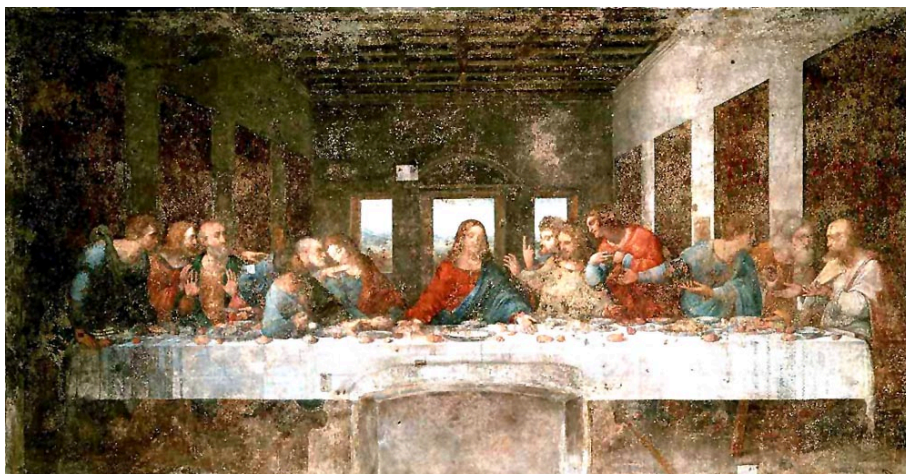
**Please consider making a Good Friday offering
in the offering plate as you depart the service.**

Holy Week Services Continue:

Easter Vigil: Saturday at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Day: Sunday at 7:30, 9:00, and 11:00 a.m. services

Easter Egg Hunt: Sunday at 10:00 a.m.



Last Supper Leonardo da Vinci. Monastery of Santa Maria delle Grazie, Milan

Rector: The Rev. Scott Denman
Associate Rector: The Rev. Kathleen Moore
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through invitation, inclusion, faith and action.*

*St. John's mission is to manifest the love of God through the Holy Spirit with each other,
our community, and the world through worship, spiritual growth, and Christian service.*