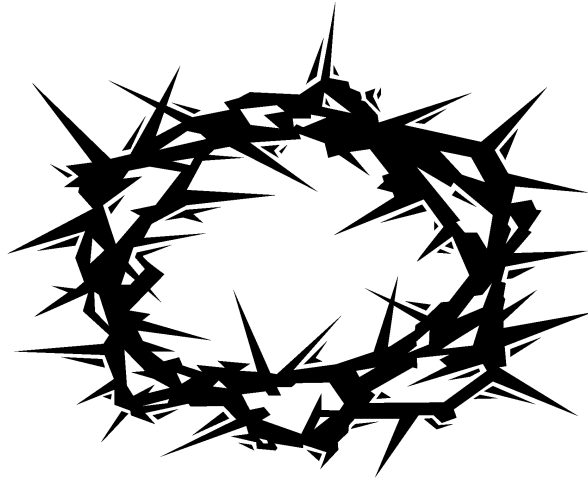




**A LITURGY FOR GOOD FRIDAY**  
April 3, 2026 | 12:10 p.m. and 7 p.m.





*On this day the ministers enter in silence. **All then kneel for silent prayer.**  
The congregation reads the bold print aloud.*

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 handed over, 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.**

**HOLY SCRIPTURE**

**Lesson:** Isaiah 52:13—53:12

**Psalm 22** *BCP 610*

**Lesson:** Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9

**The Passion:** John 18:1—19:42

**THE SERMON**

**HYMN 172:** Were you there

WERE YOU THERE

**THE SOLEMN COLLECTS** *Standing as you are able.*

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 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 the Jewish people who possess an eternal covenant with the Lord, who delivered them from bondage to freedom;

For continued faithfulness to God's covenant with them;

For their flourishing in peace as witnesses to God's sustaining love;

For safety from all malice and harm;

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, you planted your people Israel as the root and grafted Gentiles 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 in loneliness, fear, and anguish  
For those who face temptation, doubt, and despair  
For those who are sorrowful and bereaved  
For those who are persecuted for the sake of Christ  
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 and indifference  
For the contemptuous and the scornful  
For those who are 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, 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 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.**

*A wooden cross is brought in to the Cathedral and placed in sight of the people.*

**Hymn 170:** To mock your reign

THE THIRD TUNE

**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.**

#### 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.**

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.**

*When leaving the Cathedral, please depart in silence,  
mindful of the events of this day.*

***After the 12:10 p.m. service, the people are invited to remain for the  
Stations of the Cross.***

## **MINISTERS OF SERVICE**

**Officiant:** The Very Reverend Torey Lightcap, *Dean*

**Preacher:** The Reverend Caroline Howard

**Assisting:** The Reverend Jody Carroll, *Canon*

**Deacon (12:10 p.m.):** The Reverend Don Chubb

**Deacon (7:00 p.m.):** The Reverend Carl Edwards

**Lector (12:10 p.m.):** Kent Cormack

**Lector (7:00 p.m.):** Kevin Cassidy

**Organist:** Donald Livingston

**Sound, Lights, and Livestream (12:10 p.m.):** Tom Harrington

**Sound & Lights (7 pm.):** Mason Vosburgh

### **Holy Saturday, April 4**

9:00 a.m.            The Office for Holy Saturday

### **Easter Day, April 5**

6:45 a.m.            Sunrise Easter Service with Holy Communion

8:30 a.m.            A spoken service of Holy Communion and Baptism

9:30 - 10 a.m.        Easter breakfast (All Saints Hall)

10:00 a.m.           Easter Egg Hunt ages 0-11 (South Lawn)

10:30 a.m.           Festal Choral Eucharist

The Cathedral office will be closed on Easter Monday, April 6.

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