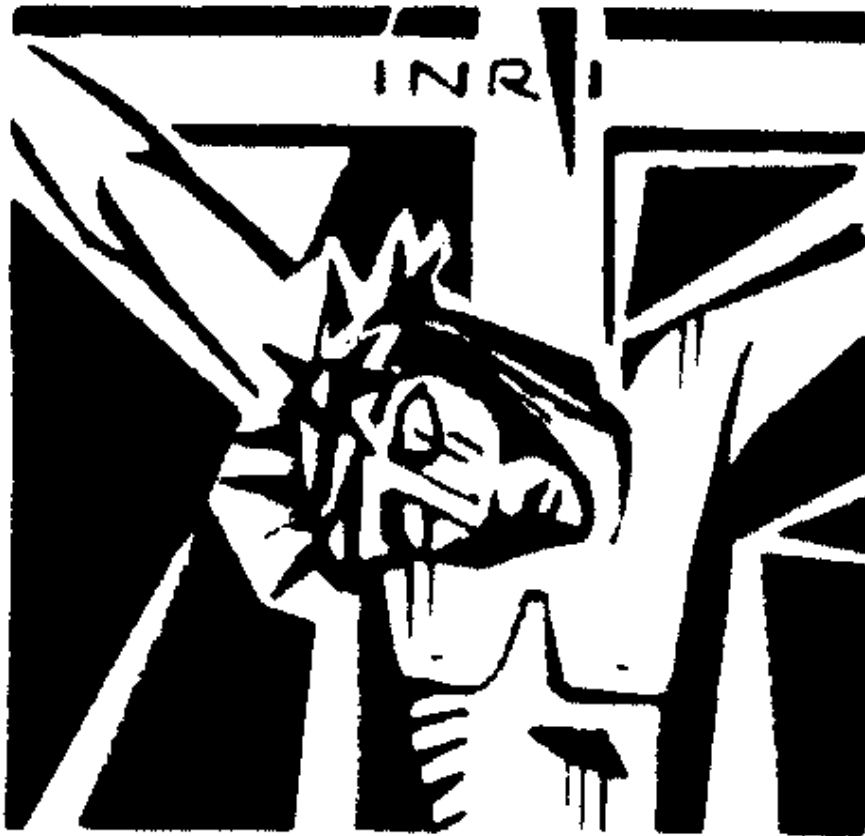


Good Friday



FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2026

7:00p.m.

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

ROYAL OAK, MI



St. John's Welcome Statement

Welcome! We are St. John's, a parish that invites you to be a part of our community and warmly embraces you when you do. At St. John's, our history has taught us that accepting and embracing true diversity is challenging. As a result, we have come to claim a firm, undying commitment to inclusion. So here is our invitation to you: regardless of your cultural background, ethnicity, gender, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or heterosexual identity, economic status, physical or cognitive ability – you will not be labeled, singled out or excluded here. You will be welcomed, affirmed, embraced, and celebrated! We will be better because you are here. *Adopted by unanimous vote at St. John's Annual Meeting, January 31, 2016*

GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

Friday in Holy Week

At this service, we receive 'reserved sacrament' rather than celebrating a new Eucharist meal to remember that this was the day of Jesus' crucifixion and death. It is a solemn service. The crosses are covered, and the vestments, paraments and linens in the church have been removed. As part of the service, a cross is brought in by members of the congregation. Participants may come to the altar for a time of prayer at the cross. The people depart in silence at the end of the service.



Good Friday Offering for the Church in the Middle East

For more than a century, Episcopalians have given generously to the Good Friday offering, which supports the vital work and ministries of the Episcopal church in Jerusalem and the Middle East. Today, the need of the Church in the Holy Land is greater than ever, particularly given the recent escalation of war in the Middle East.

Your gift will support al-Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza, St. George's Church in Baghdad, Iraq and All Saints' Episcopal Church in Damascus, Syria and Beirut, Lebanon. Today's offering will be dedicated to these ministries.

The Episcopal Church supports just and sustainable peace around the world. While we pray and work for peace, our siblings in the Holy Land will continue to serve God's people with hospitals, schools, orphanages and humanitarian aid programs. These ministries serve people of all faiths without distinction, bearing witness to the power and hope of healing across the divides. Together, we can support the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East as it turns despair into hope for God's people in the land where our faith was born.

Acknowledgments

Thanks to the many readers, musicians, staff and volunteer teams for their participation and preparation for tonight. Thank you to the Altar Guild for their reverence and devotion.

PRELUDE

The ministers enter in silence. The people kneel as they are able for silent prayer.

The people stand as they are able.

OPENING SENTENCE

Presider †Blessed be our God,
People **For ever and ever. Amen.**

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECT

Presider 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.

People **Amen.**

KYRIE

The Hymnal 1982, S91

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The people are seated.

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Lector A reading from 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

Lector My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?

All **My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer;
by night as well, but I find no rest.**

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

All **Our ancestors put their trust in you;**
 they trusted, and you rescued them.

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

All **But as for me, I am not human,**
 scorned by all and despised by the people.

Lector All who see me laugh me to scorn;
 they curl their lips and shake their heads,

All **Trusted in the LORD; let God deliver;**
 let God rescue me, if God so delights in me.

Lector You, O God, are the one who drew me from the womb,
 and kept me safe on my mother's breast.

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

Lector Be not far from me, for trouble is near,
All **and there is no one to help.**

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

All **They open wide their jaws at me,**
 Like a slashing and roaring lion.

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

All **My strength is dried up like a potsherd,**
 And you have laid me in the dust of death.

Lector Packs of dogs close me in, a band of evildoers circles round me;
 They pierce my hands and my feet.

All **I can count all my bones**
 while they stare at me and gloat.

Lector They divide my garments among them;
 for my clothing they cast lots.

All **But you O Lord, be not far away;**
 O my help, hasten to my aid.

Lector Deliver me from the sword, my life from the power of the dog.
 Save me from the lion's mouth!

All **From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.**

Lector I will declare your name to my people;
 in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.

All **You who fear the Lord give praise!**
 Stand in awe of the Lord, all you children of God.

Lector Proclaim God's deliverance to the generations, saying to them,
All **"The Lord has acted! Our God has saved us!"**

A moment of silence follows.

THE SECOND READING

Hebrews 10:16-25

Lector A reading from Paul's 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL HYMN (*sing several times*)

Jesus remember me

Taizé, Gather Second Edition, 422

Je-sus, re - mem-ber me when you come in - to your King - dom.

Je-sus, re - mem-ber me when you come in - to your King - dom.

When the hymn ends, the people are seated as they are able for the reading of the Passion.



Presider †The Passion of Jesus Christ according to John.

*At the verse that mentions the arrival of Jesus at **Golgotha**, the people stand.*

HOMILY

The Rev. Dr. Maryjane Peck

OFFERTORY

The money collected from tonight's offering will help to support the ongoing ministry throughout the Providence of Jerusalem and the Middle East. Gifts of pledges and offerings may be placed in collection baskets or at the basins at the steps of the altar as you come up for communion.



Give online: iam.ec/goodfridayoffering

Mail: Send a check with "Good Friday Appeal" in the memo line to:

The Episcopal Church (DFMS)

P.O. Box 95893

St. Louis, MO 63195-8983

OR Scan this QR code to be directed to the Good Friday giving page.

The people stand as they are able.

THE SOLEMN COLLECTS

On this solemn, holy day, we pray for ourselves, for others, and for the state of the whole world.

Presider 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.

Leader 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 Bonnie, 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.

Leader 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.

All **Amen.**

Leader Let us pray for all nations and peoples of the earth, and for those in authority among them; For Donald Trump, 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.

All **Amen.**

Leader 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.

All **Amen.**

Leader 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.

Presider 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.

All **Amen.**

Presider 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.

Leader 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.

All **Amen.**

Leader 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.

Presider 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.

All **Amen.**

THE PROCESSION OF THE CROSS



All are invited to come forward for the veneration of the cross after it is in place.

We invite you to reflect on how this story touches you today - where is love crucified today?

The people will remain seated. The following Anthems are said during the veneration of the cross and may be repeated until the veneration is finished.

Anthem 1

Leader We glory in your cross, O Lord,

All **and praise and glorify your holy resurrection; for by virtue of your cross, joy has come to the whole world.**

Leader May God be merciful to us and bless us, show us the light of his countenance, and come to us.

All **Let your ways be known upon earth, saving health among all nations.**

Leader Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

All **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

Leader We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,

All **because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

Leader If we have died with him, we shall also live with him; if we endure, we shall also reign with him.

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

Anthem 3

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

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

THE LITURGY OF THE PRESANCTIFIED GIFTS



CONFESSION OF SIN

The people kneel or stand as they are able.

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People **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.**

Presider 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.

People **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All **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, forever and ever. Amen.**

The consecrated elements will be brought forward for communion.. We consume the 'reserved' sacrament from the Maundy Thursday meal rather than consecrating new bread and wine with a Eucharistic prayer to signify Christ's absence through his crucifixion and death on this Good Friday.

Presider O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world,

People **have mercy upon us.**

Presider O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world,

People **have mercy upon us.**

Presider O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world,

People **grant us thy peace.**

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

This is Christ's table. Everyone who comes to the altar seeking Christ will be welcomed. The bread used for Holy Eucharist at St. John's is gluten free. If you do not wish to receive you may come up for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest with an arm on each shoulder.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Would you share Christ's passion?

Voices Found, 42

1 Would you share Christ's pas - sion? Take your cross and fol - low;
 2 Would you know Christ's mean - ing, daz - zling in its ra - diance?
 3 Would you join Christ's tri - umph, o - ver death vic - to - rious,
 climb Gol - ga - tha's hill. Taste the cup of sor - row, wine and gall com -
 Lie down in the fire. Brave the flames of Wis - dom, sear - ing with their
 ris - ing from the grave? Pain and grief are fore - courts of the heav'n - ly
 min - gled: drink its bit - ter fill. Bear the scourge of doubt and fear.
 myst - ry, fierce with Love's de - sire. Cast the dark - ened glass a - way:
 ci - ty, bought with blood he gave. Suf - f'ring marks the nar - row gate.
 Though a jeer - ing crowd de - ride you, he will walk be - side you.
 O - pen to a bril - liant burn - ing. Seek and find true learn - ing.
 Yet, though tri - als throng to greet you, none shall now de - feat you!

Were you there?

LEVAS II, 37

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 laid Him in the tomb? _____ Were you
 4. Were you there when He rose up from the grave? _____ Were you
 1. there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
 2. there when they nailed Him to the tree?
 3. there when they laid Him in the tomb?
 4. there when He rose up from the grave?
 Some - times it caus - es me to trem - ble, trem - ble, trem - ble.
 1. Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? _____
 2. Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree? _____
 3. Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb? _____
 4. Were you there when He rose up from the grave? _____

THE CONCLUDING PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.

Presider 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.

All **Amen.**

The ministers and the people leave in silence.



Ministers of Tonight's Service: The People of St. John's

Acolytes	Carol Aaron, Jennifer Bruns, Joey Spano
Altar Guild	Denise Barnett, Martie Falconer, Allyson Frank, Maryann LeComb, Barb Moran, Joyce Morey, MaryAnn Morrow, Kathy Stricker, Bette Ann Wright
Eucharistic Ministers	Barb Moran, Woodie Adams, Joey Spano, Rachel Andrews
Greeter	Jim Whipple
Greeter during service	Cynthia Fellner
Lectors	Christy Scott – First Lesson Mary Adams – Psalm Rosemary Spatafora – Second Lesson, The Solemn Collects Rachel Andrews – Procession of The Cross
Musicians	Dr. Steven McGhee, <i>Music Director</i> ; Christy Scott, <i>Cantor</i>
Opener/Closer	Chris Moran
Tech Team	Chris Bosley
Ushers	Lisa Philips, Marie Donigan
Vergers	Kevin McLogan, Rachel Andrews
Interim Rector	The Rev. Dr. Maryjane Peck