

GOOD FRIDAY



FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 2025
7:00PM

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
ROYAL OAK, MI

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.

Acknowledgments

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

Good Friday Offering for the Churches in the Middle East

Beginning in 1922, it has been the practice of the Episcopal Church to designate its Good Friday offerings to the ministries of the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East. Through the work of the Episcopal dioceses in the Middle East, Christians maintain a peacemaking and stabilizing presence in the region, serving their neighbors regardless of faith background.

On this Good Friday, we join our siblings in prayer and advocacy on behalf of all those who suffer throughout the Holy Land, and we support a just and lasting peace in the very land where our Lord Jesus Christ took up his cross.

You may leave an offering in the alms basin in the center aisle
or those at the foot of altar.

Thank you!



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PRELUDE

WORD OF GOD

SILENT ENTRANCE

The people stand.

OPENING SENTENCE

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

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECT

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.**

KYRIE

The Hymnal 1982, S86

The people sing. *Translation: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.*

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e
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The people are seated.

REFLECTION ON PSALM 22

The Psalm is read by Lectors, and the people join in the responses in bold.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

All who see me laugh me to scorn;
they curl their lips; ... they shake their heads.

**“Trust in the Lord; ... let God deliver;
let God rescue me if God so delights in me.”**

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

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

Be not far from me, for trouble is near,
And there is no one to help.

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

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

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

**My strength is dried up like a potsherd;
and you have laid me in the dust of death.**

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

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

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

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

Deliver me from the sword,
my life from the power of the dog.

Save me from the lion's mouth!

From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.

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

You who fear the Lord give praise!

Stand in awe of the Lord, all you children of God.

Lectors 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

GOSPEL HYMN *(sing several times)*

Jesus remember me

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.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 19:1-30

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

Gospeller †The Passion of Jesus Christ according to John.

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

REFLECTION AND INVITATION

The Rev. Gerardo Aponte-Safe

THE VENERATION OF THE CROSS

The people are invited to come to the altar and stand or kneel at the foot of the cross. The cross reminds us of Jesus' crucifixion. We invite you to reflect on how this story touches you today. Where is love crucified today?

The people remain in silence in veneration of Christ's holy Cross.

THE SOLEMN COLLECTS

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

The people are invited to kneel for the prayers:

Clergy God sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Therefore we pray to our merciful God for people everywhere according to their needs.

Leader Let us pray for the Church of God throughout the world: for unity in faith, in witness and in service; for Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Bonnie our Bishop; Gerardo, our priest; and the people of this diocese and in this congregation of St. John's, for those preparing to be baptized, confirmed, or received; for those who are mocked and persecuted for their faith; that God will confirm the Church in faith, increase it in love, and preserve it in peace. Lord, in your mercy;
Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the nations of the world and all leaders: for Donald, the President of the United States; for the Congress and the Supreme Court; for Gretchen our Governor; for all who serve in public office; for all who strive for justice and reconciliation: for this City of Royal Oak; for Michael, our mayor, and the City Commissioners; that by God's help the world may live in peace and freedom. Lord, in your mercy;
Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for all who are hardened by bitterness, greed, hatred or indifference, for the contemptuous and scornful, for our enemies; that God will open their hearts and ours, and lead us to faith and peace. Lord, in your mercy;

Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for all those who suffer: for the hungry, the homeless, the destitute and the oppressed; for all who are sick and wounded; for those in darkness, in doubt, in loneliness and in fear; for prisoners, captives and refugees; for the victims of false accusations and violence; for the sorrowful and for those in mortal danger; for all at the point of death and those who watch beside them; that God will sustain them in mercy and love; and stir up in us the will and patience to minister to their needs. Lord, in your mercy;

Hear our prayer.

Almighty and everlasting God, the comfort of the sorrowful, the strength of those who have lost their faith and are despairing: hear the prayers of your children who cry out of any trouble, and to every distressed soul grant mercy, relief and refreshment. Give us, we pray, the strength to serve them for the sake of the one who seeks the lost, Lord, in your mercy;

Hear our prayer.

Let us commend ourselves and all to God's children to God's unfailing love, and pray for the grace of a holy life, that, with all who have +died, we may come to the fullness of eternal life and the joy of resurrection. Lord, in your mercy;

Hear our prayer.

Presider

Lord Jesus Christ,
As we kneel at the foot of your cross and watch with you,
open our hearts to see and know your love for us,
so that we may place at your feet all that we have and all that we are.
Help us to see the cost of our forgiveness
so that we may be made new through your love. *Amen.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

COMMUNION FROM RESERVED SACRAMENT

The clergy will bring the reserved bread the altar for consumption. 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**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.***

INVITATION TO AND DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Everyone who comes to the altar seeking Christ will be welcomed. The bread used for Holy Eucharist at St. John's is gluten free.

COMMUNION HYMNS

At the foot of the cross

Voices Found, 43, vv. 1, 3, 4, 5

1 At the foot of the cross
 3 Now with love in their hearts
 4 When it was finished,
 5 At the foot of the cross

Ma - ry sat weep - ing and gaz - ing with love at her
 Ma - ry and John sat to - geth - er and poured out their
 Je - sus was laid in a tomb wrapped in grave clothes of
 we sit with Ma - ry and wor - ship with love in our

Lord. _____ He hung there bleed - ing and
 grief. _____ "Look, John, your moth - er" and
 death. _____ Three long nights af - ter, _____
 hearts. _____ For he has ri - sen and

suf - fering and dy - ing. She could not help him.
 "Ma - ry, your son, John." She could not help him.
 he left the grave clothes. She did not help him.
 lives with his Fa - ther. We on - ly love him.

She could not car - ry him home. _____
 She could not car - ry him home. _____
 She did not car - ry him home. _____
 He lives to car - ry us home. _____

Were you there?

Lift Every Voice and Sing 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? O! _____
 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? _____

Words: Traditional. Music: Negro Spiritual; arr. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944).

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Presider Let us pray.

Out of love for us, Jesus accepted death and,
lifted high upon the cross,
he drew the whole world to himself;

Holy God, as we bow our heads beneath the cross,
pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
so that we may place our whole trust in you.

This we pray through Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh. ***Amen.***

The people may remain to pray for a time or depart in silence.

SILENT PROCESSION OUT OF THE CHURCH

Silence is kept while a bell is tolled 33 for the years that Jesus of Nazareth lived on the earth.

Ministers of Today's Service

Acolytes	Carol Aaron, Jennifer Bruns, Kevin McLogan
Lectors	Angela Stough, Bob Davis, Linda Watkins, Mary Adams, Debbie Smith, Marcy Darin
Gospel Readers	Dan Martin, Rachel Andrews
Healers	Mary Adams
Ushers	Chris Davis, Marie Donigan
Greeter	Marie Donigan
Greeter during Service	Brent McFeaters
Altar Guild	Denise Barnett, Bob Davis, Martie Falconer, Elaine Kapelanski, Ray Kwiatkowski, Bob Lazich, Mary Ann LeComb, Pam Lupinski, Joyce Morey, Barbara Moran, Mary Ann Morrow, Betsy Morton, Katie Morton, Therese Nottingham, JoAnna Prudden, Kathy Stricker, Kate Weide, Bette Ann Wright
Tech Team	Chris Bosley, Barbara Jones, Laurie McLaughlin
Opener/Closer	Steve Fairman/John Oginsky
Acolyte Verger	Kevin McLogan
MC	Rachel Andrews
Musicians	Dr. Steve McGhee, Christy Scott
Priest in Charge	The Rev. Gerardo Aponte-Safe

Holy Week and Easter Schedule 2025

Easter Vigil: Saturday, April 19

**7:00pm, Lighting of the New Fire (Woodward Avenue entrance),
Holy Eucharist, followed by Festive Reception**



Our community gathers around the altar fire to hear the stories of God's work in our world throughout history and in the present through the great Salvation Stories. It is a service of deep mystery, beauty, and darkness which is overcome by light. Bring bells to ring! A Festive reception follows. All are invited to bring something to share.

Easter Sunday: Sunday, April 20

8:00am, Festal Eucharist *Bring bells to ring*

10:15am, Festal Eucharist *Bring bells to ring*



This festival Eucharist proclaims the risen Christ, the fulfillment of hope, the triumph of justice, and the immortality of love. Bring bells to ring! The children in our parish receive flowers, and the flowers that adorn the altar are delivered to our homebound parishioners following the service.