

**A Liturgy of the Passion and Death of our Lord**  
**April 2, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.**  
**Good Friday**



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*Good Friday focuses our attention on the crucifixion and death of the Lord Jesus. The liturgy is the second portion of the Triduum and is the most solemn service in our Christian faith. The church appointments reflect the day. A large wooden cross is placed before us. The Passion according to St. John is read, the litany prayed, and then concludes with the reproaches from the cross. We depart the church in silence, reverencing the cross, and preparing for the Vigil of Easter.*

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**WELCOME** Thank you for being with us.

**Restrooms** are available in the Good Shepherd Room (Springettsbury lobby) and the narthex. Baby changing stations are provided in these restrooms.

**Thank you for your faithfulness** in sending your offering through the mail, by using online options from your financial institution, or through the “Donate” now from the church website **stpaulsyork.org**. Your gifts are keeping us current with the commitments associated with St. Paul’s and our ministry partners.

## Guidelines for Worship during the time of COVID-19

### Entering and Leaving the Church:

*Face masks are required inside,*

*Kindly sign in at the door through which you entered. This will help if we need to be in contact.*

*Please take your service bulletin with you and dispose of it properly.*

### Offerings:

*Monetary offerings may be placed in the basins provided at the entrances to the nave prior to the service or immediately following the service. You may also donate via our website at*

*[www.stpaulsyork.org](http://www.stpaulsyork.org)*

### While in the Nave:

*Please wear your mask. Please sit in designated pews only. You may sit together as a family. We ask that you practice social distancing from one family to the next within the pew.*

### Communion Procedure:

- *Ushers will direct you. The pulpit side (left) of the nave communes first followed by the font side (right).*
- *Wearing your face mask, come to the chancel step taking your place at one of the five positions marked on the chancel floor with a green cross.*
- *Your entire household may gather at a position marked by the green cross.*
- *Extend your arms and cup your hands together to receive the host.*
- *Please do not reach out to take the Host from the minister.*
- *Once the minister has moved to the next group, then remove your mask, receive the host, replace your mask and return to your pew by the closest side aisle. There is no need to hurry.*
- *We are receiving communion in one kind only (bread/host).*

Our COVID-19 task force is assisting us as we remain open at St. Paul’s. Please thank Dr. Jessica Ericson, Sheridan Palmer, Norma Shue, Deacon Harold Sargeant, and Dr. Martha Thomas for their dedication and service.

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*The people prepare for worship with silent prayer. All gather in silence.*

#### PRELUDE

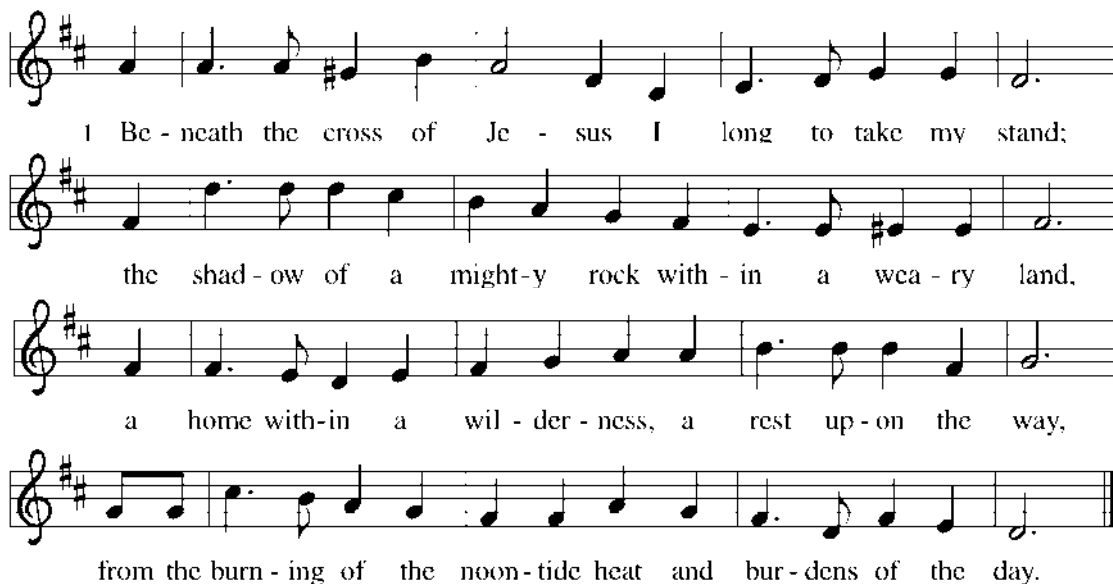
*Go to Dark Gethsemane*

Michael V. Hill

*Stand*

#### HYMN

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus (LBW 107) stanza 1*



1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;  
the shad - ow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land,  
a home with - in a wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,  
from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and bur - dens of the day.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, look with loving mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**Amen.**

## READING

<sup>2</sup>For you shall not go out in haste, and you shall not go in flight;  
for the LORD will go before you, and the God of Israel will be your rear guard.  
<sup>13</sup>See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very  
high.  
<sup>14</sup>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 —  
<sup>15</sup>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.

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

## READING

## Hebrews 10:16-25

<sup>16</sup>"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,"  
<sup>17</sup>he also adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."  
<sup>18</sup>Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.  
<sup>19</sup>Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus,  
<sup>20</sup>by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh),  
<sup>21</sup>and since we have a great priest over the house of God,  
<sup>22</sup>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.  
<sup>23</sup>Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful.  
<sup>24</sup>And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds,  
<sup>25</sup>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.

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

# THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN

*The Antiphon is sung by the Cantor and then repeated by all.  
The Antiphon is sung following each section of the scripture reading.*

## ANTIPHON

Psalm 130: 6b-7a

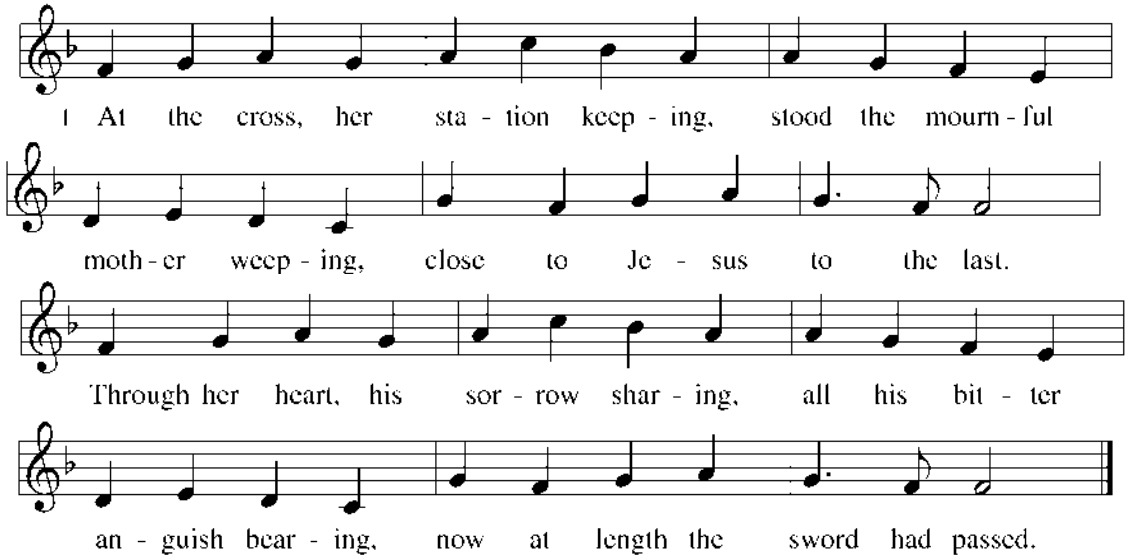
Organ: *Everyone:*

With the Lord there is mer-cy; with  
him there is plen-teous re - demp-tion.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves of music. The first staff is labeled 'Organ:' and 'Everyone:'. The second staff has a triplet of eighth notes marked with a '3' and a bracket. The lyrics are written below the staves.

*Stand*  
**HYMN**

*At the Cross Her Station Keeping (LBW 110)*



**THE LITANY OF THE PASSION**

Lord, have mercy on us.  
Christ, have mercy on us.  
Lord, have mercy on us.  
O God, the Father in heaven,  
O God, the Son, Redeemer of the world.  
O God, the Holy Spirit.  
O Holy Trinity, one God,  
Jesus, Son of the living God,  
From all evil,

**O Jesus, deliver us.**

From sudden, unprepared or evil death; from anger, hatred or ill-will; from everlasting death:

**O Jesus, deliver us.**

By the mystery of your incarnation, by your most holy life and conversation, by your most bitter passion and death:

**O Jesus, deliver us.**

By your agony and bloody sweat, by the shameful stripping off of your garments, by your painful crown of thorns, by your purple robe of mockery:

**O Jesus, deliver us.**

**Lord, have mercy on us.**  
**Christ have mercy on us.**  
**Lord, have mercy on us.**  
**Have mercy on us.**  
**Have mercy on us.**  
**Have mercy on us.**  
**Have mercy on us.**  
**Have mercy on us.**

By your most unjust condemnation, by your bearing your own cross, by your footprints traced in blood:

**O Jesus, deliver us.**

By the cruel straining of your sacred limbs, by your dread crucifixion, by the upraising of your cross:

**O Jesus, deliver us.**

By the anguish which you suffered, by the insults which you endured, by your prayers and tears:

**O Jesus, deliver us.**

By the shedding of your most precious blood, by your patience and humility, by the love with which you love us to the end:

**O Jesus, deliver us.**

We sinners plead for you to hear us:

**O most loving Jesus.**

That being dead unto sin, we may live unto righteousness; that we may not glory, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ; that we may take our cross daily and follow you:

**We plead for you to hear us, O Christ.**

That your blood may cleanse us from dead works to serve the living God; that seeing your example, we may follow your steps; that being partakers of your suffering, we may also partake of your glory:

**We plead for you to hear us, O Christ.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; **Have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; **Have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; **Grant us your peace.**

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

**Because by your cross and passion you have redeemed the world. Amen.**

## **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,  
forever and ever. Amen**

## THE VENERATION OF THE CROSS

*During the unveiling of the Cross the following versicles are said.*

Behold the wood of the cross, where on was hung the Savior of the World. Oh, my people what have I done to you? Or wherein have I | wearied you? Answer me.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

Because I brought you out of the land of Egypt, you have prepared a | cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

Because I led you through the desert forty years, and fed you with manna, and brought you into a land exceedingly good, you have prepared a | cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

What more could I do for you that I have not done? I planted you my choicest vine, and you have become exceedingly bitter unto me. For when I was thirsty you gave me vinegar to drink mingled with gall, and have pierced with a spear the | side of your Savior.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

We venerate your Cross O lord, and praise and glorify your holy resurrection: for by Virtue of the Cross joy | has come to the whole world.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

*After the minister leaves the chancel all may revere the cross and depart in silence.*

*The Paschal Triduum continues tomorrow  
with the celebration of the Vigil of Easter at 7:00 p.m.*

*This is the most important liturgy in the church year.  
It will bring us through death to new life with our Lord.  
The Easter Vigil begins outside at the Garden of Memory.*

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Feel free to gather outside for conversation.  
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## **Easter Services**

The Resurrection of Our Lord, Easter Day, April 4

8:00 AM Indoor (advance reservations needed)

Holy Communion

Organ, Handbells, Cantor

10:30 AM Outdoor (weather permitting/indoor if needed)

Holy Communion

Brass Ensemble

### **Sunday Worship 5:00 PM Concludes**

The Sunday 5:00 PM liturgy time was added to our worship schedule as a way to provide an additional worship time so that we could facilitate more people in worship without having to deal with larger numbers in the church nave during this time of COVID-19. This was clearly a wonderful option for some and it provided a unique way to provide catechetical instruction during the season of Lent, but it is evident that the additional liturgy at this time of day was not conducive for our faith community. .

Thank you to all who attended and to the faithful support and participation by our St. Paul's staff in providing this option.

### **Wednesday Bible Study**

#### **The Book of Acts**

Wednesday Bible Study is held at 10:30 AM in Christ Hall. During the season of Easter the first reading each Sunday is from the book of Acts. We will spend a portion of our time together gaining greater insight into the book of Acts while still spending time reflecting on the Easter gospel readings. The Acts of the Apostles is a continuation of the narrative of the Gospel according to Luke. The book of Acts can be divided into two large portions. The first portion centers on Peter and deals with the early church in Jerusalem in the days following the resurrection of Jesus. The second portion centers on Paul and deals with his three missionary journeys and the expansion of the message of Christ crucified, raised and ascended. These readings direct our Sunday worship during this joyous season of Easter with a dual focus on the good news that God has raised Jesus from death to life and in our missionary effort to tell and share the good news with others here and around the world. Please bring your Bible and join us!

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