

April 18, 2025
GOOD FRIDAY
12:00 Noon

The Cathedral Church of St. Paul

The Very Reverend Timothy True
Interim Dean of the Cathedral

The Right Reverend Dr. Bonnie A. Perry
Eleventh Bishop of the Diocese of Michigan

Welcome! Our vision is to be an extraordinary spiritual gathering place where people of all backgrounds and ages are welcome to question and learn, pray, worship and serve; being loved by God in ways that change and improve their lives and the lives of others.

Visitors are encouraged to fill out a blue pew card and place it in the offering box in the Crossing. Please ask a clergy person or usher if you have questions. All are welcome—if you are looking for a church home, you have one here.

About Receiving Communion – Please know that this is God’s table and any person seeking to be fed from it will not be turned away. To receive the consecrated bread, extend your hands and it will be placed in your palm. Should you choose to receive the consecrated wine, you may guide the chalice gently to your mouth taking a small sip. Those desiring gluten-free Communion should ask the clergy when coming forward for Communion.

Anyone may come forward at the time of Communion and receive the blessing instead, by crossing your arms across your chest. When returning to your seat after making your communion, please return to your pew by using the side aisles. At 11:00 a.m., Communion is offered at the High Altar, and in Grace Chapel, a barrier-free location to the left of the pulpit. Prayers for healing, for you or another, are offered in St. Barnabas Chapel and Nativity Chapel (at the front of the Cathedral on the right-hand side) during Communion.

About Children and Worship – Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, for to them belongs the Kingdom of God.” We believe that the place of a child is in worship in the Cathedral. We hope you will help them follow the service, sing the hymns, and use the bulletin and Prayerbook. At the back of Grace Chapel, the chapel to the left as one faces the High Altar, there is a soft space available. If you feel the need to step out, we have space in the Parlor which has the livestream of the service, so you can follow along that way.

The Good Friday Offering will go to the Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East, through Episcopal Relief and Development. Your offering is graciously received in the box at the Great Crossing.

GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY

Please silence electronic devices.

This service is also being livestreamed on our YouTube Channel.

On this day Procession enters in silence.

Please stand as you are able at the Procession, then kneel for silent prayer, after which the Celebrant stands and begins the liturgy with the Collect of the Day.

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, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The congregation is seated.

The Lesson

Isaiah 52:13—53:12

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.

The Choir then sings

Psalm 22:1-11

Deus, Deus meus

plainchant tone IV

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.

The Epistle

Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

SINCE, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

Please stand as you are able and sing

Hymn 167

There is a green hill far away

Horsley

The Passion

Saint John 19:1-37

The Passion is sung by the Choir, the Congregation joining in the parts marked ‘Crowd’. The Congregation remains seated until the mention of Golgotha, at which time, those who are able are asked to stand.

The Passion is announced.

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

- Evangelist* Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. They kept coming up to him, saying,
- Soldiers* “Hail, King of the Jews!”
- Evangelist* And striking him on the face. Pilate went out again and said to them,
- Pilate* “Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him.”
- Evangelist* So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them,
- Pilate* “Here is the man!”
- Evangelist* When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted,
- Chief Priests* “Crucify him! Crucify him!”
- Evangelist* Pilate said to them,
- Pilate* “Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him.”
- Evangelist* The Jewish leaders answered him,
- Chief Priests* “We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God.”
- Evangelist* Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus,

Pilate "Where are you from?"

Evangelist But Jesus gave him no answer. Pilate therefore said to him,


Pilate "Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?"

Evangelist Jesus answered him,

Jesus "You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin."

Evangelist From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the Jewish leaders cried out,

Crowd



If you re- lease this man, you are no friend of the em- per- or



Eve-ry-one who claims to be a king sets him-self a -gainst the em-per-or

Evangelist When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat on the judge's bench at a place called The Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew Gabbatha. Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. He said to the Jewish leaders,

Pilate "Here is your King!"

Evangelist They cried out,

Crowd



A- way with him! A- way with him!



Cru- ci- fy him!

Evangelist Pilate asked them,

Pilate "Shall I crucify your King?"

Evangelist The chief priests answered,

Chief Priests "We have no king but the emperor."

Evangelist Then he handed him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus; and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. *[Please stand as you are able.]* There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." Many read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate,

Chief Priests “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but, ‘This man said, I am King of the Jews.’”

Evangelist Pilate answered,

Pilate “What I have written I have written.”

Evangelist When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. So they said to one another,

Soldiers “Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it.”

Evangelist This was to fulfill what the scripture says, “They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots.” And that is what the soldiers did. Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother,

Jesus “Woman, here is your son.”

Evangelist Then he said to the disciple,

Jesus “Here is your mother.”

Evangelist And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home. After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture),

Jesus “I am thirsty.”

Evangelist A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the wine, he said,

Jesus “It is finished.”

Evangelist Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Pause and kneel awhile

Evangelist Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jewish leaders did not want the bodies left on the cross during the sabbath, especially because that sabbath was a day of great solemnity. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men broken and the bodies removed. Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. (He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth.) These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, “None of his bones shall be broken.” And again another passage of scripture says, “They will look on the one whom they have pierced.”

The Sermon

The Very Reverend Timothy True
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Remaining seated, the congregation joins the singing on vss. 2 and 4.

Hymn 172

Were you there

Please stand as you are able.

The Solemn Collects

All standing, the Celebrant begins

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.

Intercessor

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; For those about to be baptized; That God will confirm his Church in faith, increase it in love, and preserve it in peace.

Let us kneel in silent prayer.

Silence

Arise.

Celebrant

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.**

Intercessor

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.

Let us kneel in silent prayer.

Silence

Arise.

Celebrant

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.**

Intercessor

Let us pray for the Jewish people, who by the grace of their eternal covenant with God were delivered from bondage into freedom; For their continued faithfulness; For their flourishing in peace as witnesses to God's sustaining love; For their safety from all malice and harm; For their liberation from all forms of antisemitism and hatred; 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.

Let us kneel in silent prayer.

Silence

Arise.

Celebrant

O God of Abraham and Sarah, you planted your people Israel as the root and grafted all peoples 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.*

Intercessor

Let us pray for all who suffer and are afflicted in body or in mind; For the hungry and homeless, the destitute and oppressed; For those who are ill or disabled, in body, mind, or spirit; For those who are lonely, fearful or anguished; For those who face temptation, doubt, and despair; For those who are sorrowful and bereaved; For those who are prisoners, refugees, and captives; For those who are victims of war, genocide, and trafficking; and all those in mortal danger; For those who are persecuted for the sake of Christ; 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.

Let us kneel in silent prayer.

Silence

Arise.

Celebrant

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.*

Intercessor

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 Christ's disciples; For those who in the name of Christ have persecuted others; That God will open their hearts to truth, and lead them to faith and obedience.

Let us kneel in silent prayer.

Silence

Arise.

Celebrant

Merciful God, creator of all the peoples of the earth and lover of souls: Have compassion on all who do not know you; let the Good News of your salvation 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.*

Intercessor

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.

Let us kneel in silent prayer.

Silence

Arise.

Celebrant

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.*

The Veneration of the Cross

A wooden cross is now brought into the Cathedral and placed in the sight of the people. Those who wish to venerate or pray before the cross are invited to do so during the singing of the anthems and motets.

The Choir sings

Motet

Giovanni Croce (1557-1609)

O vos omnes, qui transitis per via attendite, et videte si est dolor sicut dolor meus.

O all ye that pass by the way, attend and see if there be any sorrow like to my sorrow.

Lamentations 1:12

Anthem

plainchant mode I

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

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

Motet

John Bull (1563-1628)

IN the departure of the Lord,
Of mortal body's vital breath,
There lies a mystery worth record,
Which he did show us here on earth:
Who doth prepare to die each hour,
Must follow Christ our Savior.

William Leighton (1565-1622)

Anthem

plainchant mode VII

O Savior of the world, who by thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us:
Save us and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

Motet

Thomas Morley (1557-1602)

AGNUS Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

All kneel.

The Confession of Sin

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.

All then say

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.

Those who desire come to the High Altar or the Grace Chapel Altar at this time to receive the Blessed Sacrament. Only the bread is offered on Good Friday, representing Jesus' giving of himself completely, an offering and sacrifice for us all.

Following the distribution of Communion, all say the following prayer.

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.

Silent prayer and reflection is invited at this time. You may exit and re-enter the Cathedral as needed and it is requested that this be done in silence.

At 2:30 p.m. all are invited to gather in the Great Crossing for Stations of the Cross led by Father True.

IN TODAY'S LITURGY

Celebrant and Preacher
Acolyte
Cross Bearer
Lector and Eucharistic Minister
Technology

The Very Reverend Timothy True
Sister Margaret Ruth, AF
David Baschal
Emery Dumas
Alan Cooper

The service is sung by the Schola Cantorum under the direction of Canon Jeremy David Tarrant, Organist and Choirmaster and Dr. Sarah Simko, Associate Organist and Communications Coordinator.

EASTER SERVICES AT THE CATHEDRAL

April 19, Easter Eve

8:00 p.m. *The Great Vigil of Easter | The Right Reverend Bonnie A. Perry, Celebrant and Preacher
Holy Baptism, Confirmation, and Reception
with the Cathedral Singers

April 20, Easter Day

7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer in Nativity Chapel
8:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist | Father True, Celebrant and Preacher
11:00 a.m. *Festal Choral Eucharist | Father True, Celebrant and Preacher; Bishop Perry, Assisting
with the Cathedral Choir and St. Paul's Brass

An Easter Egg hunt follows the 11:00 a.m. service. Please note that Evensong is not offered on Easter Day.

UPCOMING AT THE CATHEDRAL

Sunday, May 18, 4:00 p.m.

Spring Choral Concert and Ice Cream Social

Join us for this Spring tradition of an evening of choral music sung by the Cathedral Choir, followed by an Ice Cream Social on the lawn.

Friday, May 30, 7:30 p.m.

Sarah Simko, organist

The Cathedral's Associate Organist presents an evening of music on the grand pipe organ.

Music at Mid-day, Fridays at 12:30 p.m.

May 9 • Sarah Simko and Ken Lord, organ

May 23 • Jeremy David Tarrant, organ
100th program in this series

June 13 • Rudy DeVos, organ

June 27 • Jeremy David Tarrant, organ

WEEKLY WORSHIP AT THE CATHEDRAL

Sundays

Morning Prayer, 7:30 a.m. in Nativity Chapel

Holy Eucharist, 8:15 a.m.

*Sung Holy Eucharist, 11:00 a.m.

*Evensong, 4:00 p.m. (September – May)

*These services are also livestreamed on our YouTube Channel.

Please note that Evensong is not offered on Easter Day, nor on April 27, and will resume on May 4.

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in Nativity Chapel

Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing

Thursdays at 8:00 a.m. in Grace Chapel

Morning Prayer

Each Evening at 8:00 p.m.

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