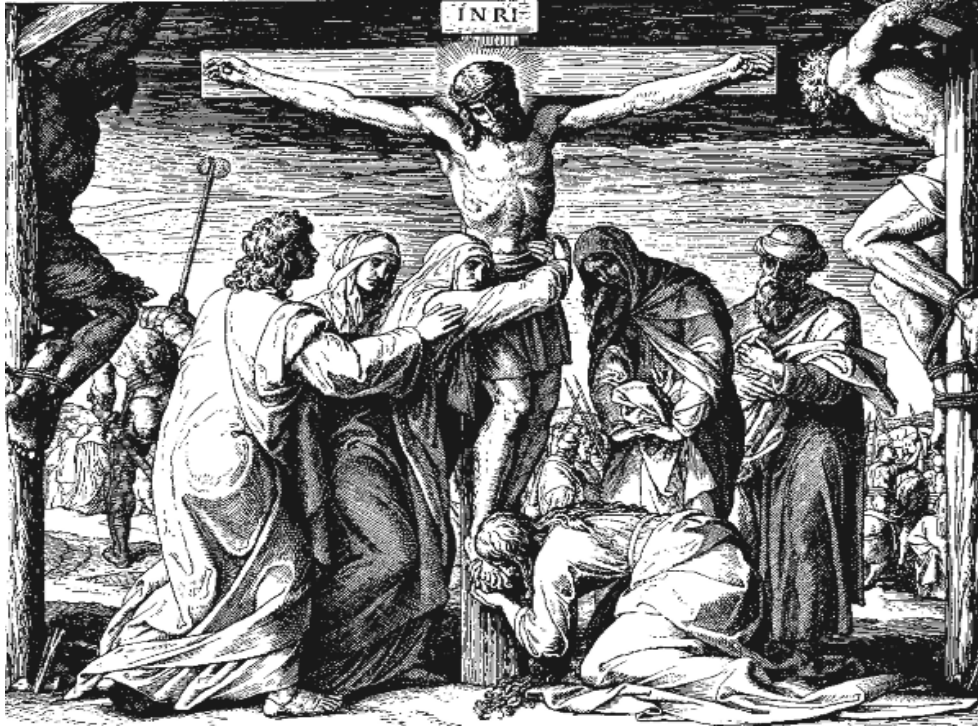


# THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Good Friday

*Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion*

29 March 2024 – 3:00 p.m.



*For this liturgy there is no instrumental prelude or opening hymn.  
The Ministers approach the barren altar and prostrate themselves while all pray in silence.  
Kneel if you are able.*

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sit.

First Reading

*Response to the Readings: Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 31

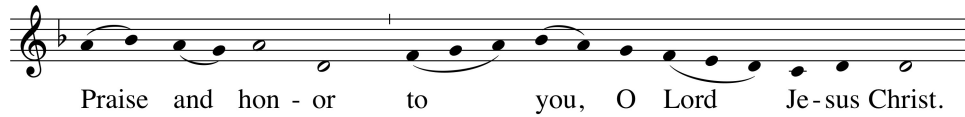


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Second Reading

Stand.

## Lenten Acclamation



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Music: *Kyrie Orbis Factor*, acc. by David Hurd

*v. Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.*

*Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name.*

The Passion Gospel according to John - chanted by Men of the Choir

Homily

The Solemn Intercessions

+ An Offertory is collected for the Shrines of the Holy Land +

Motet, Ave verum corpus

William Byrd, ca. 1540-1623

*Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, who having truly suffered, was sacrificed on the cross for mankind, whose pierced side flowed with water and blood: May it be for us a foretaste [of the Heavenly banquet] in the trial of death. Amen.*

## SHOWING THE HOLY CROSS

*All stand as the unveiled Cross is carried in procession from the church entrance to the sanctuary.*

*The Cross is raised high and the invitation is sung:*

*Behold the wood of the Cross, on which hung the salvation of the world.*

*The People respond: **Come, let us adore.***

## VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

*All may come forward in procession to give honor to the wood of the Cross.*

*Signs of veneration are the bow or the genuflection.*

*The Choir sings:*

The Reproaches

John Sanders, 1933-2003

*O my people, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me!*

*I led you out of Egypt, from slavery to freedom, but you led your Saviour to the cross. O my people. . . Holy is God! Holy and strong! Holy immortal One, have mercy on us.*

*For forty years I led you safely through the desert. I fed you with manna from heaven, and brought you to a land of plenty; but you led your Saviour to the cross. Holy is God. . .*

*What more could I have done for you? I planted you as my fairest vine, but you yielded only bitterness: when I was thirsty you gave me vinegar to drink, and you pierced your Saviour's side with a lance. Holy is God. . .*

*I opened the sea before you, but you opened my side with a spear.*

*I led you on your way in a pillar of cloud, but you led me to Pilate's court. O my people. . .*

*I bore you up with manna in the desert, but you struck me down and scourged me.*

*I gave you saving water from the rock, but you gave me gall and vinegar to drink. O my people. . .*

*I gave you a royal sceptre, but you gave me a crown of thorns.*

*I raised you to the height of majesty, but you have raised me high on a cross. O my people. . .*

*All sing:*

Go to dark Gethsemane

1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, you that feel the  
2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall; view the Lord of  
3 Cal - vary's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; there, a - dor - ing

tempt - er's power; your Re - deem - er's con - flict see;  
life ar - rained. O the worm - wood and the gall!  
at his feet, mark that mir - a - cle of time,

watch with him one bit - ter hour; turn not from his  
O the pangs his soul sus - tained! Shun not suf - fering,  
God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete: "It is fin - ished!"

griefs a - way; learn of Je - sus Christ to pray.  
shame, or loss; learn of him to bear the cross.  
hear him cry; learn of Je - sus Christ to die.

HOLY COMMUNION

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.

# Music at Communion

## Hymn, O sacred head

## Passion Chorale

1 O sa - cred head, sore wound - ed, de - filed and put to scorn;  
 2 Thy beau - ty, long - de - sir - ed, hath va - nished from our sight;  
 3 In thy most bit - ter pas - sion my heart to share doth cry,  
 \*4 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,  
 \*5 My days are few, O fail not, with thine im - mor - tal power,

1 O king - ly head, sur - round - ed with mock - ing crown of thorn:  
 2 thy power is all ex - pir - ed, and quenched the light of light.  
 3 with thee for my sal - va - tion up - on the cross to die.  
 4 for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pi - ty with - out end?  
 5 to hold me that I quail not in death's most fear - ful hour;

1 what sor - row mars thy gran - deur? Can death thy bloom de - flower?  
 2 Ah me! for whom thou di - est, hide not so far thy grace:  
 3 Ah, keep my heart thus mov - ed to stand thy cross be - neath,  
 4 Oh, make me thine for - ev - er! and should I faint - ing be,  
 5 that I may fight be - friend - ed, and see in my last strife

1 O coun - te - nance whose splen - dor the hosts of heaven a - dore!  
 2 show me, O Love most high - est, the bright - ness of thy face.  
 3 to mourn thee, well - be - lov - ed, yet thank thee for thy death.  
 4 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er, out - live my love for thee.  
 5 to me thine arms ex - tend - ed up - on the cross of life.

Words: Paul Gerhardt (1607-1676); sts. 1-3, 5, tr. Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930); st. 4, tr. James Waddell Alexander (1804-1859), alt. Music: *Herzlich tut mich verlangen* [Passion Chorale], Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612); adapt. And harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

## Choir Anthem, Were you there

Bob Chilcott, b. 1955

## Closing Prayers and Silent Procession

*All depart the Church in silence.*

The Reverend Daniel S. Kearny, *Pastor*

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