

**GOOD
FRIDAY**

March 29, 2024, at Noonday

The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd

108 West Broad Ave + Berlin, NJ 08009

A Mission in the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey.

Where Love Abounds and Hope is Found!

Our Vision: *To be a faithful and growing Church that connects people to Jesus Christ.*

Our Mission: *To know Christ more fully,
To love and serve Him more faithfully,
To make Him better known to others.*

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THE LITURGY OF GOOD FRIDAY

Opening Acclamation

Please stand as you are able.



Collect for Good Friday

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.**

Please be seated for the readings.

First Lesson (Isaiah 52:13-53:12)

Andrew Listman

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet 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 (*read responsively by verse*)

1 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.
- 12 Many young bulls encircle me; * strong bulls of Bashan surround me.**
- 13 They open wide their jaws at me, * like a ravening and a roaring lion.
- 14 I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint; * my heart within my breast is melting wax.**
- 15 My mouth is dried out like a pot-herd; my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; * and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.
- 16 Packs of dogs close me in, and gangs of evildoers circle around me; * they pierce my hands and my feet; I can count all my bones.**

- 17 They stare and gloat over me; * they divide my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing.
- 18 Be not far away, O LORD; * you are my strength; hasten to help me.**
- 19 Save me from the sword, * my life from the power of the dog.
- 20 Save me from the lion's mouth, * my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.**
- 21 I will declare your Name to my brethren; * in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.
- 22 Praise the LORD, you that fear him; * stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory.**
- 23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither does he hide his face from them; * but when they cry to him he hears them.
- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; * I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.**
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: * "May your heart live for ever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, * and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.**
- 27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; * he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; * all who go down to the dust fall before him.**
- 29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; * they shall be known as the LORD's for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn * the saving deeds that he has done.**

The Solemn Collects *Please stand as you are able: all say together.*

Deacon:

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.

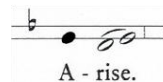
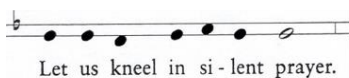
We pray, therefore, for people everywhere according to their needs.

Bidding (Deacon):

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 *Sally*, 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.



Celebrant:

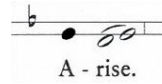
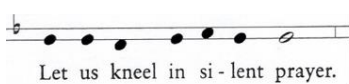
Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. ***Amen.***

Bidding (Deacon):

Let us pray for all nations and peoples of the earth, and for those in authority among them;

- For *Joe*, our president; *Phil*, our governor; and *Rick*, our mayor.
- 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.



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.**

Bidding (Deacon):

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.

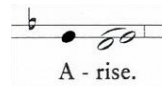
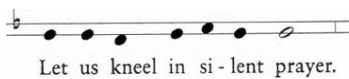
For those in loneliness, fear, and anguish.

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.



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.**

Bidding (Deacon):

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.

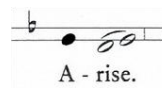
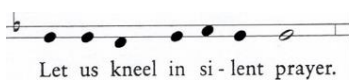
For those hardened by sin or indifference.

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.



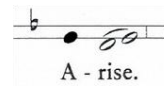
Celebrant:

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. **Amen.**

Bidding (Deacon);

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.



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.**

Hymn (1982 Hymnal #158)

“Ah, Holy Jesus”

(sung before the cross is brought into the Church for Veneration).

Veneration of the Cross

The Crucifix is now brought in for the Veneration of the Cross.

*The People are requested to **kneel as you are able.***

The People will sing ONLY “O come, let us adore.”

Be - hold, be - hold the wood of the cross, on which is
hung our sal - va - tion. O come, let us a - dore.

The People may now come forward to make their Veneration, and sing the following hymn:

Hymn (1982 Hymnal #168)

*“O Sacred Head,
Sore Wounded”*

Mass of the Pre-Sanctified

Hymn (1982 Hymnal #329, Verses 5-6)

*“Now, My Tongue,
the Mystery
Telling”*

Sung as the Blessed sacrament is brought to the High Altar, remaining kneeling.

Confession of Sin

Deacon:

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.**

Celebrant:

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.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Communion of the Faithful

Please come forward for Holy Communion from the Reserved Sacrament.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words:
The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [**Amen.**]
The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [**Amen.**]

Postcommunion Collect

The liturgy concludes with the following prayer.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.***

Please leave the church in silence!

Announcements

The **Easter Triduum** concludes tomorrow (Saturday) with the Easter Vigil at 5 p.m., followed by a reception in the Church Hall. Remember to bring your bells with you so that they can ring out joyously at the Holy Noise.

The **Easter Egg Hunt** will take place on Easter Sunday after service. *Filled eggs are due tomorrow evening.*

The Ministers of the Liturgy

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Celebrant and Homilist

The Rev. Bruce Cecchini
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A WARM WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS! You may be new to us, but you are known and loved by God. Please fill out the visitor's card found in the pew racks and place it in the offering plate. We look forward to meeting you and having you worship with us again soon.

Prayer List (please let us know when your loved one should be removed).

Current Military Service:

Aiden Borden	Keith Taylor
Andrew Miller	Mason Smiley
Charles Devoll	Reed Mikkelson
Dalton Anders	Ruben Costelano-Gomez
David Daniels	Ted Chavis

Dave Niglio

Felix Perez

Jacob Listman

Jamie Berry

Jimmy Sheridan

John Kirkbride

Jonathan DeMaria

Joseph Hodges

Expectant Mothers and their Babies

Theresa Rugletic (June)

Comfort & Healing

Albert Spinelli	Joseph Wright	Tom Knott
Barbara Hill	Joyce Foster	Sheila Williams
Barbara MacLeod	Lisa Gallagher	Steven Ireland
Barbara Peters Villari	Lori Gantz	Victor Kayati
Betsy Richards	Mackenzie Wister	
Carlos Guemes	Mary Corson	
Celiann Santiago	Mary McGrath	
Christopher Knott	Meredith Del Rosi	
Dave McMichael	Mr. & Mrs. Moe	
Dona Smith	Mrs. Simon	
Donna Vandy	Norman Rogers, Sr.	
Doris Elaine Philips	Patricia Hubel	
Edna Krug	Paul Williams	
Gary Spinelli	Pauleen Williams	
Jasmin Mulero	Regina Listman	
Jason	Richard Mealey	
John Collier	Ricky Beam	
John Rankin	Robert Bratty	