

**Morning Prayer: Rite Two**  
**Friday, April 3, 2026**  
**Good Friday**

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*Officiant 1* Christ became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and has given him the name that is above every name. *Philippians 2:8-9*

*Officiant 2* 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. *Isaiah 53:6*

**Confession of Sin**

*Officiant 1* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence*

*Officiant 1* 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.

*Officiant 2* Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

**The Invitatory and Psalter**

*Officiant 1* Lord, open our lips.

*Officiant 2* And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*Officiant 1* Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

*Officiant 2* as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

*Officiant 1* Today, if you would hear God's voice:

*Officiant 2* harden not your hearts.

**Venite** *Psalm 95:1-7* *Said responsively breaking at the half verse*

Come let us sing to the Lord; \*

**let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.**

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*

**and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

For the Lord is a great God, \*

**and a great King above all gods.**

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*

**and the heights of the hills are his also.**

The sea is his, for he made it, \*

**and his hands have molded the dry land.**

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*

**and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.\*

**Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

*Officiant 1* Today, if you would hear God's voice:

*Officiant 2* harden not your hearts.

**Psalm 22**

*Said responsively breaking at the half verse*

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? \*  
**and are so far from my cry  
and from the words of my distress?**  
O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; \*  
**by night as well, but I find no rest.**  
Yet you are the Holy One, \*  
**enthroned upon the praises of Israel.**  
Our forefathers put their trust in you; \*  
**they trusted, and you delivered 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 worm and no man, \*  
**scorned by all and despised by the people.**  
All who see me laugh me to scorn; \*  
**they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,**  
"He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him; \*  
**let him rescue him, if he delights in him."**  
Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, \*  
**and kept me safe upon 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 none to help.**  
Many young bulls encircle me; \*  
**strong bulls of Bashan surround me.**  
They open wide their jaws at me, \*  
**like a ravening and a roaring lion.**  
I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint; \*  
**my heart within my breast is melting wax.**  
My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd;  
my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; \*  
**and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.**

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.**  
They stare and gloat over me; \*  
**they divide my garments among them;  
they cast lots for my clothing.**  
Be not far away, O Lord; \*  
**you are my strength; hasten to help me.**  
Save me from the sword, \*  
**my life from the power of the dog.**  
Save me from the lion's mouth, \*  
**my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.**  
I will declare your Name to my brethren; \*  
**in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.**  
Praise the Lord, you that fear him; \*  
**stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;  
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.**  
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.**  
My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*  
**I will perform my vows  
in the presence of those who worship him.**  
The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: \*  
**"May your heart live for ever!"**  
All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, \*  
**and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.**

For kingship belongs to the Lord; \*

**he rules over the nations.**

To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship;\*

**all who go down to the dust fall before him.**

My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; \*

**they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.**

They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*

**the saving deeds that he has done.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.**

**Amen.**

## The Lessons

*Officiant 1* **A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews**

*Hebrews 10:16-25*

The Holy Spirit testifies saying,

"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,"

he also adds,

"I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no  
more."

Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any  
offering for sin.

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the  
sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way  
that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his  
flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of  
God, 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. Let us hold fast to  
the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has  
promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one  
another to love and good deeds, 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.

*Officiant 1* The Word of the Lord

*Officiant 2* Thanks be to God

Canticle **A Song of Christ's Humility** *Philippians 2:6-11*

*Said responsively breaking at the half verse*

Though in the form of God, \*

**Christ Jesus did not cling to equality with God,**

But emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, \*

**and was born in human likeness.**

Being found in human form, he humbled himself \*

**and became obedient to death, even death on a cross.**

Therefore, God has highly exalted him \*

**and given him the name above every name,**

That at the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow, \*

**in heaven and on earth and under the earth,**

And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, \*

**to the glory of God the Father.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.**

**Amen.**

*Officiant 2* **A Reading from the Gospel according to Mark**

*Mark 15: 22- 39*

Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!" In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also taunted him. When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

*Officiant 2* The Word of the Lord

*Officiant 1* Thanks be to God

**The Apostles' Creed**

*Officiant 1*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

## The Prayers

*Officiant 2* The Lord be with you.

*Officiant 1* And also with you.

*Officiant 2* Let us 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.

## Suffrages B

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;  
R. **Govern and uphold them, now and always.**  
V. Day by day we bless you;  
R. **We praise your Name for ever.**  
V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;  
R. **Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.**  
V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;  
R. **For we put our trust in you.**  
V. In you, Lord, is our hope;  
R. **And we shall never hope in vain.**

*Officiant 1* 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 Collect of the Day*

*Officiant 2* Lord Jesus Christ, crucified for us, we kneel at the foot of your cross to watch with you. Help us to see the cost of our forgiveness so that we may be made new through your love; for the glory of your holy name. Amen. *The Collect of the Day, A New Zealand Prayer Book*

*Officiant 1* Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *Amen.*  
*A Collect for Fridays*

*Officiant 2* Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. *Amen.*  
*Prayer for Mission*

## The Peace and Greetings

*Officiant 2* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*Officiant 1* **And also with you**

The worshippers exchange the Peace and greet one another.

*One of the Officiants prays Thanksgivings and Intercessions shared in Chat.*

## Closing Prayers

*Officiant 2* Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. *Amen.*

*The General Thanksgiving*

*Officiant 1* Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time  
with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and  
you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two  
or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst  
of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be  
best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and  
in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

*A Prayer of St. Chrysostom*

*Officiant 1* Let us bless the Lord.

*Officiant 2* Thanks be to God.

*Officiant 1* Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do  
infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from  
generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for  
ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Ephesians 3:20, 21*