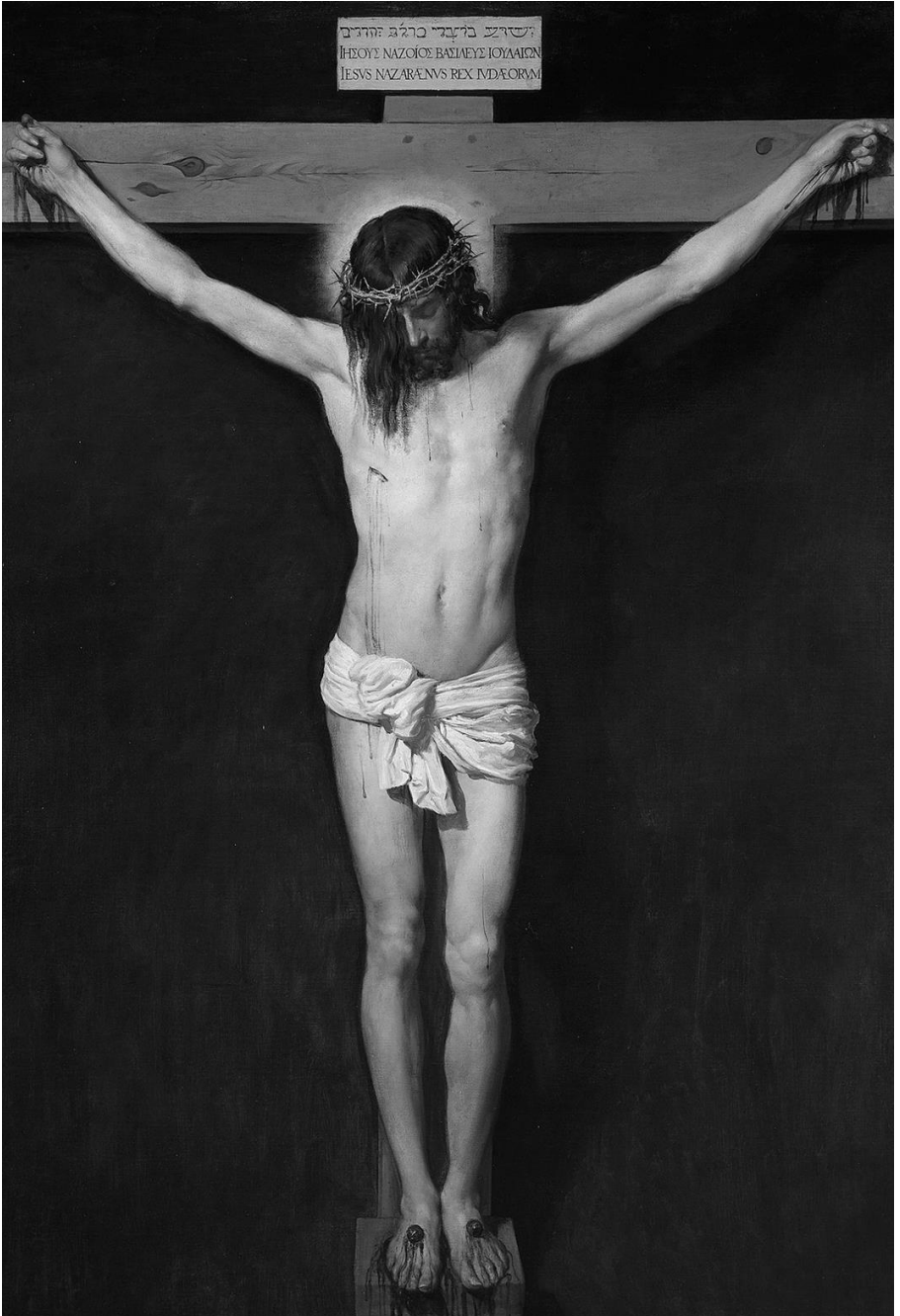




Christ Church
SHELBURNE

The Solemn Liturgy of
Good Friday



WELCOME

We're glad that you are here in God's house. This booklet contains everything you need to follow the service. If Anglican worship is unfamiliar to you, that's okay. Prioritize taking it all in with an open heart. Children of all ages are welcome at Christ Church. They are treasures from God. Feel free to move around the church during the service, if that's helpful for keeping your children engaged.

ABOUT THE SERVICE

Today is Good Friday, on which Jesus Christ was tried, tortured, and executed by crucifixion.

We call this day "good" because we believe that the events of this day show us the loving, saving mercy of God. The human condition is one of death, hatred, and injustice, of which human beings themselves are both the perpetrators and the victims. All of that is on display on Good Friday, when an innocent man is judged, tortured, and executed in a degrading way. We mourn, rather than celebrate, the violence of this day. But we also believe that Jesus of Nazareth was not just another victim of injustice, but God himself who came into the world to share our condition. The cross is a death that Jesus freely accepted. He embraces our mortality to join himself to us at the lowest points of human life, so that, sharing in him by faith and the sacraments, we can also pass with Jesus beyond the darkness of this day into the new light of the resurrection. This Friday is "Good" because it shows us depth of God's mercy, as he embraces humiliation, suffering, and death to draw us back to himself.

The service has three parts. First, we witness the crucifixion as we hear the passion story read. In response, and gathered as the family of God in mourning, we pray for the whole world. Second, we meditate on the cross. Third, we receive Holy Communion from the sacrament consecrated last night. We depart in silence, without the priest's blessing, because this service continues Sunday morning.

Entrance

The priest enters in silence and prostrates himself on the ground before the altar.

After a period of silence, the priest rises and all sing this hymn:

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble:

were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? *(etc)*

Were you there when they pierced him in the side? *(etc)*

Were you there when the sun refused to shine? *(etc)*

Were you there when they crucified my Lord? *(etc)*

Collects

Priest

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray: Almighty God, we beseech 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.**

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before you for all estates in your holy Church, that every member of the Church, in his vocation and ministry, may serve you truly and with godliness; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Save me, O God, by your Name; *in your might, defend my cause*. Hear my prayer, O God; *give ear to the words of my mouth*. For the arrogant have risen up against me, *and the ruthless have sought my life, those who have no regard for God*. Behold, God is my helper; *it is the Lord who sustains my life*. Render evil to those who spy on me; *in your faithfulness, destroy them*. I will offer you a freewill sacrifice *and praise your Name, O Lord, for it is good*. For you have rescued me from every trouble, *and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes*.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

The customary response is not said.

Minister Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him,

Pilate Are you the King of the Jews?

Minister Jesus answered,

Jesus Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?

Minister Pilate answered,

Pilate Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?

Minister Jesus answered,

Jesus My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world.

Minister Then Pilate said to him,

Pilate So you are a king?

Minister Jesus answered,

Jesus You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.

Minister Pilate said to him,

Pilate What is truth?

Minister After he had said this, he went back outside to the Jews and told them,

Pilate I find no guilt in him. But you have a custom that I should release one man for you at the Passover. So do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?

Minister They cried out again,

All ***Not this man, but Barabbas!***

Minister Now Barabbas was a robber. Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged him. And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head and arrayed him in a purple robe. They came up to him, saying,

All ***Hail, King of the Jews!***

Minister and struck him with their hands. Pilate went out again and said to them,

Pilate See, I am bringing him out to you that you may know that I find no guilt in him.

Minister So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them,

Pilate Behold the man!

Minister When the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out,

All ***Crucify him, crucify him!***

Minister Pilate said to them,

Pilate Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no guilt in him.

Minister The Jews answered him,

All ***We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has made himself the Son of God.***

Minister When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid. He entered his headquarters again and said to Jesus,

Pilate Where are you from?

Minister But Jesus gave him no answer. So Pilate said to him,

Pilate You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have authority to release you and authority to crucify you?

Minister Jesus answered him,

Jesus You would have no authority over me at all unless it had been given you from above. Therefore he who delivered me over to you has the greater sin.

Minister From then on Pilate sought to release him, but the Jews cried out,

All ***If you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar.***

Minister So when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgement seat at a place called The Stone Pavement, and in Aramaic Gabbatha. Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews,

Pilate Behold your King!

Minister They cried out,

All ***Away with him, away with him, crucify him!***

Minister Pilate said to them,

Pilate Shall I crucify your King?

Minister The chief priests answered,

All ***We have no king but Caesar.***

Minister So he delivered him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus, and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them.

Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.” Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate,

All ***Do not write, “The King of the Jews,” but rather, “This man said, I am King of the Jews.”***

Minister Pilate answered,

Pilate What I have written I have written.

Minister When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, so they said to one another,

All ***Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be.***

Minister This was to fulfil the Scripture which says, “They divided my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.” So the soldiers did these things, but standing by 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 nearby, he said to his mother,

Jesus Woman, behold, your son!

Minister Then he said to the disciple,

Jesus Behold, your mother!

Minister And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home. After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfil the Scripture),

Jesus I thirst.

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

Jesus It is finished,

Minister and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

A moment of silence is observed. It is appropriate to bow or kneel.

Minister Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away. So 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. But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe. For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: “Not one of his bones will be broken.” And again another Scripture says, “They will look on him whom they have pierced.”

Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,
the shadow of a mighty Rock within a weary land;
a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noontide heat and the burden of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see
the very dying form of One who suffered there for me:
and from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess,
the wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place:
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face;
content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss;
my sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.

When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the cross of Christ, my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down;

did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

Solemn Intercession

Priest, minister, and people

(Priest) 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.

(Minister) Let us pray for the holy Church throughout the world: that the Lord our God may preserve her in unity, peace, and safety, bringing into divine subjection all powers and principalities; and that he may grant us to dwell in such peace and tranquility that we may show forth the glory of God. *(Silence.)*

Let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

(Priest) Almighty Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church. Fill it with all truth, in all truth, with all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son our Savior. *Amen.*

(Minister) Let us pray for Sandra our Bishop and for David our Archbishop: that the Lord our God, who has appointed them to

this office, may preserve them in health and safety for the governance of God's holy people. (Silence.)

Let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

(Priest) Almighty and everlasting God, whose judgment upholds all things both in heaven and on earth: as you have appointed these your servants to be our Bishops, so also defend them by your mercy against all adversities; that we, acknowledging you as the great Shepherd and Overseer of our souls, may so prosper by their care that we may bring forth the fruit of righteousness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(Minister) Let us pray for all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons; and for all God's holy People. (Silence.)

Let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

(Priest) 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.*

(Minister) Let us pray for Charles our King, and for Justin his Prime Minister, and for all in Civil Authority; that they, knowing whose ministers they are, may above all things seek God's honor and glory: and that we, remembering whose authority they bear, may faithfully and obediently honor them in accordance with God's holy Word. (Silence.)

Let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

(Priest) Almighty God, whose kingdom is everlasting and whose power is infinite: We commend our nation to your merciful care, that being guided by your Providence, we may dwell secure in your peace. Grant to our King, to his Prime Minister, and to all in authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do your will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness; and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve this people in your fear; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(Minister) Let us pray for those who are preparing for Holy Baptism: that the Lord our God may open their hearts to his grace and mercy; that by the washing of regeneration they may obtain the remission of all their sins, and be found faithful servants of our Lord Jesus Christ. *(Silence.)*

Let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

(Priest) Almighty and everlasting God, you multiply your Church in every generation: Grant the gifts of faith and understanding to those being instructed in your holy Word; that being washed in the waters of Baptism, they may be born again and numbered among your adopted children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(Minister) Let us pray to God the Father Almighty, that he would cleanse the world from all evil; deliver it from pestilence and famine; set free those who are in captivity; restore the sick to health; and bring those who travel to a haven of safety. *(Silence.)*

Let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

(Priest) 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.*

(Minister) Let us pray for all who are in heresy or schism: that the Lord our God may deliver them from all false doctrine, and restore them to the faith and unity of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church. *(Silence.)*

Let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

(Priest) O God of truth and love, who desires not the death of sinners but rather that they should turn from their wickedness and live: Look with mercy on those who are deceived by the lies of the world, the flesh, and the devil; that the hearts of those who have gone astray may be restored to wisdom and return to the way of truth in the unity of your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(Minister) Let us pray for the Jewish people: that the Lord our God may look graciously upon them, and that they may come to know Jesus as the Messiah, and as the Lord of all. *(Silence.)*

Let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

(Priest) Almighty and everlasting God, you established your covenant with Abraham and his seed: Hear the prayers of your Church, that the people through whom you brought blessing to the world may also receive the blessing of salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(Minister) Let us pray for all those who do not believe in Christ, that the Holy Spirit may enlighten them through the Gospel and bring them into the way of salvation. *(Silence.)*

Let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

(Priest) 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.*

(Minister) Let us commit ourselves to our God, and pray for the grace of a holy life, that, with all who 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. *(Silence.)*

Let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

(Priest) 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. *Amen.*

Veneration of the Cross

The priest brings a crucifix into the midst of the people, and processes with it toward the altar, making three stations. At each station, the priest and choir sing:

Behold the wood of the cross, on which was hung the world's salvation. O come, let us worship.

While the following chant (the “Reproaches”) is sung, the congregation is encouraged to approach to show the cross a sign of honour, such as a bow or a kiss. They may also sing the refrains of the chant.

My people, what have I done to you?
How have I grieved you? Answer me.
Because I led you out of the land of Egypt,
you have prepared a cross for your Saviour.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one, have mercy upon us.

Because I led you out through the desert forty years,
and fed you with manna, and brought you into a land of plenty,
you have prepared a cross for your Saviour.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one, have mercy upon us.

What more should I have done for you, and have not done?
Indeed, I planted you as my most beautiful and chosen vine,
and you have turned very bitter to me;
for in my thirst you have me vinegar to drink,
and with a spear you have pierced your Saviour’s side.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one, have mercy upon us.

I scourged Egypt for your sake with her firstborn sons,
and you scourged me and handed me over.
I led you out of Egypt, as Pharaoh lay sunk in the Red Sea,
and you handed me over to the chief priests.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one, have mercy upon us.

I opened up the sea before you,
and you opened my side with a lance.
I went before you in a pillar of cloud,
and you led me into Pilate’s palace.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one, have mercy upon us.

I fed you with manna in the desert,
and on me you rained blows and lashes.
I gave you saving water from the rock to drink,
and for drink you have me gall and vinegar.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one, have mercy upon us.

I struck down for you the kings of the Canaanites,
and you struck my head with a reed.
I put in your hand a royal sceptre,
and you put on my head a crown of thorns.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one, have mercy upon us.

I exalted you with great power,
and you hung me on the scaffold of the cross.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one, have mercy upon us.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one, have mercy upon us.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one, have mercy upon us.

Lord's Prayer

Priest, then all together

And now as our Savior Christ hath commanded and 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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Preparation for Communion

Kneeling

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own right-eousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

*Lamb of God, that takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, that takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, that takes away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace.*

Holy Communion

Then the priest and minister distribute Holy Communion at the altar rail. Everyone is welcome to approach the altar—believers and non-believers, and members of all denominations. Holy Communion is about renewing our participation in the death and resurrection of Jesus which be initiate in baptism and continue by faith. If you have not been baptized or do not believe in Jesus, you may still come forward. Just cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you would prefer to receive a blessing rather than the Body of Christ.

Prayer

Priest

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; peace and rest to the dead; to your holy Church unity 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.**

Jesus, keep me near the cross:
there a precious fountain,
free to all, a healing stream,
flows from Calv'ry's mountain.

*In the cross, in the cross be my glory ever,
Till my ransomed soul shall find rest beyond the river.*

Near the cross, a trembling soul,
love and mercy found me;
there the Bright and Morning Star
shed His beams around me. *(Refrain)*

Near the cross! O Lamb of God,
bring its scenes before me;
help me walk from day to day
with its shadow o'er me. *(Refrain)*

Near the cross! I'll watch and wait,
hoping, trusting ever;
Till I reach the golden strand,
just beyond the river. *(Refrain)*

Departure

*The congregation is asked to leave in silence.
The service continues Sunday morning at 7:00 AM.*

UPCOMING HOLY WEEK SERVICES

- Sunday, 7:00 AM *The Vigil of Easter (Sunrise Service)*
Sunday, 8:00 AM *Easter Breakfast (in the Hall)*
Sunday, 10:30 AM *Easter Communion*

REGULAR SERVICES

- Sunday, 8:00 AM *Traditional, no music*
Sunday, 10:30 AM *Contemporary, with music*