

*Celebrating Christ's Presence
In a Changing World*

St. Paul's Episcopal Church



Good Friday

April 2, 2021

7:00 pm



PRELUDE “Were You There”
 -Christy Randall, violin
 (African-American Spiritual)

*All stand as the Ministers enter in silence.
All kneel for silent prayer.*

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Officiant Blessed be our God,
People **For ever and ever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant 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 WORD OF GOD

ISAIAH 52:13—53:12

PSALM 22

HEBREWS 10:16-25

SEQUENCE HYMN

To Mock Your Reign
The Hymnal 1982 #170

THE PASSION GOSPEL: *John 18:1—19:42*

*The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted.
The congregation is seated for the first part of the Passion. At the
verse which mentions the arrival at Golgotha, all stand.*

THE SERMON

The Reverend Sarah Hurlbert

“Orphan Girl” - sung by Rev. Sarah
(Music & lyrics by Gillian Welch)

*I am an orphan on God's highway
But I'll share my troubles if you go my way
I have no mother no father
No sister no brother
I am an orphan girl
I have had friendships pure and golden
But the ties of kinship I have not known them
I know no mother no father
No sister no brother
I am an orphan girl
But when He calls me I will be able
To meet my family at God's table
I'll meet my mother my father
My sister my brother
No more orphan girl
Blessed Savior make me willing
And walk beside me until I'm with them
Be my mother my father
My sister my brother
I am an orphan girl*

THE SOLEMN COLLECTS

Officiant 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 Wendell 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.
(*Silence*)

Officiant 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.
(*Silence*)

Officiant 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 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.
(*Silence*)

Officiant 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 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.
(*Silence*)

Officiant 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.**

Intercessor Let us commit ourselves to our 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. (*Silence*)

Officiant 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.**

A wooden cross is now brought into the church and placed in the sight of the people.

VENERATION OF THE CROSS

You may come forward one at a time to offer your own veneration, thanksgivings or personal offering.

ANTHEM 1

Officiant We glory in your cross, O Lord,
People **and praise and glorify your holy resurrection;
for by virtue of your cross joy has come to the
whole world.**

Officiant May God be merciful to us and bless us, show us
the light of his countenance, and come to us.
People **Let your ways be known upon earth, your saving
health among all nations.**

Officiant Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the
peoples praise you.
People **We glory in your cross, O Lord, and praise and
glorify your holy resurrection; for by virtue of
your cross joy has come to the whole world.**

ANTHEM 2

Officiant We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,
People **because by your holy cross you have redeemed
the world.**

Officiant If we have died with him, we shall also live with
him; if we endure, we shall also reign with him.
People **We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,
because by your holy cross you have redeemed
the world.**

ANTHEM 3

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

HYMN *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*
The Hymnal 1982 #474

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**All 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.**

Officiant 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 Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

All stand as the Ministers leave in silence.



WORSHIP MINISTERS:

*The Reverend Sarah Hurlbert;
The Rev. Dcn. Melissa Congleton; The Rev. Jadon Hartsuff
Julie Baglien, Organist; Christy Randall, vocalist & violin;
Joe Lathrop, reader & acolyte*



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Stations of the Cross Reflection.

Saturday, April 3rd -Holy Saturday

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Virtual Diocesan Great Vigil of Easter

Sunday, April 4th Easter Day – 10:30 am

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<https://www.facebook.com/stpauljxmi/>

The Hymnal 1982 #170
To Mock Your Reign

1. To mock your reign, O dearest Lord,
they made a crown of thorns;
set you with taunts along that road
from which no one returns.
They did not know, as we do now,
that glorious is your crown;
that thorns would flower upon your brow,
your sorrows heal our own.

2. In mock acclaim, O gracious Lord,
they snatched a purple cloak,
your passion turned, for all they cared,
into a soldier's joke.
They did not know, as we do now,
that though we merit blame
you will your robe of mercy throw
around our naked shame.

3. A sceptered reed, O patient Lord,
they thrust into your hand,
and acted out their grim charade
to its appointed end.
They did not know, as we do now,
though empires rise and fall,
your Kingdom shall not cease to grow
till love embraces all.

Words: *F. Pratt Green, b. 1903*

Music: *Thomas Tallis, 1505?-1585*

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The Hymnal 1982 #474
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

1 When I survey the wondrous cross
where the young Prince of Glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

2 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.

3 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?

4 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.

Words: *Isaac Watts, 1674-1748*
Music: *ROCKINGHAM*



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Support Mission in the Holy Land

On Good Friday, offerings are invited from across the Episcopal Church to support the four dioceses in the Province of Jerusalem and in the Middle East. Funds are used to promote peace and mutual understanding through pastoral care, health care and educational programs throughout the region.

To learn more about our Churches work in the Middle East please visit:

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Jesus said, “Walk while you have the light so that the darkness may not overtake you.” *John 12:29*

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