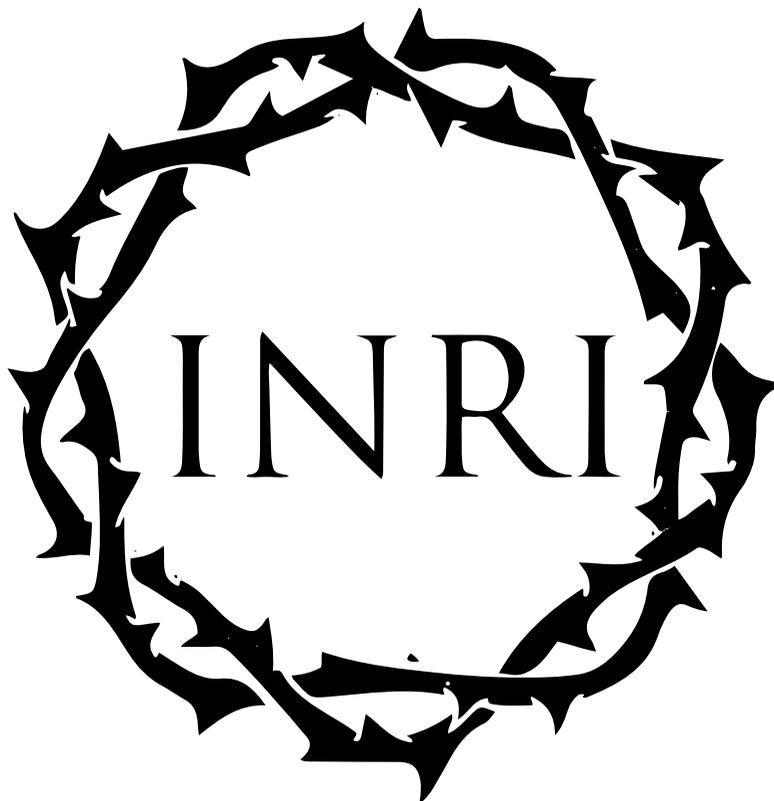


GOOD FRIDAY

29 MARCH 2024 | 7PM



ST. PETER'S ANGLICAN CATHEDRAL

Reaching One Another, Tallahassee, and the World with the Transforming Love of Jesus Christ

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GOOD FRIDAY

The Good Friday liturgy is the second part of the Triduum - the sacred three days. This most somber of all days is appropriately marked by fasting, abstinence, and penitence, leading us to focus on Jesus and the meaning of his cross. The church is darkened. The bare, stark appearance of the church serves as a reminder of the solemnity and sorrow of this day.

The Lord of Life was rejected, mocked, scourged, and then put to death on the cross. The faithful are reminded of the role which their own sin played in this suffering and agony, as Christ took all sin upon himself, in obedience to his Father's will. By the cross we are redeemed, set free from bondage to sin and death. The cross is a sign of God's never-ending love for us. It is a sign of life, in the midst of death.

PRELUDE

Jeremy Redmond, piano

Elegie

S. Rachmaninoff

Please rise as the clergy enter, then kneel for silent prayer.

The Officiant alone rises.

Officiant: All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way,

People: **And the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

Officiant: 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.**

THE FIRST LESSON *All are seated.*

ISAIAH 52:13-53:12

¹³ Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted. ¹⁴ As many were astonished at you— his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind— ¹⁵ so shall he sprinkle many nations. Kings shall shut their mouths because of him, for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand.

¹ Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

² 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, and no beauty that we should desire him. ³ He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. ⁴ Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. ⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned— every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. ⁷ He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. ⁸ By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? ⁹ And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. ¹⁰ Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. ¹¹ Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. ¹² Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

- ¹ *My God, my God, why have you forsaken me, *
and are so far from my cry, and from the words of my complaint?*
- ² *O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not hear; *
in the night season also, but I find no rest.*
- ³ *But you remain holy, *
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.*
- ⁴ *Our fathers hoped in you; *
they trusted in you, and you delivered them.*
- ⁵ *They called upon you, and were delivered; *
they put their trust in you, and were not confounded.*
- ⁶ *But as for me, I am a worm, and no man, *
scorned by all, and the outcast of the people.*
- ⁷ *All those who see me laugh me to scorn; *
they curl their lips, and shake their heads, saying,*
- ⁸ *“He trusted in God, that he would deliver him; *
let him deliver him, if he will have him.”*
- ⁹ *But you are he that took me out of my mother’s womb; *
you were my hope, when I was yet upon my mother’s breasts.*
- ¹⁰ *I have been cast upon you ever since I was born; *
you are my God, even from my mother’s womb.*
- ¹¹ *O go not far from me, for trouble is near at hand, *
and there is none to help me.*



¹ For since the law has but a shadow of the good things to come instead of the true form of these realities, it can never, by the same sacrifices that are continually offered every year, make perfect those who draw near. ² Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered, since the worshipers, having once been cleansed, would no longer have any consciousness of sins? ³ But in these sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year. ⁴ For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. ⁵ Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, “Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me; ⁶ in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. ⁷ Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.’” ⁸ When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), ⁹ then he added, “Behold, I have come to do your will.” He does away with the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰ And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. ¹¹ And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. ¹² But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, ¹³ waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. ¹⁴ For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified. ¹⁵ And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying, ¹⁶ “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds,” ¹⁷ then he adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.” ¹⁸ Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. ¹⁹ Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near 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. ²³ Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE SOLEMN COLLECTS

All stand. The Officiant says:

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.

All kneel.

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

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.**

Let us pray for Alex, our Bishop and for Foley, 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

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.**

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

Silence

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.**

Let us pray for Joe, our President, 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

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 President, 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.**

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

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.**

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

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.**

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

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.**

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

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.**

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

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.**

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

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.**

THE PROCESSION OF THE WOODEN CROSS *All stand as a wooden cross is processed to the altar.*

AT THE PROCESSION “Guilty They Found” from “The Saturday’s Sorrow”

D. Stokes

Anna Marie Friars and Rebekkah Thompson, duet

A DUET BETWEEN MARY MAGDALENE AND MARY, THE MOTHER OF JESUS

*Guilty, they found, He spoke no sound
Watch as my King is led to die for all our sins, let it begin
They turned our Lord, lamb to the sword
Beaten, bruised, cried, beaten, stripes, He bares it all
Struck thirty-nine was my first born
Man and divine intertwined
Can't look away that face I won't betray
That crown of thorns you wear, it's death for you, prepare
Oh, hands washed of Him, none to condemn
Did they forget all He did?
Healed sick and lame, then they weren't ashamed
Their words have made it so, to the cross He must go*

DEVOTION BEFORE THE CROSS *All kneel.*

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three staves. The first staff is for the Cantor, starting at measure 1. The second staff starts at measure 5. The third staff is for the People, starting at measure 9. The lyrics are: "Be - hold, be - hold, the wood of the cross on which was hung the world's sal - va - tion. O come, let us a - dore Him."

*O my people, what have I done to you?
How have I wearied you?
Testify against me.*

*I brought you forth from the land of bondage,
and led you through the waters of salvation,
and you have prepared a Cross for your Savior.*

*Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
have mercy upon us.*

*I led you through the desert forty years,
and fed you with the bread of heaven;
I brought you into the land of promise,
and you have prepared a Cross for your Savior.*

Holy God . . .

*What could I have done for you that I have not done?
I planted you, my vineyard, to bear sweet fruit;
but you have become very bitter to me,
and gave me vinegar for my thirst.*

Holy God . . .

*I passed over your first-born and delivered them from death,
and you have delivered me into the hands of my enemies;
I led you in the pillar of cloud,
and you have led me into the judgment hall of Pilate.*

O my people . . .

*I struck down the kings of the Canaanites for your sake,
and you struck my head with a reed;
I gave you a royal inheritance,
and you have crowned my head with thorns.*

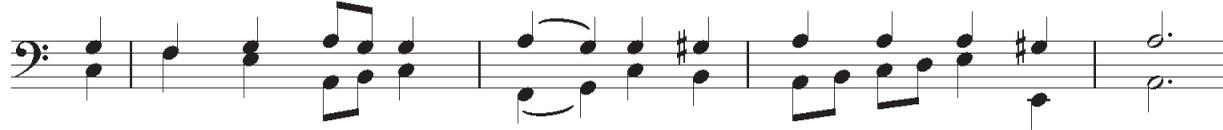
*I opened the rock and gave you to drink from the water of life,
and you have opened my side with a spear.
I raised you on high with great power,
and you have hanged me high upon the Cross.*

*O my Church, what have I done to you?
How have I wearied you?
Testify against me.*





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.



CONCLUDING PRAYER

The service always concludes with the following prayer. No blessing or dismissal is added.

All kneel and say together:

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.

Please stand as the clergy leave and maintain silence while departing from the church.



UPCOMING SERVICES

HOLY SATURDAY

Service | NOON

The Great Vigil of Easter | 8:30PM

EASTER DAY

Holy Communion | 9AM

Holy Communion | 11:15AM

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