

GOOD FRIDAY MEDITATION

March 29, 2024 at noon

Officiant: The Rev. Canon Richard Hogue, Jr.

Dean: The Very Rev. Penny Bridges

Meditations: The Rev. Daniel McMillan,

The Rev. Canon Brooks Mason,

The Venerable Cindy Campos

Choir: Members of the Cathedral Schola

Ushers: Roxanne Perfect-Knight, Bob Reed

As a courtesy to others, please silence electronic devices.

For the link to the webpage with the announcements and bulletins, use this QR code:

This service is being streamed live and if you don't wish to be seen on camera, please ask an usher for appropriate seating.

Services are regularly streamed and recorded and you can find them:

<http://www.stpaulcathedral.org/watch>

If you're interested in more information about the cathedral's ministries,

we would like to hear from you: <http://stpaulcathedral.org/im-new/>



St. Paul's Cathedral acknowledges that we gather on unceded Kumeyaay land. We value the knowledge, culture, and worldview of Indigenous people. We commit to the vital work of educating ourselves, increasing community awareness, and promoting reconciliation with our Indigenous neighbors. As we examine actions and practices that perpetuate harm against Indigenous communities, we pledge to work toward a meaningful and respectful relationship as we follow their example in honoring this sacred land.

- Approved by the Cathedral Chapter, May 2023

Kneelers are available in the back of the church: please bring one to your seat if you wish to kneel during the service.

§ *All stand as able as the ministers and other participants enter in silence.*

INTROIT (*chant*)

Christus factus est pro nobis obediens usque ad mortem, mortem autem crucis. Propter quod et Deus exaltavit illum et dedit illi nomen, quod est super omne nomen.

Christ was made obedient for us unto death, even death on the cross, wherefore God hath exalted him, and hath given a name unto him which is above all names.

§ *A priest addresses the people:*

Blessed be our God.

People **For ever and ever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT

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.**

MOTET

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Giovanni Anerio (c.1567 – 1630)

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§ *Please be seated.*
After a moment of silent prayer, the Motet is sung.

MOTET

Civitas sancti tui
William Byrd (1543-1623)

Civitas sancti tui facta est deserta. Sion deserta facta est, Jerusalem desolata est.

Bow thine ear, O Lord, and hear: the holy city is now like a wilderness. Sion is wasted and brought low, Jerusalem desolate and void.

§ *Please stand as able.*

SOLEMN COLLECT

O GOD, our heavenly Father, you sent your Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved and brought with him into paradise as he brought the penitent thief; that all who believe in him might be delivered from the power of sin and death, and become heirs with him of ever- lasting life. **Amen.**

§ *Please be seated. Profound silence is kept.*

MEDITATION

The Reverend Daniel McMillan

MOTET

Salvator mundi
Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

Salvator mundi, salva nos, qui per crucem et sanguinem redemisti nos; auxiliare nobis te deprecamur, Deus noster.

O Saviour of the world, save us, thou who hast redeemed us by thy cross and blood; help us, we beseech thee, our God.

§ *Please stand as able.*

SOLEMN COLLECT

ALMIGHTY AND EVER-LIVING GOD, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers along with those of the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, 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.**

§ *Please be seated. Profound silence is kept.*

MEDITATION

The Reverend Canon Brooks Mason

MOTET

Timor et tremor

Francis Poulenc (1899–1963)

Timor et tremor venerunt super me, et caligo cecidit me. Miserere mei, Domine, Miserere, quoniam in te confidit anima mea. Exaudi Deus deprecationem meam, quia refugium meum es tu, et adjutor fortis. Domine invocavi te, non confundar.

Fearful and trembling, my spirit is troubled, yea, and darkness cometh up upon my soul. Look on me in mercy, Lord, I pray, for my soul hath trusted in thee. Lord, hear my crying; bow down thine ear unto my prayer. For thou, Lord, art my refuge and stronghold and art ever with me. Hear me, I pray, and let me never be confounded.

§ *Please stand as able.*

SOLEMN COLLECT

ALMIGHTY GOD, kindle, we pray, in every heart, especially those who are forsaken, lost, and lonely, the peace of your love; and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth, that they may hear the voice of the lost and the forsaken so that in tranquility your dominion may increase until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

§ *Please be seated. Profound silence is kept.*

MEDITATION

The Venerable Cindy Campos

MOTET

A Litany
William Walton (1902–1983)

Drop, drop, slow tears, And bathe those beauteous feet Which brought from Heaven The news and Prince of Peace: Cease not, wet eyes, His mercy to entreat; To cry for vengeance Sin doth never cease. In your deep floods Drown all my faults and fears; Nor let His eye See sin, but through my tears.

Text: Phineas Fletcher (1582-1650)

§ *Please stand as able.*

SOLEMN COLLECT

GRACIOUS GOD, the comfort of all who sorrow, the strength of all who suffer: Let the cry of those in thirst for mercy 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 thirsted on the cross for us, and suffered; your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

§ *Please be seated. Profound silence is kept.*

MOTET

Crucifixus a 8
Antonio Lotti (c. 1667-1740)

Crucifixus etiam pro nobis sub Pontio Pilato: passus et sepultus est.

He was crucified also for us, under Pontius Pilate: he suffered and was buried.

§ *After a moment of silence, the People may stand or remain seated for the Concluding Prayer.*

CONCLUDING PRAYER *(said by all)*

**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.**

The ministers and musicians depart in silence.

**A freewill offering to support the work of the Anglican Church in Jerusalem will be received at the Cathedral entrance.*

~ *The Cathedral will remain open for silent meditation until 3:00 p.m.* ~

The Good Friday Offering

Lent 2024

Dear Sisters, Brothers, and Siblings in the Lord,

I greet you in the name of our loving, liberating, and life-giving Savior, Jesus Christ.

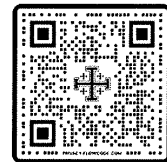
Last May, I had the privilege of meeting the Rev. Canon Faiz Basheer Jerjes and his colleague, Sinan Hanna, of St. George's Anglican Episcopal Church in Baghdad—the only Anglican church in Iraq. After a moving conversation, Fr. Faiz asked one thing of our church: **“Please don't forget us.”**

I assured him that we would not forget—and I need your help to honor that pledge, not only to him, but to the whole Anglican Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East, which we have supported through the Good Friday Offering for over a century, through conflict, pandemic, and humanitarian disasters. The Episcopal Church will not forget them. We will not forget our siblings in Christ who cannot worship God freely. We will not forget those caught in the crossfire between warring factions in the land where our Lord walked. We will not forget that every human child of God—Palestinian, Israeli, Iraqi, Cypriot, Lebanese, *everyone*—deserves safety and security. As we mark our Lord's passion and death on Good Friday, we remember those whom he loves facing injustice and oppression today, and remember the urgency of love—true, sacrificial love.

On Good Friday, March 29, I invite you to remember the Anglican Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East through a gift to the Good Friday Offering. By supporting life-giving ministries in the province, including St. George's, Baghdad; the eye clinic in Ras Morbat, Yemen; the Al Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza; and numerous other institutions identified by their dioceses, you are ensuring that our siblings in Christ are not forgotten.

On the evening of Good Friday, we especially look forward to inviting the whole church to a concert of sacred music recorded at Christ and St. Luke's Church, Norfolk, in the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia. You will find more details about this event, instructions on how to make a gift to the Good Friday Offering, and additional resources at iam.ec/goodfridayoffering.

This is my last Good Friday letter to you as your presiding bishop, and I want to both express my gratitude for your gifts in years past and encourage you to give again to support God's beloved in this area of the world. This is what love asks of us. Any questions about the offering may be directed to Archdeacon Paul Fehleley, Middle East partnership officer. He can be reached at (800) 334-7626 x6222 or via email at pfehleley@episcopalchurch.org. I remain



Your brother in Christ,

The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry
Presiding Bishop and Primate
The Episcopal Church

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The history of the Good Friday Offering reaches back to 1922 when, in the aftermath of World War I, The Episcopal Church sought to create new relationships with and among the Christians of the Middle East. From these initial efforts which focused on a combination of relief work and the improvement of ecumenical and Anglican relations, the Good Friday Offering was created.



Through the years many Episcopalians have found the Good Friday Offering to be an effective way to express their support for the ministries of the three dioceses of the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. Pastoral care, education and health care continue to be primary ministries through which the reconciling spirit of the Christian faith serves all in need. Participation in this ministry is welcome. The generous donations of Episcopalians help the Christian presence in the Land of the Holy One to be a vital and effective force for peace and understanding among all of God's children.

This year, as the war in Gaza continues, the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem is in desperate need of funds to relieve the suffering of the Palestinian people and to support the life-saving work of the Ahli Hospital, which has been damaged in the conflict. Please give generously.

For 102 years, Episcopalians have generously shared their love, compassion, and financial gifts to support the ministry of the Anglican Communion Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. These gifts have made an astounding difference in the lives of many people in the homeland of Jesus and beyond. Check out our history of the Good Friday Offering to learn more about this life-changing ministry.

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/good-friday-offering/>

HOLY WEEK and EASTER services at St Paul's

Holy Saturday, March 30

9 am – Holy Saturday liturgy in the Chapel of the Holy Family.

7:15 pm – Great Vigil of Easter, Bishop Susan will preside and preach in the Cathedral.

SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION, EASTER DAY

Sunday March 31

8 am – Holy Eucharist in the Cathedral with the Dean preaching.

10:30 am – Festival Choral Eucharist with the Bishop presiding and the Dean preaching in the Cathedral.

The cathedral offices will be closed Monday and Tuesday, April 1st & 2nd.



"The Entombment" by Kirby Kendrick

Located on the northeast wall to the left of the chancel steps.

"The Entombment" is a contemporary painting done after Titian, the devout Renaissance artist. The intense emotions of those present at Jesus's entombment is portrayed. The grief of Mary, Jesus's mother, is wrenching as she is comforted by the horrified Mary Magdalene. The face of the apostle, John, who holds Jesus's right hand, is full of anguish. Joseph of Arimathea, a wealthy Jew who offered his own tomb for the burial, is the figure in the rich red robes and Nicodemus, a rabbi dressed in the black robes of the scholar, is the figure holding Jesus's feet.

In the unlikely event of an emergency requiring us to evacuate the cathedral please follow the directions of the ushers and vergers and remain as quiet and calm as possible. Please locate an exit nearest you.

The exit doors are:

- South porch doors at Nutmeg Street and Fifth Avenue*
- North porch doors to Fifth Avenue Courtyard*
- South transept east and west doors to Nutmeg Street*
- Northeast hallway door to Fifth Avenue breezeway*
- West chapel (to the left of chapel altar) stairs leading down to landing.*