



GOOD FRIDAY MEDITATION

April 3, 2026 at noon

Officiant: The Rev. Canon Richard Hogue, Jr.

Dean: The Very Rev. Penny Bridges

Meditations: Jacqueline FitzGibbon,

The Rev. Marlene Hogue,

The Rev. Michael Kilpatrick

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:

<https://www.youtube.com/StPaulsCathedralEpiscopalSanDiego/live>

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.*

ENTRANCE MOTET

Christus factus est
Anton Bruckner (1824–1896)

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 became obedient for us unto death, even to death on the cross. Therefore God exalted Him and gave Him a name 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.

People **Amen.**

§ *Please be seated.*

MOTET

Crux fidelis

Attributed to John IV of Portugal (1604-1656)

Crux fidelis, inter omnes arbor una nobilis: nulla silva talem profert, fronde, flore, germine. Dulce lignum, dulces clavos, dulce pondus sustinet. Amen.

FAITHFUL Cross, above all other, one and only noble tree:

None in foliage, none in blossom, none in fruit thy peers may be.

Sweetest wood and sweetest iron, sweetest weight is hung on thee.

[Text: Venantius Fortunatus (c. 535–c. 605), Verse 4 of *Pange lingua*;
trans. John Mason Neale (1818-1866)]

§ *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 everlasting life.

People Amen.

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

MEDITATION

MOTET

O vos omnes

Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548–1611)

O vos omnes, qui transitis per viam, attendite et videte: si est dolor similis sicut dolor meus. Attendite, universi populi, et videte dolorem meum: si est dolor similis sicut dolor meus.

O all you who walk by on the road, pay attention and see: if there be any sorrow like to my sorrow. Attend, all ye people, and see my sorrow: If there be any sorrow like to my sorrow.

§ *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.

People Amen.

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

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MOTET

O Crux ave
Rihards Dubra (b. 1964)

O Crux ave, spes unica, hoc Passionis tempore.
Auge piis justitiam reisque dona veniam.

Hail, O Cross, our one hope at this Passiontide.
Increase justice to the pious and give pardon to the condemned.

§ *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.

People Amen.

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

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MOTET

A Litany
William Walton (1902–1983)

Drop, drop, slow tears, and bathe those beautiful 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.

People Amen.

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

MOTET

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

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

He was crucified also for us; he suffered under Pontius Pilate 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 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.

For 104 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/>

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.*

Holy Week at St Paul's Cathedral

Good Friday, April 3

7 pm – Good Friday liturgy in the Cathedral or worship online.

Holy Saturday, April 4

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

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

In the Cathedral or worship online.

Easter Day, Sunday, April 5

8 am – Holy Eucharist with hymns.

10:30 am – Festival Eucharist with the Bishop presiding and Dean Penny preaching.

In the Cathedral or worship online.

A special reception follows the 10:30 service.

The Cathedral offices will be closed on Monday and Tuesday, April 6th and 7th for Easter holiday.



*"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.



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