

The Good Friday Liturgy

5:30 PM

March 21, 2008

On this day, the ministers enter in silence.

All kneel for silent prayer, after which the Celebrant stands and begins the liturgy with the Collect of the Day.

Priest: *Blessed be our God,* BCP p. 276

People: *Forever and ever. AMEN.*

Collect BCP p. 276

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 Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12

Hymn: 474 *When I survey the wondrous cross*

The Passion: John 18:1 – 19:37 (See insert)

The Homily: The Rev. Michael E. Snider II

Hymn: 441 *In the cross of Christ I glory*

The Solemn Collects BCP p. 277

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.

The Prayers (Kneeling) BCP p. 278 - 280

Anthem 1, 2 BCP p. 281

Hymn: 172 *Were you there when they crucified my Lord?*

Anthem 3 BCP p. 282 The Lord's Prayer BCP p.

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The Breaking of the Bread (Communion from Reserve Sacrament) BCP p. 337

Closing Prayer BCP p. 282

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 forever. Amen.

The Priest and People leave in silence.

SERVING TODAY

Chalice/Lector: Don Williams

Chalice/Epistoler: Bea Paine

Altar Guild: Mrs. Marla Creasy Mrs. Kitty Graham

Mrs. Betty Meachum Mrs. Kay Sudduth

We welcome all visitors to Christ Church in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ! Please worship with us again!

Those desiring to rightly observe Holy Saturday are encouraged to use liturgy on page 283 of the Book of Common Prayer.

We will celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord with a festival Eucharist on Easter Sunday, March 23, at 10:00 a.m. Please bring flowers for the flowering of the cross before the service.

SPECIAL OFFERING FOR JERUSALEM DECADE 2000:

The Bishop has asked that Episcopalians continue to "pray for their sisters and brothers in the "Holy Land" and to support the Episcopal Church's Good Friday Offering as "an opportunity to demonstrate solidarity with Anglicans and all Christians in that troubled region of the world." For the past 80 years, the Episcopal Church has taken up a Good Friday Offering to be sent to the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East. All offerings received on Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday will be directed to this cause, which benefits hospitals, schools and orphanages, which serve all people regardless of nationality or creed. For your convenience, wicker baskets are placed in the Sanctuary and the Narthex for your Jerusalem Decade 2000 Offering. Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem and for Peace on Earth!

Eastern Orthodox Church Hymn for Good Friday

*Today he who hung the earth upon the waters is hung upon the cross.
He who is King of the angels is arrayed in a crown of thorns.
He who wraps the heavens in clouds is wrapped in the purple of
mockery...The Bridegroom of the Church is transfixed with nails.
The Son of the Virgin is pierced with a spear. We venerate your Passion, O
Christ; Show us also your glorious Resurrection.*