

Anthem 3

Celebrant 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 #439 "What wondrous love is this" *Wondrous Love*

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

The Celebrant says

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. **Amen.**

The altar party leaves in silence. The church will remain open for prayer for a time following the liturgy. As you leave, please observe silence.



Serving

Music: Mindy Barringer and Chuck Marsh
Lectors: Noreen Richardson, Gail Woodruff, Susan Carson
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Greeters: Caroline Tyler, Connie Fidler, Shirley Brown, Janis Williams

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ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH SNELLVILLE, GA

GOOD FRIDAY—APRIL 3, 2015

12:00 NOON

This most solemn of all days should be marked by fasting, abstinence, and penance, leading us to focus on Jesus upon the cross. The bare, stark appearance of the church serves as a reminder of the solemnity and the sorrow of the day. The Lord of Life was rejected, mocked, scourged, and then put to death on the cross. The faithful need to be mindful of the part which their own sins 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.

The service which follows consists of two parts: lessons and prayers, including the recital of the passion, and veneration of the cross, a devotion showing our love and thankfulness for the gift of life given us by Jesus' death.

— Adapted from The Anglican Service Book

The Proper Liturgy for Good Friday Liturgy

April 3, 2015—12:00 noon

Prelude

“Old Rugged Cross”



On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
The emblem of suff'ring and shame;
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain.

CHORUS: So I'll cherish the old rugged cross.
Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it someday for a crown.

Oh that old rugged cross, so despised by the world.
Has a wondrous attraction for me,
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above,
To bear it to dark cavalry.

THE VENERATION OF THE CROSS

*A wooden cross is now brought into the church and placed in the sight of the people.
The bearer stops three times, saying:*

Behold the Wood of the Cross, whereon hung the world's Salvation.

People: **O come, let us worship.**

Following the third response, all kneel and venerate the cross in silence.

The clergy and the people then approach to venerate the cross individually, as desired. Traditional gestures of veneration include bowing, touching the cross with one's hands, forehead or lips, or kneeling at the prie dieu (kneeler/prayer desk) for a moment of silent prayer.

After all have returned to their places, the following anthems are said:

Anthem 1

Celebrant 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.**

Celebrant 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.**

Celebrant 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

Celebrant We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,

People **Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

Celebrant 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.**

Silence

Celebrant 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.**

Lector 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

Celebrant 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.**

Lector 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

Celebrant 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 tranquillity 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.**

In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,
A wondrous beauty I see.
For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died
To pardon and sanctify me.

To the old rugged cross, I will ever be true,
Its shame and reproach gladly bear,
Then He'll call on some day to my home far away,
Where His glory forever I'll share.

On this day the ministers enter in silence.

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

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: Blessed be our God.

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

Celebrant: 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.**

All sit.

First Reading: Isaiah 52:13—53:12

See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high. Just as there were many who were astonished at him—so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of mortals—so he shall startle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which had not been told them they shall see, and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate. Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? 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, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account. Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our

transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the Lord shall prosper. Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Remain seated.

Psalm 22

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- 1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? *
and are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress?
- 2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; *
by night as well, but I find no rest.
- 3 Yet you are the Holy One, *
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
- 4 Our forefathers put their trust in you; *
they trusted, and you delivered them.
- 5 They cried out to you and were delivered; *
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.
- 6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man, *
scorned by all and despised by the people.
- 7 All who see me laugh me to scorn; *
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,
- 8 "He trusted in the LORD; let him deliver him; *
let him rescue him, if he delights in him."

Solemn Collects

All standing, the Deacon, or other person appointed, says to the people

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.

Lector 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 Rob, Don, and Keith, our Bishops, and all the people of this diocese. For all Christians in this community. For those about to be baptized, that God will confirm his Church in faith, increase it in love, and preserve it in peace.

Silence

Celebrant 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.**

Lector Let us pray for all nations and peoples of the earth, and for those in authority among them; for Barack Obama, 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

Celebrant 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.**

Lector 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.

Narrator A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the wine, he said,

Jesus It is finished.

Narrator Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Silence may be kept.

Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the cross during the sabbath, especially because that sabbath was a day of great solemnity. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men broken and the bodies removed.

Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out.

(He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth.)

These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, "None of his bones shall be broken." And again another passage of scripture says, "They will look on the one whom they have pierced."

After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body. Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

The Homily

Hymn #172

The Reverend Elizabeth Hendrick

Were You There

"Were you there when they crucified my Lord?"

- 9 Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, *
and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.
- 10 I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; *
you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.
- 11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near, *
and there is none to help.
- 12 Many young bulls encircle me; *
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.
- 13 They open wide their jaws at me, *
like a ravening and a roaring lion.
- 14 I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint; *
my heart within my breast is melting wax.
- 15 My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd; my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; *
and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.
- 16 Packs of dogs close me in, and gangs of evildoers circle around me; *
they pierce my hands and my feet; I can count all my bones.
- 17 They stare and gloat over me; *
they divide my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing.
- 18 Be not far away, O LORD; *
you are my strength; hasten to help me.
- 19 Save me from the sword, *
my life from the power of the dog.
- 20 Save me from the lion's mouth, *
my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.
- 21 I will declare your Name to my brethren; *
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.
- 22 Praise the LORD, you that fear him; *
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory.
- 23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither does he hide his face from them; *
but when they cry to him he hears them.
- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: *
"May your heart live for ever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

- 27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; *
 he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
 all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; *
 they shall be known as the LORD's for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
 the saving deeds that he has done.

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:16-25

The Holy Spirit testifies saying: "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds," he also adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach 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. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Passion Gospel: John 18:1—19:42

The congregation may be seated until the arrival at Golgotha (John 19:17), when all stand.

All kneel for a moment after the death of Jesus: "and he gave up his spirit."

Narrator Jesus went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to a place where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples. So Judas brought a detachment of soldiers together with police from the chief priests and the Pharisees, and they came there with lanterns and torches and weapons. Then Jesus, knowing all that was to happen to him, came forward and asked them,

Jesus Whom are you looking for?

Narrator They answered,

Pilate Shall I crucify your King?

Narrator The chief priests answered,

Priest We have no king but the emperor.

Narrator Then Pilate handed Jesus over to them to be crucified.

All stand.

So they took Jesus; and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." Many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate,

Priest Do not write, "The King of the Jews," but, "This man said, I am King of the Jews."

Narrator Pilate answered,

Pilate What I have written I have written.

Narrator When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. So they said to one another,

Soldier Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it.

Narrator This was to fulfill what the scripture says, "They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots." And that is what the soldiers did. Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother,

Jesus Woman, here is your son.

Narrator Then he said to the disciple,

Jesus Here is your mother.

Narrator And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home. After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture),

Jesus I am thirsty.

Narrator When the chief priests and the police saw Jesus, they shouted,
 Priest Crucify him!
 Police Crucify him!
 Narrator Pilate said to them,
 Pilate Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him.
 Narrator The Jews answered him,
 Police We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die
 Priest because he has claimed to be the Son of God.
 Narrator Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus,
 Pilate Where are you from?
 Narrator But Jesus gave him no answer. Pilate therefore said to him,
 Pilate Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?
 Narrator Jesus answered him,
 Jesus You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin.
 Narrator From then on Pilate tried to release Jesus, but the Jews cried out,
 Priest If you release this man, you are no friend of the emperor.
 Police Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against the emperor.
 Narrator When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat on the judge's bench at a place called The Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew Gabbatha. Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. Pilate said to the Jews,
 Pilate Here is your King!
 Narrator They cried out,
 Priest Away with him!
 Police Away with him!
 Priest Crucify him!
 Narrator Pilate asked them,

Soldier Jesus of Nazareth.
 Narrator Jesus replied,
 Jesus I am he.
 Narrator Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. When Jesus said to them, "I am he," they stepped back and fell to the ground. Again Jesus asked them,
 Jesus Whom are you looking for?
 Narrator And they said,
 Soldier Jesus of Nazareth.
 Narrator Jesus answered,
 Jesus I told you that I am he. So if you are looking for me, let these men go.
 Narrator This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken,
 Jesus I did not lose a single one of those whom you gave me.
 Narrator Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest's slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave's name was Malchus. Jesus said to Peter,
 Jesus Put your sword back into its sheath. Am I not to drink the cup that the Father has given me?
 Narrator So the soldiers, their officer, and the Jewish police arrested Jesus and bound him. First they took him to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was better to have one person die for the people. Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, but Peter was standing outside at the gate. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in. The woman said to Peter,
 Guard You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?
 Narrator Peter said,
 Peter I am not.
 Narrator Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing around it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and warming himself. Then the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching. Jesus answered,

Jesus I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. Why do you ask me? Ask those who heard what I said to them; they know what I said.

Narrator When he had said this, one of the police standing nearby struck Jesus on the face, saying,

Police Is that how you answer the high priest?

Narrator Jesus answered,

Jesus If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong. But if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?

Narrator Then Annas sent Jesus bound to Caiaphas the high priest. Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. Those who were standing near the fire asked him,

Guard You are not also one of Jesus' disciples, are you?

Narrator Peter denied it and said,

Peter I am not.

Narrator One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked,

Slave Did I not see you in the garden with Jesus?

Narrator Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed. Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate's headquarters. It was early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the headquarters, so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the Passover. So Pilate went out to them and said,

Pilate What accusation do you bring against this man?

Narrator They answered,

Elder 1 If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you.

Narrator Pilate said to them,

Pilate Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law.

Narrator The Jews replied,

Elder 2 We are not permitted to put anyone to death.

Narrator (This was to fulfill what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.) Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him,

Pilate Are you the King of the Jews?

Narrator Jesus answered,

Jesus Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?

Narrator Pilate replied,

Pilate I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?

Narrator Jesus answered,

Jesus My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.

Narrator Pilate asked him,

Pilate So you are a king?

Narrator Jesus answered,

Jesus You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.

Narrator Pilate asked him,

Pilate What is truth?

Narrator After Pilate had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them,

Pilate I find no case against him. But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover. Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?

Narrator They shouted in reply,

Priest Not this man, but Barabbas!

Narrator Now Barabbas was a bandit. Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. They kept coming up to him, saying,

Soldier Hail, King of the Jews!

Narrator and striking him on the face. Pilate went out again and said to the Jews,

Pilate Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him.

Narrator So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them,

Pilate Here is the man!