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.

The Epistle: 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.

The Way of the Cross... Booklet Insert

Hymn after Twelfth Station:
   "At the Cross Her Vigil Keeping"... Hymnal, #159

Organ Interlude After Fourteenth Station:
   "Golgotha"..C. Penfield

Homily..The Reverend Elizabeth Hendrick

Silence

Hymn #167   "There is a green hill far away"   Hymnal, #167

The Solemn Collects *(Kneeling)* .... BCP, pg. 277

The Veneration of the Cross *(Remain Kneeling)*

Anthem: "Crucifixus Etiam Pro Nobis"   J. S. Bach
                                 St. Matthew's Choir

He said
it is finished
And he bowed
His head
and
Gave up
the ghost.

St. Matthew's
Episcopal Church
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Good Friday—April 3, 2015

GOOD FRIDAY
The Solemn Liturgy of the Passion and
Death of Our Lord Jesus Christ
April 3, 2015
7:00 p.m.

PRAYER BOOK (BCP)

Prelude   *"O Man, Bewail Thy Grievous Fall"*   J. S. Bach

Solemn Procession

Silent Prayer *(Kneeling)*

Acclamation   BCP, pg. 276

 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.

Hebrew Scripture: 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.

Psalm 22:1-11

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."