

Good Friday
Solemn Liturgy with
Veneration of the Cross
April 3, 2026—12:00 p.m.



Saint Luke's Episcopal Church
Los Gatos, California

On this day the ministers enter in silence.

All then kneel for silent prayer, after which the Officiant stands and says,

Officiant Blessed be our God,
People **For ever and ever. Amen.**
Officiant 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 people sit for the lessons. There is silence following each lesson.

The First Lesson

Isaiah 52:13–53:12

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

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.**

Psalm 22

- 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.”
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.

The Second Lesson

Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

Reader **The Word of the Lord.**

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Passion Gospel

John 18:1–19:42

Gospel Anthem

John Stainer

God So Loved the World

God so loved the world,
that he gave his only begotten Son
that whoso believeth in him should not perish,
But have everlasting life.
For God sent not his Son into the world
to condemn the world,
but that the world through him might be saved.

God so loved the world,
that he gave his only begotten Son
that whoso believeth in him should not perish,
But have everlasting life.

Please remain seated and listen to the reading of the Passion. The following is not a full text; only text relevant to the congregation is excerpted below. The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted.

- Clergy* The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
- ... Narrator* Peter denied it and said,
- Reader* “I am not.”
- Narrator* One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked,
- Reader* “Did I not see you in the garden with Jesus?”
- Narrator* Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed.

Agnus Dei

Samuel Barber

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.

...Narrator Pilate asked him,

Reader “What is truth?”

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

Reader “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,

Reader “Not this man, but Barabbas!”

Narrator Now Barabbas was a bandit.

Agnus Dei

Samuel Barber

Narrator 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,

Reader “Hail, King of the Jews!”

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

Reader “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,

Reader “Here is the man!”

Narrator When the chief priests and the police saw Jesus, they shouted,

***People* “Crucify him! Crucify him!”**

... 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 crowd,

Reader “Here is your King!”

Narrator They cried out,

***People* “Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!”**

Narrator Pilate asked them,

Reader “Shall I crucify your King?”

Narrator The chief priests answered,

Reader “We have no king but the emperor.”

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

(The Congregation stands.)

Narrator 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,

Reader 2 Do not write, “The King of the Jews,” but, “This man said, I am King of the Jews.”

Narrator Pilate answered,

Reader 1 What I have written I have written.

Agnus Dei

Samuel Barber

... Jesus “I am thirsty.”

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.

*(The Congregation kneels in silence,
standing when clergy stand.)*

Narrator 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 ...

... 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.

Please be seated.

Agnus Dei

Samuel Barber

The Sermon

The Rev. Ricardo Avila

Silence follows the sermon.

The Solemn Collects

Please stand or kneel.

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.

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 Lucinda, our Bishop, the clergy and lay leadership, 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

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.**

Let us pray for all nations and peoples of the earth, and for those in authority among them:
For Donald, 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

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.**

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.

Silence

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.**

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

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.**

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

Officiant

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 tranquility 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.**

Hymn 474

“When I survey the wondrous cross”



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross where the young
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were an



Prince of Glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
cross of Christ, my God: all the vain things that
love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
of - fering far too small; love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748) Music: *Rockingham*, from *Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature*, ca. 1780; harm. Edward Miller (1731-1807)

A wooden cross is now brought into the church and placed in the sight of the people.

The versicle and response is said or sung three times.

Clergy Behold the wood of the cross,
on which hung the Savior of the world.

People **Come, let us worship.**

Veneration of the Cross

The congregation may kneel or sit.

After veneration by the Altar Party, members of the congregation may come forward to venerate the cross, forming a single line in the center aisle.

You may make any appropriate reverence: kneel or stand before the cross, touch it with your hand or kiss it.

For the following anthems, please read the parts in bold aloud.

Anthem 1

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.**

May God be merciful to us and bless us,
show us the light of his countenance, and come to us.

**Let your ways be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

**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

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,
because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

If we have died with him, we shall also live with him;
If we endure, we shall also reign with him.

**We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,
because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

Anthem 3

O Savior of the world,
who by thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us,
Save us and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

Please stand.

Hymn 441

“In the cross of Christ I glory”



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the
*5 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing



1 o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of
2 ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the
3 love up - on my way, from the cross the
4 cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that
5 o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of



1 sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
2 cross for - sake me: lo, it glows with peace and joy.
3 ra - diance stream - ing adds new lus - ter to the day.
4 knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.
5 sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.

Words: John Bowring (1792-1872) Music: *Rathbun*, Ithamar Conkey (1815-1867)

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

Said by all

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The service concludes with the following prayer.

No blessing or dismissal is added.

Officiant

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 Congregation leaves the Church in silence.

You are invited to remain in prayer.



Servers—April 3, 2026

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and our work in the wider community.*

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