



Good Friday

April 3, 2026

A Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday at 12:00pm

*The Cathedral Church of St. James
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Today at St. James

Officiant: The Right Reverend Andrew Asbil

Homilist: The Reverend Canon Dr. Stephen Fields

*Assisting Bishop and Clergy: The Most Reverend Colin Johnson,
The Reverend Canon Kristen Pitts, The Reverend Matthew Waterman,
The Reverend Canon Beth Benson, The Reverend Lynn Braye,
The Reverend Jo-Anne Billinger and The Reverend Jilian Ruch*

Readers: Robert Coates & Daisy Pittis

*Passion Readers (Part 1): Matt Jaeger, Nick Tunnacliffe,
Debra Solomon, Don Solomon, ODT and Quentin Toderick*

Passion Readers (Part 2): Carol Kysela, George McNeillie and David Campbell

Passion Reader (Part 3): Peggy Crowther • Passion Reader (Part 4): Wairimu Nduati

Passion Reader (Part 5): Yosola Sholagbade-Adeoye

Guitar: Johnathan Stuchberry

Honorary Verger: Paul D. Seddon, ODT

Director of Music & Organist: Thomas Bell

Associate Organist: Jean-Paul Feo

Wayne Vance Organ Scholar: Joshua Duncan Lee

Sung by The Choir of St. James Cathedral

*Welcome. Please observe silence before the service begins
and ensure that cell phones are turned off.*

The Gathering

Bishop All we like sheep have gone astray, we have turned everyone to his own way.

People **And the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.**

Bishop Christ the Lord became obedient unto death,

People **Even death on a cross.**

Hymn *Sung a cappella*

Traditional Spiritual

Cantor Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble:
were you there when they crucified my Lord?

All Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble:
were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble:
were you there when they pierced him in the side?

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble:
were you there when the sun refused to shine?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble:
were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Opening Collects

Bishop Almighty God, look graciously, we pray, on 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.**

Bishop O Holy and Immortal One, we veil our faces before your glory, and bow before the cross of your wounded Christ. With angels and archangels we praise you, our Mercy, and we bless you, our Compassion, for in our brokenness you have not abandoned us.

People **Amen.**

Bishop Gracious God, on this day we gather to remember the suffering death of Jesus. He was despised and rejected, oppressed and afflicted, yet he was prepared to be wounded for our transgressions.

People **We come overwhelmed by the depth of Jesus' love for us, and his commitment to defeat evil, even when that meant his own suffering and his own death.**

Bishop In his willingness to make us righteous, he poured himself out to death, even death on a cross, and so, in response to such love and sacrifice,

People **we commit ourselves as his disciples to overcome evil with good, suffering with wholeness, and oppression with justice. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

The First Reading

Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12

Reader 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

Plainsong



Cantor My God, my God, why have you for-sa-ken[^]me,
and are so far from my salvation, from the words of my[^]dis-tress?

All **O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not an-swer;
and by night also, but I find[^]no rest.**

Cantor Yet you are the Ho-ly[^]One,
enthroned upon the praises of Is[^]ra-el.

All **Our forebears trusted in you;
they trusted, and you de-liv[^]ered them.**

Cantor They cried out to you and were de-liv-ered;
they put their trust in you and were not con-found-ed.

All **But as for me, I am a worm and no man,
scorned by all and despised by the peo-ple.**

Cantor All who see me laugh me to scorn;
they curl their lips and wag their[^]h[^]eads, say-ing,

All **'He trusted in the Lord, let him de-liv-er[^]him;
let him deliver him, if he de-lights[^]in him.**

Cantor But it is you that took me out of the womb
and laid me safe upon my mo[^]ther's breast.

All **On you was I cast ever since I was born;**
you are my God even from my mo[^]ther's womb.

Cantor Be not far from me, for trouble is near at hand
and there is none[^]to help.

All **Mighty oxen come a-round me;**
fat bulls of Bashan close me in on ev[^]ery side.

Cantor They gape upon me with their mouths,
as it were a ramping and a roar-ing li-on.

All **I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint;**
my heart has become like wax melting in the depths of my bo-dy.

Cantor My mouth is dried up like a potsherd; my tongue cleaves to my gums;
you have laid me in the dust[^]of death.

All **For the hounds are all about me, the pack of evildoers close in on[^] me;**
they pierce my hands and my feet.

Cantor I can count all my bones;
they stand staring and looking up-on me.

All **They divide my garments a-mong them;**
they cast lots for my cloth-ing.

Cantor Be not far from me, O Lord;
you are my strength; hasten to help me.

All **Deliver my soul from the sword,**
my poor life from the pow-er of the dog.

Cantor Save me from the lion's mouth, from the horns of wild ox-en.
You have an[^]swered me!

All **I will tell of your name to my peo-ple;**
in the midst of the congregation will I praise you.

Cantor Praise the Lord, you that fear him;
O seed of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, O seed of Is[^]ra-el.

All **For he has not despised nor abhorred the suffering of the poor;**
neither has he hidden his face from them;
but when they cried to him he heard them.

Cantor From you comes my praise in the great congre-ga-tion;
I will perform my vows in the presence of those that fear you.

All **The poor shall eat and be sa-tis[^]fied;**
those who seek the Lord shall praise him;

their hearts shall live for ev-er.

Cantor All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,
and all the families of the nations shall bow be-fore him.

All **For the kingdom is the Lord's
and he rules over the na-tions.**

Cantor How can those who sleep in the earth bow down in wor-ship,
or those who go down to the dust kneel be-fore him?

All **He has saved my life for himself; my descendants shall serve him;
this shall be told of the Lord for genera-tions to come.**

Cantor They shall come and make known his salvation, to a people yet un-born,
declaring that he, the Lord, has done it.

The Second Reading

Hebrews 10:16-25

Reader '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.**

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Part I – Betrayal & Arrest

John 18:1-27

Silence

A Reflection

The Reverend Jillian Ruch

Silence

Prayer

Lord Jesus, you know personally how it feels to be betrayed, and your heart breaks for those who feel betrayed by friends, family, the church, government. Help us to be your hands and feet today in reaching out to the betrayed and broken world today.

All **Amen.**

Musical Reflection

The Passion Continues

Part II – Jesus Before Pilate

John 18: 28-19:16a

Silence

A Reflection

The Reverend Canon Beth Benson

Silence

Prayers

All-powerful and eternal God, for proclaiming the truth your Son, Jesus Christ, is condemned to death by crucifixion. Stir up your love in our hearts so that we might be ever faithful to all that you have told us and fear nothing more than the loss of your friendship through our sin. Amen.

All **Amen.**

Musical Reflection

Hymn **My Song Is Love Unknown**

Tune: Love Unknown

All My song is love unknown, my Saviour's love to me;
love to the loveless shown, that they might lovely be,
O who am I that for my sake
my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?

He came from his blest throne salvation to bestow;
but all made strange, and none the longed for Christ would know:
but oh my friend, my friend indeed,
who at my need his life did spend?

Sometimes they strew his way, and his sweet praises sing,
resounding all the day hosannas to their King;
then "Crucify!" is all their breath,
and for his death they thirst and cry.

Why, what has my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries! Yet they at these
themselves displease, and 'gainst him rise.

They rise and needs will have my dear Lord made away;
a murderer they save, the Prince of life they slay.
Yet cheerful he to suffering goes,
that he his foes from thence might free.

Here might I stay and sing, no story so divine;
never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine!
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend.

Text :Samuel Crossman, alt.; Music: John N. Ireland;

Homily

The Reverend Canon Dr. Stephen Fields

“What the people at the Cross saw on that first Good Friday and what we see today.”

The Solemn Intercession

*The Right Reverend Andrew Asbil,
The Reverend Lynn Braye*

Musical Reflection

THE SECOND HOUR

Hymn

O Dearest Lord,

Tune: Nun Danket All (Gräfenburg)

All

O dearest Lord, thy sacred head
with thorns was pierced for me;
O pour thy blessing on my head
that I may think for thee.

O dearest Lord, thy sacred hands
with nails were pierced for me;
O shed thy blessing on my hands
that they may work for thee.

O dearest Lord, thy sacred feet
with nails were pierced for me;
O pour thy blessing on my feet
that they may follow thee.

O dearest Lord, thy sacred heart
with spear was pierced for me;
O pour thy Spirit in my heart
that I may live for thee.

Text: Henry Ernest Hardy Music: Melody Johann Crüger

*The Cross is brought forward by the Bishop in silence.
He kneels in silent prayer before the cross.*

The Passion Continues

Part III – Jesus is Stripped of His Garments – John 19:16-25a

Silence

Hymn **Calvary**
All *Calvary, Calvary,*
Calvary, Calvary,
Calvary, Calvary,
Surely He died on Calvary.

A Reflection

The Reverend Jo-Anne Billinger

Silence

Prayer

Father, we thank you that Jesus willingly allowed himself to be humiliated because of his deep commitment to each of us. He stretched out his arms of love on the hard wood of the cross so that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace. So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of Jesus and all that he endured for us; for the honour of your name.

All **Amen.**

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

All **By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

Hymn **Calvary**
All Every time I think about Jesus,
Every time I think about Jesus,
Every time I think about Jesus,
Surely He died on Calvary.

*Calvary, Calvary,
Calvary, Calvary,
Calvary, Calvary,
Surely He died on Calvary.*

Silence

A Reflection: *Jesus is Nailed to the Cross*

Archbishop Colin Johnson

Hymn **Calvary**
All Don't you hear the hammer ringing?
Don't you hear the hammer ringing?
Don't you hear the hammer ringing?
Surely He died on Calvary.

*Calvary, Calvary,
Calvary, Calvary,
Calvary, Calvary,
Surely He died on Calvary.*

Reflection continues

Silence

Prayer

Lord, remind us of the deathly cost of sin. Forgive us for those things we have done that are displeasing to you. Forgive us for not allowing you to deal with the darkness that we harbour in the hidden recesses of our hearts. Forgive us for fooling ourselves into believing that we are more righteous than we are, that we are better than others, and that we have no need to repent. Forgive us for those things we should have done, but found excuses not to do. Give us grace to humble ourselves before you, so that our sins may be laid bare and we may know your forgiveness. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ.

All **Amen.**

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

Silence

THE SEVEN LAST WORDS FROM THE CROSS

Music: T. Bell

Choir **“Father, forgive them, they know not what they do” (Luke 23:34)**

Silence

Prayer

Bishop

Merciful Father, in the suffering of your Son, we witness the depths of your love and the power of divine forgiveness. Teach us to forgive as Christ forgave, even when we are wounded, betrayed, or misunderstood. Soften our hearts, that we may not hold onto resentment but instead reflect your grace to the world. May our lives bear witness to the radical mercy of the cross. Through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.

All **Amen.**

Silence

Choir **“Truly I say unto you, today shalt thou be with me in Paradise”
(Luke 23:43)**

Silence

Prayer

Curate

Lord Jesus, you offered hope to the repentant thief, assuring him of eternal life even in his final moments. When we are weighed down by sin and doubt, remind us of your boundless mercy. Help us to trust in the promise of paradise, knowing that you are always ready to welcome us home. May our faith in your redemption sustain us in times of trial.

All **Amen.**

Silence

Choir **““Woman, behold your son...behold your mother.”” (John 19:26-27)**

Silence

Prayer

Bishop

Loving Lord, even in your agony, you cared for those you loved, uniting them in new bonds of family. Teach us to care for one another with the same tenderness. Open our eyes to those who are lonely, vulnerable, or in need, that we may extend your love beyond blood ties into the greater family of your Church. May we, like John and Mary, embrace the call to care for one another.

All

Amen.

Silence

Choir

“I thirst.” (*John 19:28*)

Silence

Prayer

Curate

Lord Jesus, in your thirst, we see both your humanity and your longing for the world’s salvation. Open our hearts to the suffering around us, that we may quench the thirst of the hungry, the oppressed, and the lonely. May we never turn away from those in need, but rather be your hands and feet in a broken world. Let us thirst for righteousness, that we may do your will.

All

Amen.

Silence

Choir

“My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me”
(*Matthew 27:46; Mark 15:34*)

Silence

Prayer

Bishop

O God, in the depths of Christ’s suffering, we see the weight of human anguish. In our own times of darkness, when we feel abandoned and lost, help us to cling to the truth that you never truly forsake us. Strengthen our faith when prayers seem unanswered, and remind us that even in silence, you are near. May Christ’s suffering be our hope in our own trials.

All

Amen.

Silence

Choir

“It is finished” (*John 19:30*)

Silence

Prayer

Curate

Lord, in your final words, you declared the fulfillment of God's great plan. Help us to trust in your purpose, even when we do not understand the road ahead. Teach us to surrender our struggles, knowing that in you, all things are made complete. Give us strength to finish the work you have given us, and may our lives glorify you.

All

Amen.

Silence

Choir

“Father, into thy hands I commend my Spirit” (Luke 23:46)

Silence

Prayer

Bishop

Gracious Father, Christ entrusted His spirit into your loving hands, showing us the way of perfect surrender. May we also place our lives fully in your care, trusting in your will and mercy. In our final moments, may we find peace in your embrace, knowing that nothing can separate us from your love. Keep us faithful to the end, and lead us into everlasting life. Amen.

All

Amen.

Silence

THE THIRD HOUR

Hymn

O Cross of Christ, Immortal Tree (Verse 1-2)

Tune: Breslau

All

O cross of Christ, immortal tree on which our Saviour died,
the world is sheltered by your arms that bore the crucified.

From bitter death and barren wood the tree of life is made;
its branches bear unfailing fruit and leaves that never fade.

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The Passion Continues

Part IV – Jesus Dies on the Cross – John 19:25b-30

Silence

Hymn

O Cross of Christ, Immortal Tree (Verse 3-4)

Tune: Breslau

All

O faithful cross, you stand unmoved while ages run their course:
foundation of the universe, creation's binding force.

Give glory to the risen Christ and to his cross give praise,
the sign of God's unfathomed love, the hope of all our days.

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The Passion Concludes

Part V – Jesus is laid in the tomb – John 19: 31-42

Silence

A Reflection

The Reverend Canon Kristen Pitts

Silence

Hymn

When I Survey The Wondrous Cross

Tune: Rockingham

All

When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the cross of Christ, my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down;
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

Text: Isaac Watts; Music: Melody Psalmody in Miniature, Second Supplement, 1780?; harm. Edward Miller; desc. David R.

The Veneration of the Cross

During “The Reproaches”, individuals are invited to come forward to venerate the cross.

Anthem The Reproaches

John Sanders

Choir

O my people, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me!

I led you out of Egypt, from slavery to freedom, but you led your Saviour to the cross.

Holy is God! Holy and strong! Holy immortal One, have mercy on us.

For forty years I led you safely through the desert, I fed you with manna from heaven, and brought you to a land of plenty; but you led your Saviour to the cross.

Holy is God! Holy and strong! Holy immortal One, have mercy on us.

What more could I have done for you? I planted you as my fairest vine, but you yielded only bitterness: When I was thirsty you gave me vinegar to drink, and you pierced your Saviour's side with a lance.

Holy is God! Holy and strong! Holy immortal One, have mercy on us.

I opened the sea before you, but you opened my side with a spear.

I led you on your way in a pillar of cloud, but you led me to Pilate's court.

O my people, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me!

I bore you up with manna in the desert, but you struck me down and scourged me. I gave you saving water from the rock, but you gave me gall and vinegar to drink.

O my people, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me!

I gave you a royal sceptre, but you gave me a crown of thorns. I raised you to the height of majesty, but you have raised me high on a cross.

O my people, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me!

Silence

Kyrie

Ugis Praulins

Choir

Lord have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Homily

The Reverend Canon Dr. Stephen Fields

“What the people at the Cross heard on that first Good Friday and what we hear today.”

Silence

Anthem

God So Loved the World

John Stainer

Choir

God so loved the world,
that He gave His only begotten Son,
that whoso believeth in Him
should not perish
but have everlasting life.

Prayer

Bishop

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.

Bishop

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 the earth, your saving health among all nations.

Bishop

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.

Hymn

We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died

All

We sing the praise of him who died, of him who died upon the cross;
the sinner's hope let men deride, for this we count the world but loss.

Inscribed upon the cross we see in shining letters, 'God is love';
he bears our sins upon the tree; he brings us mercy from above.

The cross! It takes our guilt away: it holds the fainting spirit up;
it cheers with hope the gloomy day, and sweetens every bitter cup.

It makes the coward spirit brave, and nerves the feeble arm for fight;
it takes its terror from the grave, and gilds the bed of death with light:

The balm of life, the cure of woe, the measure and the pledge of love,
the sinner's refuge here below, the angels' theme in heaven above.

The Reserved Sacrament is brought from the Altar of Repose in silence

The Lord's Prayer

Bishop As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,
All **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

Bishop This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.
All **Happy are those who are called to His Supper.**

Holy Communion

Bishop The Gifts of God for the People of God.
People **Thanks be to God.**

*All are welcome to receive the Holy Sacrament or a blessing at the 2 stations on the pavement.
Gluten-free hosts are available upon request. If you choose not to receive communion,
simply cross your hands over your chest to indicate this to the priest.*

Anthem Crucifixus

Antonio Lotti

<i>Choir</i>	<i>Crucifixus etiam pro nobis sub Pontio Pilato: Passus, et sepultus est.</i>	He was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate: He suffered and was buried.
	<i>Et resurrexit tertia die, secundum Scripturas.</i>	And on the third day he rose again, according to the scriptures.
	<i>Et ascendit in coelum: sedet ad dexteram Patris.</i>	And ascended into heaven: and sitteth on the right hand of the Father.
	<i>Et iterum venturus est cum gloria judicare vivos et mortuos; Cujus regni non erit finis.</i>	And he shall come again in glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

Hymn O Sacred Head

Tune: Passion Chorale

All O sacred head, surrounded by crown of piercing thorn;
O royal head so wounded, reviled, and put to scorn,
death's shadows rise before you, the glow of life decays,
yet angel hosts adore you and tremble as they gaze!

Your youthfulness and vigour are spent, your strength is gone,
and in your tortured figure I see death drawing on:
what agony of dying, what love, to sinners free!
My Lord, all grace supplying, O turn your face on me!

Your sinless soul's oppression was all for sinners' gain;
mine, mine was the transgression, but yours the deadly pain:
I bow my head, my Saviour, for I deserve your place;
O grant to me your favour, and heal me by your grace.

What language shall I borrow to thank you, dearest friend,
for this your dying sorrow, your mercy without end?
Lord, make me yours for ever: your servant let me be,
and may I never, never betray your love for me.

Prayer after Communion

Bishop Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, we pray you to set your passion, cross, and death between your judgement 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.

All **Amen.**

Closing Prayer

Bishop Send down your abundant blessing, Lord, upon your people who have devoutly recalled the death of your Son in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection. Grant them pardon; bring them comfort. May their faith grow stronger and their eternal salvation be assured. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

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