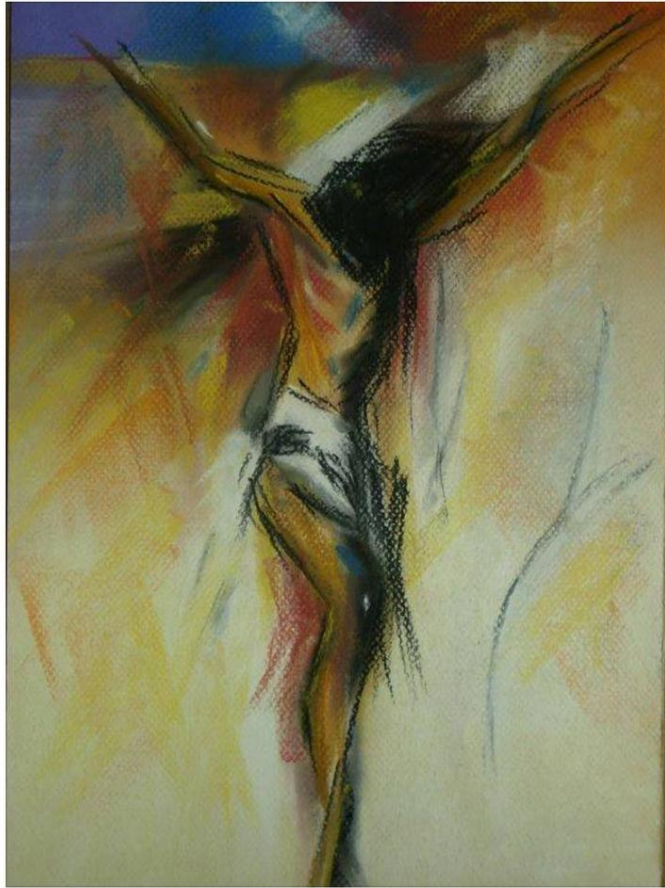


**March 29, 2024**  
**Good Friday, 12:00 PM and 7:00 PM**



“Good Friday is Good News, especially if we are experiencing something of the pain and anguish of Good Friday ourselves. God knows and God cares. God has been there Himself, in Jesus.: From Warner Pidgeon in Good News on Friday

## **Epiphany Episcopal Church**

*Founded 1918*

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**We are a diverse community seeking to embody and share  
the teachings and love of Jesus Christ for all people.**

The Rev. Anne Weatherholt, Interim Rector

Mark Hardy, Music Director

Debbie Leonard, Director of Christian Education

Maryellen Polvino-Bodnar, Assistant for Pastoral Care

# Welcome to Epiphany Episcopal Church

*If you are a guest today, please sign the register and make yourself known to the people around you.* The Episcopal Church welcomes everyone to the world-wide Anglican Communion, and to this historic WW I Chapel in the Diocese of Maryland. ***We are glad you are here*** and hope you will return! Please make yourself at home and if you need anything, just ask and someone will be glad to assist you. ***The restrooms*** are located through either door on the side of the fireplace at the back of the Church. There is a ***ramp*** for easy access on the side of the Church opposite the road. **Sign up for our weekly “E-News” delivered to your email by Constant Contact:** <https://epiphany-md.org/events/>.

***Children and Youth, Toddlers-Teens, are invited to “Godly Play” on Sundays in the Conboy Center during the 10:30 AM service.*** The Mission of Godly Play is: To make meaning through story, wonder, and play and nurture spiritual lives by honoring the centrality, competency, and capacity of children. Children come into Church for Communion.

***All baptized persons of any age are welcome to receive communion at our services.*** If you or a family member are not baptized and would like to know more about joining the Church and making a commitment to the Christian way of life, speak to the clergy or call the Church office. Holy Baptism is the initiation by which we become members of Christ’s body, the Church, and are invited to grow in love for God and service to others, supported by a spiritual family.

***Health guidelines:*** Masks are encouraged, and hand sanitizer is provided on the literature tables.

**At the time of Communion,** you may intinct (“dip”) the consecrated bread in the small intinction bowl of wine offered by the Celebrant, or drink from the chalice of wine.

**Gluten-free wafers and non-alcoholic wine are offered by the Priest when you come forward to receive Holy Communion.**

**The Rev. Anne O. Weatherholt, Interim Rector**

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Be sure to call the church office or the Interim Rector’s Cell Phone if you or a loved one is in the hospital or in need of a visit.

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## **WORSHIP NOTES**

***The Liturgy is found in the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP).***

***Hymns are found according to the following: H=Blue Hymnal,***

***S=front portion of the Blue Hymnal,***

***LEVAS = Black cover, Lift every voice and sing. The Hymns are omitted at the 8 AM service.***

***You are invited to add names for today’s prayers on the clipboard near the Altar.***

## We Gather in the Name of God

*All sit or kneel for prayer after the Silent Processional.*

*Celebrant* Blessed be our God,  
*All* **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.**

*Please be seated.*

## We Hear the Word of God

### **FIRST READING: Isaiah 52:13-53:12**

*Lector* A reading from the Book of 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.

*Lector*      The Word of the Lord.

*All*            **Thanks be to God!**

**PSALM:    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.**

## **SECOND READING: Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9**

*Lector:* 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.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God!**

## **GOSPEL: The Passion Gospel: John 19:1-42**

*Celebrant* The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John.

*The congregation may be seated until indicated and read the words in bold print.*

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,

**“Hail, King of the Jews!”**

and striking him on the face. Pilate went out again and said to them, “Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him.” So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, “Here is the man!” When the chief priests and the officials saw him, they shouted,

**“Crucify him! Crucify him!”**

Pilate said to them, “Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him.” The people answered him,

**“We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God.”**

Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus, “Where are you from?” But Jesus gave him no answer. Pilate therefore said to him, “Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?” Jesus answered him, “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.” From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the people cried out,

**“If you release this man, you are no friend of the emperor. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against the emperor.”**

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. He said to the people, “Here is your King!” They cried out,

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

Pilate asked them, “Shall I crucify your King?” The chief priests answered,

**“We have no king but the emperor.”**

Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

***PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE.***

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 people 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 said to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but, ‘This man said, I am King of the Jews.’” Pilate answered, “What I have written I have written.” 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,

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

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, “Woman, here is your son.” Then he said to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” 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), “I am thirsty.” 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, “It is finished.” Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

### ***SILENCE – YOU MAY KNEEL OR SIT***

Since it was the day of Preparation, the people 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 people, 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 people. 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.

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## THE SOLEMN COLLECTS     BCP, pages 277-282

*Begin standing, then kneel.*

### We Give Thanks to God

## THE CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION     BCP, Page 360

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Celebrant*     And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
*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.**

### We Break the Bread of Life

*A moment of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant*     Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*All*             **Therefore let us keep the feast.**  
**O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**  
**O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**  
**O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us your peace.**

### We Share the Gifts of God

*Everyone who comes to this Holy Table is welcome.*

## THE CONCLUDING PRAYER FOR GOOD FRIDAY

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.**