



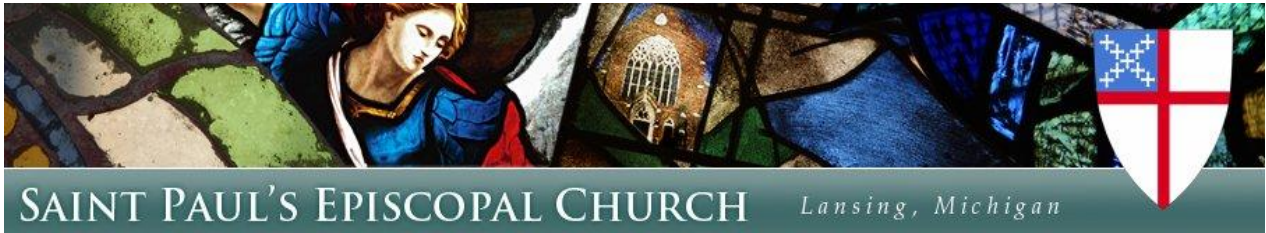
"Our Welcome"

In the light of God's unconditional love, we respect the dignity of every human being by welcoming and supporting all persons whatever their race, color, gender, age, sexual orientation, health status, marital status or stage of spiritual journeying. We invite you to explore, investigate, and grow in your faith and become a part of our shared journey with God.

Good Friday --- 7:00pm April 3, 2026
"By your Holy Cross you have Redeemed the World"
A Meditation of Readings and Music for Good Friday

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Office: 517-482-9454

218 W. Ottawa St. Lansing, MI 48933
www.stpaulslansing.org



St. Paul's Staff: : The Rev. Karen C. Lewis, Rector; The Rev. Canon Dr. W. Richard Hamlin, Priest Associate; The Very Rev. Gail Shafer, Priest Associate; Ms. Stephanie Gewirtz, Minister of Music; Ms. Theresa Milne, Parish Administrator; Ms. Barbara Heany, Sunday School Director; Ms. Katie Alexander, Nursery Attendant; Mr. D'Kwon Guerrero, Sexton/Custodian; Mr. Conrad Moyer, A/V Technician.

St. Paul's Vestry: David Parks, Sr. Warden; Kelly Hackett, Jr. Warden; Justin Alexander; Jane Bryce; Joshua Freeman; Jim Milne; Mark Rudd; Ann Sanders; Herb Tanner; Bobbi Tisdale; Katie Wiley; Lyn Zynda; Jeff Irwin, Treasurer; Margaret Schulte, Secretary

Visitors and Guests: Please fill out a visitor card and give it to an usher or place it in the offering box. As you are leaving, we would like you to take a moment to sign one of the guest books located by the church doorways.

Opportunities for Worship - Sundays: 10:00am

Parish Office Hours Monday - Thursday: 9:00am to 2:00pm.

Closed on Fridays.

Phone: 517-482-9454 E-mail: office@stpaulslansing.org

Visit our website: www.stpaulslansing.org

For Parish activities and information please check the information table in the Merrifield Room.

Baptism or Marriage: If you would like more information, please contact the Rector at 482-9454 or by email: rector@stpaulslansing.org.

Church School: Our church school for elementary through middle school begins at 9:45am. If you would like more information, please speak to Barb Heany.

The Nursery is open in the Music Wing near the Choir Room.

All church activities may be internet streamed, video recorded and photographed for church uses. Entry into the sanctuary or into any church building constitutes consent to be streamed, videotaped, or photographed for church purposes.

Roosevelt Parking Ramp Hours of Access:

Monday-Thursday: 6:00pm - 9:00pm Gates/doors lock automatically at 9:01pm

Friday: Not Available Gates locked

Saturday & Sunday: 7:30am - 6:00pm Gates/doors lock automatically at 6:01pm

The ramp will be available on special occasions when requested by the churches in advance. Staff members (Karen, Stephanie, Theresa) will have access cards if your car is locked in the ramp after hours.

"BY YOUR HOLY CROSS YOU HAVE REDEEMED THE WORLD"
A MEDITATION OF READINGS AND MUSIC FOR GOOD FRIDAY
APRIL 3, 2025

All stand. The choir and clergy enter in silence.

ANTHEM: *Were You There* arr. Jeff Kressler

Officiant All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way.
People **And the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.**
Officiant Christ the Lord became obedient unto death,
People **Even death on a cross.**

The Officiant says

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world.

The people kneel if able. A period of holy silence is kept while all present recall their sins of omission and commission.

The Officiant continues

Now, in the presence of Christ, confess your sins with a humble and obedient heart to Almighty God, our Creator and our Redeemer.

All say together

Holy God, you formed me from the dust in your image and likeness, and redeemed me from sin and death by the cross of your Son Jesus Christ. Through the water of baptism you clothed me with the shining garment of his righteousness, and established me among your children in your kingdom. But I have squandered the inheritance of your saints, and have wandered far in a land that is waste.

Therefore, O Lord, from all my sins, those I now recall and those I cannot now remember, I turn to you in sorrow and penitence. Receive me again into the arms of your mercy and restore me to the blessed company of your faithful people; through him in whom you have redeemed the world, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Officiant Will you turn again to Christ as your Lord?

People **I will.**

Officiant Do you, then, forgive those who sinned against you?

People **I forgive them.**

Officiant says

Our Lord Jesus Christ, who offered himself to be sacrificed for us to the Father, and who conferred power on his Church to absolve all sinners who truly repent and believe in him, of his great mercy forgive you all your offenses; and by authority committed to me, I absolve you from all your sins; in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Now there is rejoicing in heaven; for you were lost, and are found; you were dead, and are now alive in Christ Jesus our Lord. Abide in peace. The Lord has put away all your sins.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant Lord, have mercy upon us.

People **Christ have mercy upon us.**

Officiant Lord, have mercy upon us.

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People say together

**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.**

Officiant We will glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ

People **In whom is our salvation, our life and resurrection.**

Officiant says the following collect

O Lord Christ, Lamb of God, Lord of Lords, call us, who are called to be saints, along the way of your Cross: draw us, who would draw nearer to our King, to the foot of your Cross: cleanse us, who are not worthy to approach, with the pardon of your Cross: instruct us, the ignorant and blind, in the school of your Cross: arm us, for the battles of holiness, by the might of your Cross: bring us, in the fellowship of your sufferings to the victory of your Cross: and seal us in the kingdom of your glory among the servants of your Cross, O crucified Lord; who with the Father and the Holy Spirit live and reign one God almighty, eternal, world without end. **Amen.**

ANTHEM

Lenten Prayer

Pergolesi ed. Liebergen

The People sit for the readings

THE FIRST READING

ISAIAH 52:13-53:6

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 infirmity 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.

Silence

Officiant Lo, we have seen him without beauty or majesty,
with no looks to attract our eyes.

People **He bore our sins and grieved for us,
he was wounded for our transgressions,
and by his scourging we are healed.**

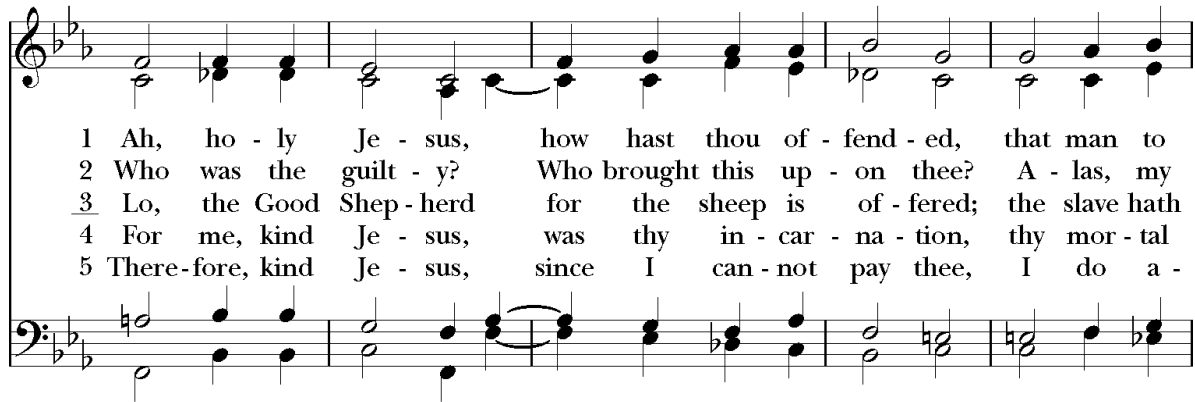
Officiant Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows:

People **And by his scourging we are healed.**

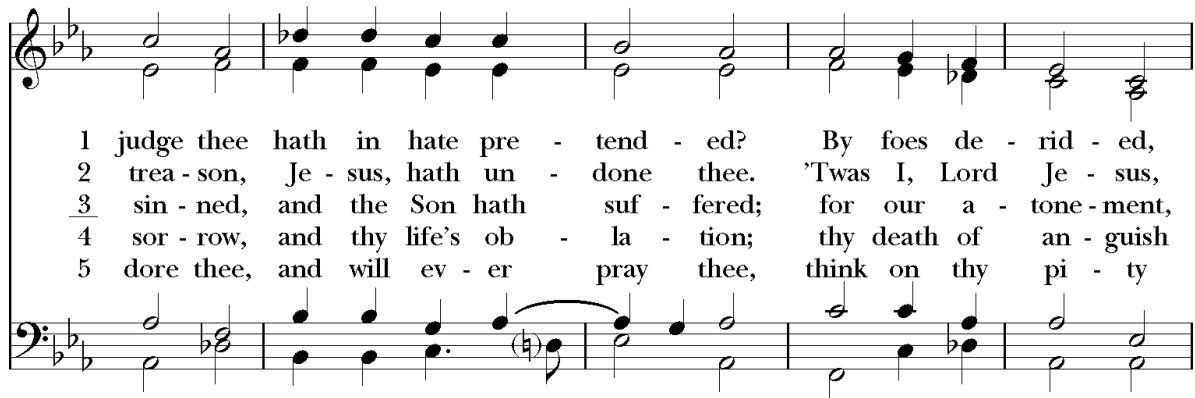
Officiant Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, as we kneel at the foot of your cross, help us to see and know your love for us, so that we may place at your feet all that we have and are. **Amen.**

HYMN 158

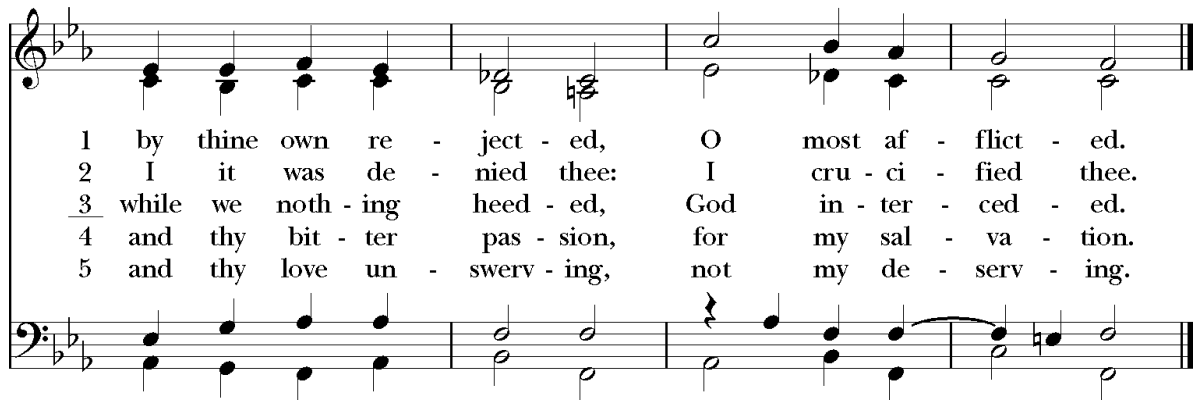
Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended



1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed, that man to
 2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my
 3 Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath
 4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thy in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal
 5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a -



1 judge thee hath in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,
 2 trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,
 3 sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for our a - tone - ment,
 4 sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of an - guish
 5 dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee, think on thy pi - ty



1 by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.
 2 I it was de - nied thee: I cru - ci - fied thee.
 3 while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed.
 4 and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.
 5 and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

Words: Johann Heermann (1585-1647); tr. Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930), alt. Music: *Herzliebster Jesu*, Johann Crüger (1598-1662), alt.

THE SECOND READING

ISAIAH 53:7-12

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.

Silence

Officiant I was like a trusting lamb led to the slaughter.
People **I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying
Let us destroy the tree with its fruit;
let us cut him off from the land of the living.**

Officiant All my enemies whispered together against me,
and devised evil against me, saying:
People **Let us destroy the tree with its fruit;
let us cut him off from the land of the living.**

Officiant Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, crucified for us, we kneel at the foot of your cross to watch with you. Help us to see the cost of our forgiveness so that we may be made new through your love. **Amen.**

The People stand to sing the hymn

1 O sa - cred head, sore wound - ed, de - filed and put to scorn;
 2 Thy beau - ty, long - de - sir - ed, hath va - nished from our sight;
 3 In thy most bit - ter pas - sion my heart to share doth cry,
 *4 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,
 *5 My days are few, O fail not, with thine im - mor - tal power,

1 O king - ly head, sur - round - ed with mock - ing crown of thorn:
 2 thy power is all ex - pir - ed, and quenched the light of light.
 3 with thee for my sal - va - tion up - on the cross to die.
 4 for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pi - ty with - out end?
 5 to hold me that I quail not in death's most fear - ful hour;

1 what sor - row mars thy gran - deur? Can death thy bloom de - flower?
 2 Ah me! for whom thou di - est, hide not so far thy grace:
 3 Ah, keep my heart thus mov - ed to stand thy cross be - neath,
 4 Oh, make me thine for - ev - er! and should I faint - ing be,
 5 that I may fight be - friend - ed, and see in my last strife

1 O coun - te - nance whose splen - dor the hosts of heaven a - dore!
 2 show me, O Love most high - est, the bright - ness of thy face.
 3 to mourn thee, well - be - lov - ed, yet thank thee for thy death.
 4 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er, out - live my love for thee.
 5 to me thine arms ex - tend - ed up - on the cross of life.

Words: Paul Gerhardt (1607-1676); sts. 1-3, 5, tr. Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930); st. 4, tr. James Waddell Alexander (1804-1859), lt.
 Music: *Herzlich tut mich verlangen* [Passion Chorale], Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612); adapt. And harm. Johann Sebastian Bach

THE THIRD LESSON

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

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.

Silence

Officiant On the Mount of Olives Jesus prayed to the Father:
People **Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me.**

The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

Officiant Watch and pray, that you may not enter into temptation.

People **The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.**

Officiant Let us pray. Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross that he might draw the whole world unto himself: mercifully grant that we, who glory in the mystery of our redemption, may have grace to take up our cross and follow him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

ANTHEM

Wondrous Love
Hannah Bancroft, soloist

arr. Richard Walthers

THE FOURTH LESSON

JOHN 18:33-19:8

Then Pilate again entered the headquarters, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "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." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "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." Pilate asked him, "What is truth?" After he had said this, he went out to the Jews and told them, "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?" They shouted in reply, "Not this man but Barabbas!" 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, "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 police 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 Jews 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.

Silence

Officiant My soul is very sorrowful, even to the point of death;
People **remain here, and watch with me.**

**Now you shall see the crowd who will surround me;
you will flee, and I will go to be offered up for you.**

Officiant Behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is
betrayed into the hands of sinners.

People **You will flee, and I will go to be offered up for you.**

Officiant Let us pray. Blessed Lord, who in your forgiving love did pray for those who nailed you to the cross, and has taught us to forgive one another as we have been forgiven; take from us all bitterness and resentment towards our brothers and sisters, and give us the spirit of mutual forgiveness and brotherly love; that so, in perfect charity, we may be partakers of your everlasting kingdom. **Amen.**

HYMN 171

Go to dark Gethsemane

1 Go to dark Geth - se - ma - ne, ye that feel the tempt-er's power;
2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall; view the Lord of life ar - raigned;
3 Cal-vary's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,

your Re - deem - er's con - flict see, watch with him one bit - ter hour;
O the worm-wood and the gall! O the pangs his soul sus - tained!
mark the mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete;

turn not from his griefs a - way, learn of Je - sus Christ to pray.
Shun not suf - fering, shame, or loss; learn of him to bear the cross.
"It is fi - nished!" hear him cry; learn of Je - sus Christ to die.

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854). Music: *Petra*, Richard Redhead (1820-1901).

THE FIFTH LESSON

MARK 15:25-38

It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!" In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also taunted him. When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.

Silence

<i>Officiant</i>	Darkness covered the whole land when Jesus had been crucified;
<i>People</i>	and about the ninth hour he cried with a loud voice: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? And he bowed his head and handed over his spirit.
<i>Officiant</i>	Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said: Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.
<i>People</i>	And he bowed his head and handed over his spirit.
<i>Officiant</i>	Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross 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 you; for the honor of your Name. Amen.

ANTHEM

Who Will Separate Us from the Love of Christ

Philip Stopford

THE SIXTH LESSON

PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Silence

Officiant When the Lord was buried, they sealed the tomb,
People **rolling a great stone to the door of the tomb;
and they stationed soldiers to guard him.**

Officiant The chief priests gathered before Pilate,
and petitioned him.

People **And they stationed soldiers to guard him.**

Officiant Let us pray. O God, your blessed Son was laid in a tomb in a garden, and rested on the Sabbath day: Grant that we who have been buried with him in the waters of baptism may find our perfect rest in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

ANTHEM

Adoramus te Christe

Theodore Dubois

All stand

Officiant We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

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

Officiant Savior of the world, by your cross and precious blood you have redeemed us;

People **Save us, and help us, we humbly beseech you, O Lord.**

Officiant Let us pray. O 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. Vouchsafe to the living mercy and grace, to the dead pardon and rest, to your holy Church peace and concord, and to us sinners everlasting life and glory; who with the Father and the Holy Spirit live and reign world without end. **Amen.**

To Christ our Lord who loves us, and washed us in his own blood, and made us a kingdom of priests to serve his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Officiant May the glorious Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ bring us to the joys of Paradise.

People **Amen.**

HYMN 172

Were you there



1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you
 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you
 *3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side? Were you
 4 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you

there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh!
 there when they nailed him to the tree? Oh!
 there when they pierced him in the side? Oh!
 there when they laid him in the tomb? Oh!

Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,
 Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,
 Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,
 Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,

trem-ble. Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
 trem-ble. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
 trem-ble. Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
 trem-ble. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Words: African-American spiritual. Music: *Were you There*, Afro-American spiritual; harm. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944). Harmonization Copyright © by The Church Pension Fund.

Holy Week Services
 Easter Breakfast 8:30 – 9:30am Merrifield Room
 April 5: 10:00am Easter Sunday Worship & Holy Communion

Assisting in Today’s Service

Lector	Amanda Ross, Herb Tanner, Steven Kandow, Libby Richardson, Jamal Dillman-Hasso, Jen Humphries
Altar Guild Members for the Week	Bobbi Tisdale (chair), Marilyn Earley, Steven Kandow, Maria Wawro
Ushers	Bob Merriman, Katie Wiley

The choir and clergy depart in silence.

Musical selections licensed through Rite Song