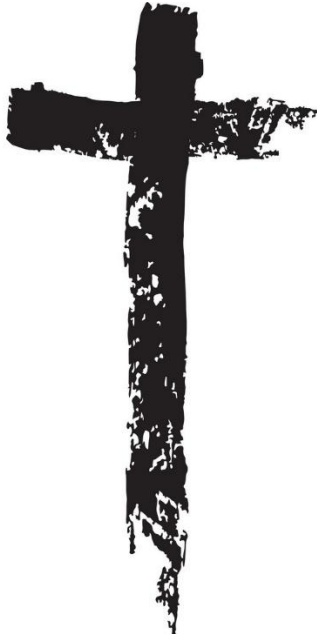




CHRIST  
EPISCOPAL  
CHURCH



Holy Saturday

April 4, 2026

9:00 a.m.

## Abbreviations

**BCP** = Book of Common Prayer (Red Book)

**H** = Hymnal 1982 (Blue Book)

**LEVAS** = Lift Every Voice and Sing (Red and Black Book)

**WLP** = Wonder, Love, and Praise (Green Book)



*Please remember to silence your cellphones.  
Thank you!*

*Prayer Before Worship (BCP, 833)*

O Almighty God, *who pourest* out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and of supplication: Deliver us, when we draw near to *thee*, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship *thee* in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## HOLY SATURDAY

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### **The Word of God**

*The Ministers enter in silence.*

Collect of the Day.....Insert

First Reading ..... Lamentations 3:1-9, 19-24

Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16 .....Insert

Second Reading.....1 Peter 4:1-8

Gospel.....Matthew 27:57-66

Silence

Anthem “In the midst of life” .....Insert

The Lord’s Prayer ..... BCP 364

The Grace ..... BCP 102

*The Ministers and congregation leave in silence.*

### **The Collect of the Day**

O God, Creator of heaven and earth: Grant that, as the crucified body of your dear Son was laid in the tomb and rested on this holy Sabbath, so we may await with him the coming of the third day, and rise with him to newness of life; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*



**Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16**

***In te, Domine, speravi***

*Pause at the \* and silently say the name Jesus before continuing to the next line.*

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;

let me never be put to shame; \*

deliver me in your righteousness.

Incline your ear to me; \*

make haste to deliver me.

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,

for you are my crag and my stronghold; \*

for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

Take me out of the net that they have secretly

set for me, \*

for you are my tower of strength.

My times are in your hand; \*

rescue me from the hand of my enemies,

and from those who persecute me.

Make your face to shine upon your servant, \*

and in your loving-kindness save me."



## **A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew**

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said, "Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise again.' Therefore command the tomb to be made secure until the third day; otherwise his disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people, 'He has been raised from the dead,' and the last deception would be worse than the first." Pilate said to them, "You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can." So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone. (27:57-66)

*People*                      The Gospel of the Lord.  
                                    Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**Anthem “In the midst of life”**

In the midst of life we are in death;  
of whom may we seek for succor,  
but of thee, O Lord,  
who for our sins art justly displeased?

Yet, O Lord God most holy, O Lord most  
mighty,  
O holy and most merciful Savior,  
deliver us not into the bitter pains of eternal  
death.

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts;  
shut not thy merciful ears to our prayer;  
but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most  
mighty,  
O holy and merciful Savior,  
thou most worthy Judge eternal.  
Suffer us not, at our last hour,  
through any pains of death, to fall from thee.

*Prayer After Worship (BCP, 834)*

Grant, we beseech *thee*, Almighty God, that the words which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may, through *thy* grace, be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honor and praise of *thy* Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## **Serving This Morning**

*Celebrant* Fr. Daniel Johnson, O.P.A.  
*Lectors* Martha Clark (OT)  
Penny Knepp (E)

## **Additional Liturgies**

Weekday Eucharist – Wednesday  
12:00 pm Celtic Eucharist (Church)  
**There will be no Celtic Eucharist on April 8.**

## **Online Services**

Tuesday through Friday  
8:30 am Morning Prayer (Zoom)  
5:00 pm Evening Prayer (Zoom)  
**There will be no Morning or Evening Prayer  
services from April 6<sup>th</sup> to April 14<sup>th</sup>.**

## **Announcements for this morning**



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