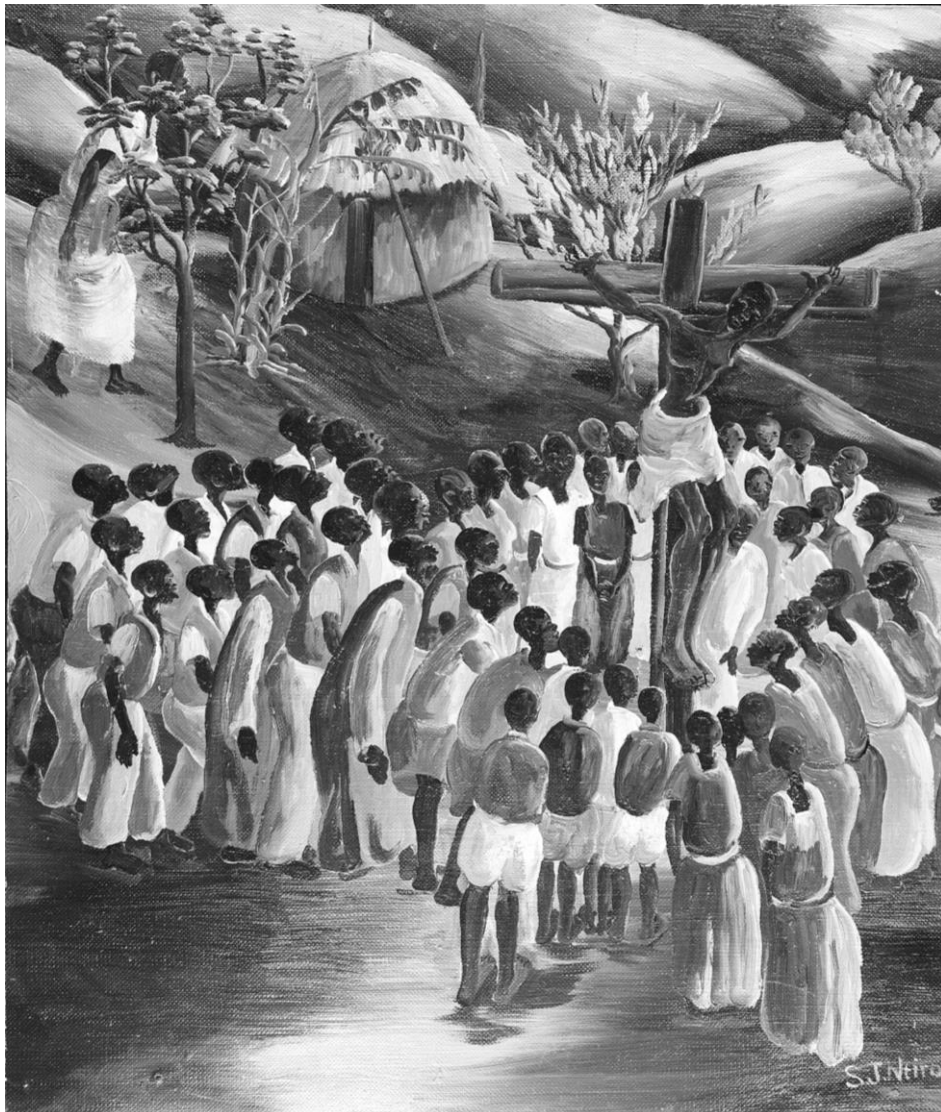




Welcome to
TRINITY CHURCH ON THE GREEN
NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT
GOOD FRIDAY
MARCH 29, 2024 FROM NOON TO 3 P.M.
THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST
THE BOYS CHOIR



The ministers enters in silence and kneel in prayer.

12:00 p.m.

Priest Blessed be our God.
People **For ever and ever. Amen.**
Priest 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.**

LESSON

Isaiah 52:13 -53:12

seated

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.
Response **Thanks be to God.**

Hymns are found in the 1982 Hymnal (Blue Book).

HYMN 691
sung by all, standing

“My faith looks up to thee”

Olivet

SILENT MEDITATION

“Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.”

THE FIRST WORD

Luke 23:33-38

12:20 p.m.

AND when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on the right and one on the left. And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” And they cast lots to divide his garments. And the people stood by, watching; but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One.” The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him vinegar, and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

REFLECTION

Deborah Johnson

SILENT MEDITATION

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

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

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

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

The Priest says the following

GRANT, O Lord, that as your Son Jesus Christ prayed for his enemies on the cross, so we may have grace to forgive those who wrongfully or scornfully use us, that we ourselves may be able to receive your forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

HYMN 158
sung by all, standing

“Ah, holy Jesus”

Herzliebster Jesu

SILENT MEDITATION

“Today, you will be with me in Paradise.”

THE SECOND WORD

Luke 23:39-43

12:40 p.m.

ONE of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!” But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly; for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

REFLECTION

The Rev. Cecil Tengtenga

SILENT MEDITATION

Priest O Savior of the world, who by thy holy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us;

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

The Priest says the following

O God, you have called us to be your children, and have promised that those who suffer with Christ will be heirs with him of your glory: Arm us with such trust in him that we may ask no rest from his demands and have no fear in his service; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

HYMN 474

“When I survey the wondrous cross”

Rockingham

sung by all, standing

SILENT MEDITATION

“Woman, behold your son.”

THE THIRD WORD

John 19:25-27

1:00 p.m.

STANDING by 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 near, he said to his mother, “Woman, behold your son!” Then he said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother!” And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

REFLECTION

Samantha Christopher, *Seminarian*

SILENT MEDITATION

Priest We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,
People **because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**
Priest If we have died with him, we shall also live with him; if we endure, we shall also reign with him.
People **We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

The Priest says the following,

O God, you so loved the world that you gave your only begotten Son to reconcile earth with heaven: Grant that we, loving you above all things, may love our friends in you, and our enemies for your sake; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

HYMN 439

sung by all, standing

“What wondrous love is this?”

Wondrous Love

SILENT MEDITATION

POETIC INTERMISSION

Poem: “Gethsemane”

1:20 p.m.

The grass never sleeps.
Or the roses.
Nor does the lily have a secret eye that shuts until morning.
Jesus said, with with me. But the disciples slept.
The cricket has such splendid fringe on its feet,
and it sings, have you noticed, with its whole body,
and heaven knows if it ever sleeps.
Jesus said, wait with me. And maybe the stars did, maybe
the wind wound itself into a silver tree, and didn't move,
maybe
the lake far away, where once he walked as on a
blue pavement,
lay still and waited, wild awake.
Oh the dear bodies, slumped and eye-shut, that could not
keep that vigil, how they must have wept,
so utterly human, knowing this too
must be a part of the story.

A period of silent meditation follows.

“My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?”

THE FOURTH WORD

Matthew 27:45-50

1:30 p.m.

NOW from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, “Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?” And some of the bystanders hearing it said, “This man is calling Elijah.” And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.” And Jesus cried again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

REFLECTION

Lisa Levy, *Outreach Coordinator*

SILENT MEDITATION

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

The Priest says the following

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.**

HYMN 448, vv. 1-4

“O love, how deep”

Deus tuorum militum

sung by all, standing

SILENT MEDITATION

“I thirst.”

THE FIFTH WORD

John 19:28-29

1:50 p.m.

AFTER this Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the scripture), “I thirst.” A bowl full of vinegar stood there; so they put a sponge full of the vinegar on hyssop and held it to his mouth.

REFLECTION

Alec Pedersen

SILENT MEDITATION

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

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

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

The Priest says the following

O God, with you is the well of life, and in your light we see light: Quench our thirst with living water, and flood our darkened minds with heavenly light; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

HYMN 167
sung by all, standing

“There is a green hill far away”

Horsley

SILENT MEDITATION

“It is finished.”

THE SIXTH WORD

John 19:30-34

2:10 p.m.

WHEN Jesus had received the vinegar, he said, “It is finished” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. Since it was the day of Preparation, in order to prevent the bodies from remaining on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. So 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. But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water.

REFLECTION

Rich Walser

SILENT MEDITATION

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

The Priest says the following,

KEEP watch over your church, O Lord, with your unfailing love; and since it is grounded in human weakness and cannot maintain itself without your aid, protect it from all danger, and keep it in the way of salvation; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

HYMN 171
sung by all, standing

“Go to dark Gethsemane”

Petra

SILENT MEDITATION

“Father, into thy hands I commit my spirit.”

THE SEVENTH WORD

Luke 23:44-49

2:30 p.m.

IT was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, “Father, into thy hands I commit my spirit!” And having said this, he breathed his last. Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, and said, “Certainly this man was innocent!” And all the multitudes who assembled to see the sight, when they saw what had taken place, returned home beating their breasts. And all his acquaintances and the women who had followed him from Galilee stood at a distance and saw these things.

REFLECTION

Lilian Revel, *Pastoral Care Associate*

SILENT MEDITATION

Priest We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,
People **because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**
Leader If we have died with him, we shall also live with him; if we endure, we shall also reign with him.
People **We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

The Priest says the following,

ALmighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

HYMN

Balm in Gilead

sung by the Boys Choir, congregation seated

*There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole.
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.*

Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain,
but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. *Refrain*

If you cannot preach like Peter; if you cannot pray like Paul
you can tell the love of Jesus and say “he died for all.” *Refrain*

SILENT MEDITATION

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD

kneeling

The Leader and People pray responsively

Leader Let us pray for the Church of Christ throughout the world: for its unity in witness and service; for all its pastors and other ministers and the people whom they serve; for all Christians in this community, and for other people of faith.

People **That God will confirm the Church in faith, increase it in love, and preserve it in peace.**

Leader Let us pray for all nations and peoples of the earth, and for those in authority among them: for Joseph, the President of the United States for the Congress and the Supreme Court; for all members and representatives of the United Nations; for those in nations torn by strife;

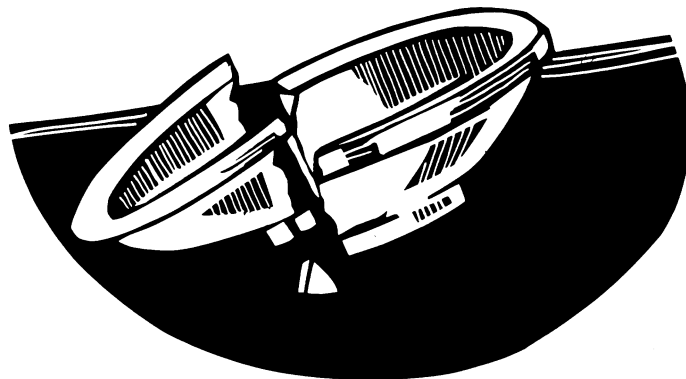
People **That by God's help they may seek justice and truth, and live in peace and concord.**

Leader Let us pray for all who suffer and are afflicted in body or in mind: for those who are hungry and those who are homeless, the destitute and the oppressed; for those who are sick, those who are wounded, and those who are crippled; for those in loneliness, fear and anguish; for those who face temptation doubt and despair; for sorrowful and bereaved; for prisoners and captives, and those in mortal danger.

People **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.**

Leader 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.

People **That God will open their hearts to the truth, and lead them to faith and obedience.**



THE LORD'S PRAYER

said by all, remain kneeling

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 Priest continues

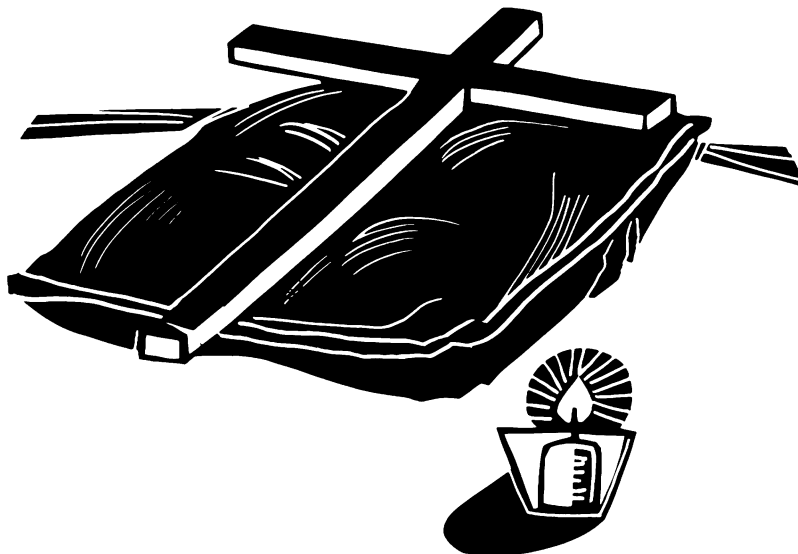
LORD Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, we pray you to set your passion, cross and death between your judgment and our souls, now and in the hour of our death. Give mercy and grace to the living; pardon and rest to the dead; to your holy Church peace and concord; and to us sinners everlasting life and glory; for with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and forever. Amen.

HYMN 168

sung by all, standing

“O sacred head, sore wounded” *Herzlich tut mich verlangen*

To commemorate the Lord's death on the cross we will approach the 3 p.m. time in silence. The people kneel and at 3 p.m. the tower bells toll thirty-three times, one time for each year Jesus was incarnate on earth. At the conclusion of the bells, the clergy and people depart in silence.



Good Friday Offering

EVERY year on Good Friday, Christians traditionally make an offering to support the church in the Holy Land.

This year, we are especially mindful of the war that has uprooted and taken away so many lives in Palestine and Israel. We bid your donations go towards the American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. AFEDJ is a non-profit, non-political organization dedicated to raising financial support for schools, hospitals, and centers for children with disabilities in Palestine, Israel, Jordan, and Lebanon. These institutions serve everyone, irrespective of their religion, ethnicity or ability to pay. They build hope for all in the Holy Land. The Christian values of equity, justice, and respect for the dignity of all are at the heart of our efforts.

Give today, and continue in your prayers for peace, justice, and healing in the Holy Land.



afedj.org/give

HOLY WEEK AT TRINITY

GOOD FRIDAY | March 29

7:30 p.m. | Solemn Commemoration of the Passion of Jesus Christ

SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL | March 30

7:30 p.m. | The Great Vigil & First Eucharist of Easter – a celebratory reception will take place in the undercroft following the service

EASTER DAY | March 31

7:45 a.m. | Quiet Eucharist, Rite I in celebration of Easter morning

10:30 a.m. | Festival Choral Eucharist followed by the Easter Egg Scramble

2:00 p.m. | Chapel on the Green

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