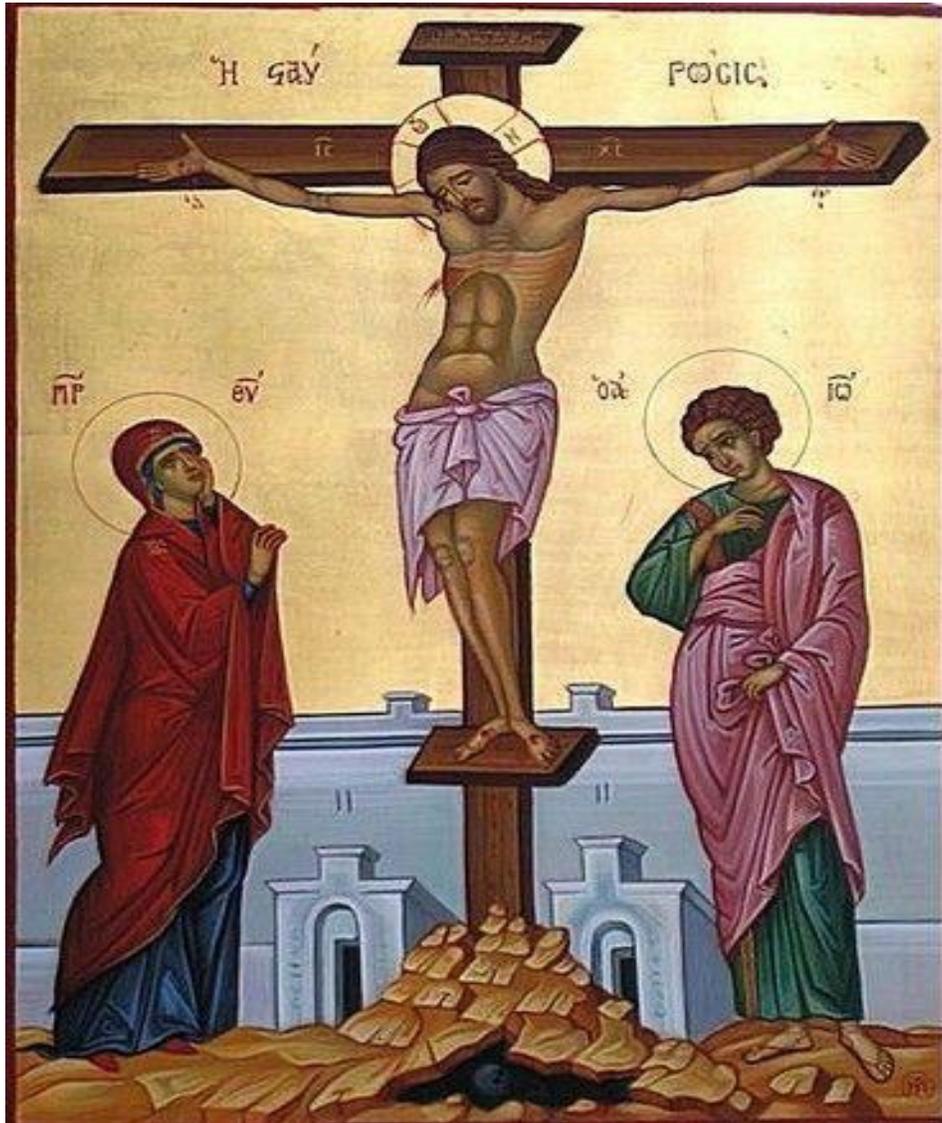


GOOD FRIDAY

Noon

April 2, 2021



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN NORTH TEXAS

4301 Meadowbrook Dr., Fort Worth, TX 76103

The Liturgy for Good Friday

On this day we begin with silent prayer, after which the Officiant begins the liturgy with the Collect of the Day

Officiant

Blessed be our God.

People

For ever and ever. Amen.

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.*

Officiant

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ as witnessed by the women in the company of Jesus.¹



Station I: Jesus is Condemned

Versicle: Women are bound in blood with Christ.

Response: Jesus bleeds on the cross, blood is the cup of the New Covenant

Station II: Jesus Takes Up His Cross

V: You free all daughters of Sarah bent from the weight of sin.

R: As you bend under the weight of the cross.

Station III: Jesus Fall for the First Time

V: You have heard our cries.

R: Even as you fall beneath the weight of our sins, you have mercy on us.

Station IV: Jesus Meets His Mother

V: Body of my body, blood of my blood.

R: The blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation.

Station V: The Cross is Laid on Simon of Cyrene



¹ Katie Sherrod, *Women of the Passion, A Journey to the*

V: Have mercy on me, for I am heavily burdened.

R: Let all my fear lose itself in your will.

Station VI: A Woman Wipes the Face of Jesus

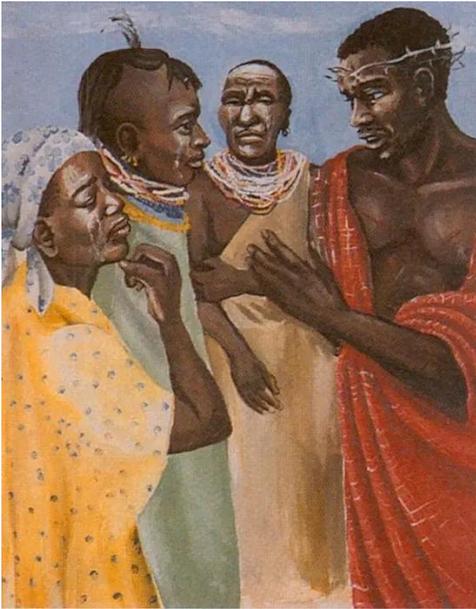
V: Woman and man, all are made in the image of God.

R: Show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Station VII: Jesus Fall a Second Time

V: From the little she had, she has put in everything.

R: For where you treasure is, there will your heart be also.



Station VIII: Jesus Addresses the Women of Jerusalem

V: All who pass by, look and see: is there any sorrow like my sorrow

R: Daughters do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children.

Station IX: Jesus Fall a Third Time

V: Our bond with you strengthens our bond with one another.

R: You never abandon us to walk alone.

Station X: Jesus is Stripped of His Garments

V: May our children sit beside you, and drink of your cup?

R: Do you know what you are asking?

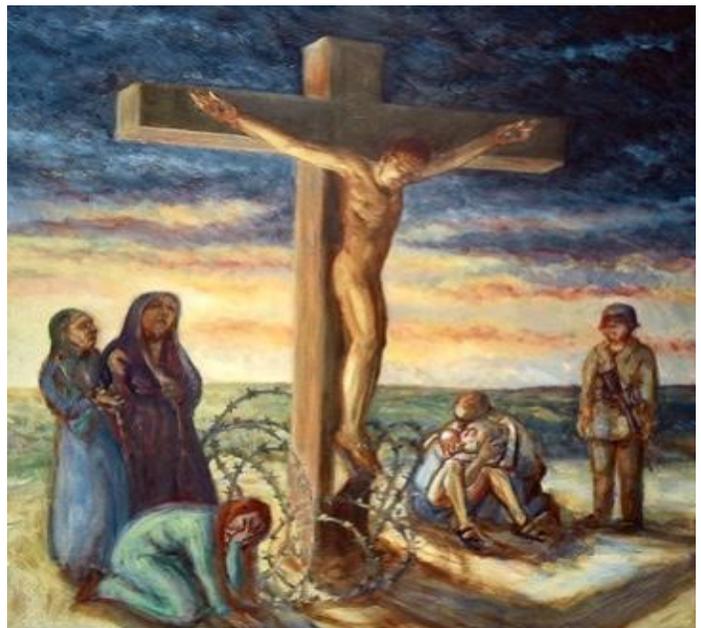
Station XI: Jesus is Nailed to the Cross

V: Our hearts feel every blow of that hammer.

R: Your wounds are of our making.

Station XII: Jesus Dies on the Cross

V: And I know if my grief were a river.



R: The whole earth would drown.



Station XIII: The Body of Jesus is Placed in the Arms of His Mother

V: "Do not call me Naomi, which means Pleasant."

R: "Call me Mara, which means Bitter: for the Almighty has dealt bitterly with me."

Station XIV: Jesus is Laid in the Tomb

V: Sorrowful Mother, all humanity shares your loss.

R: Bless us all, Womb of Humanity, and renew our journey into new life.

Silence

Officiant:

God be with you.

People:

And all with you.

Jesus our Teacher,

*Remind us always when we walk in darkness,
Especially in the darkness of sin,
That in your death there was promise of light.*

Jesus our Brother,

*Comfort us with your powerful mercy,
And give us strength to reach out in love,
Even to the unlovable.*

Jesus our Savior,

*Remind us that we do not live or die for self alone.
Rather, we live and die for you.
That is why you came among us, why you died
And why you live again.*

Jesus Child of God,

Remind us that we all, women and men,



*Are Children of God.
Give us courage to welcome
The unimaginable event that awaits us all.
And at the end, give us peace.*

Amen.

Officiant

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Officiant

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.

Officiant

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Service ends in silence.

No blessing or dismissal is given during the Triduum until the conclusion of the first Eucharist of Easter.