

The Good Friday Evening Service, seven o'clock

You also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit. Ephesians 2:22

- **The Prelude** – Elegy Glazunov
Arthur Ross, *Violist*; Laura Doss, *Pianist*

The Opening Scripture I Corinthians 1:18
For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

- † **The Hymn** – (*Trinity Hymnal, No. 254*) MARTYRDOM
Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed

† **The Prayer of Invocation** The Rev. J. Josiah Jones, *Pastor*

The Solo – Wondrous Lovearr. Richard Walters
Melanie Buckner

The Old Testament Lesson Genesis 22:6–14 (*page 16*)

The Offering & the Offertory – Romance..... Liszt
Arthur Ross, *Violist*

† **The Hymn of Preparation** – (*Trinity Hymnal, No. 247*)PASSION CHORALE
O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

The New Testament Lesson Hebrews 12:1–3 (*page 1008*)

The Response
Leader: This is the Word of God.
People: **Thanks be to Thee, O God.**

The Prayer for Illumination

The Sermon – THE PROVISIONS OF THE CROSS.....Dr. Jim Watson, *Pulpit Guest*

† **The Hymn** – The Power of the Cross (*Family Songs, No. 32*)..... O TO SEE THE DAWN

† **The Benediction**

The Postlude – O Sacred Head Now Woundedarr. Burkhardt

Evening Pulpit Guest

Please join us in welcoming Dr. James "Jim" E. Watson to the Christ Church pulpit this evening. Jim is the Coordinator of Ph.D. Research & Dissertations and Professor of Education at the Columbia International University in Columbia, SC. He has served churches, Christian Schools and colleges as pastor, teacher, coach, school administrator and professor. Jim has been married to his wife Lynn for 46 years, and they have two adult daughters, Jennifer and Susan. Jennifer teaches at Roslyn Academy in Nairobi, Kenya, and Susan and her husband, Ben, live in Columbia where Susan is a teacher.



Christ Church, Presbyterian Good Friday, March 25, 2016

The Noonday Service

Behold! The Lamb of God. St. John 1:29

† indicates the congregation standing; • indicates seating for those detained
To avoid distractions during worship, please silence all cell phones and pagers.

- **The Organ Prelude**

The Opening Scripture St. Luke 23:44–45
Now it was about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour. Then the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was torn in two.

- † **The Hymn** – (*Trinity Hymnal, No. 262*) ROCKINGHAM OLD
O Come and Mourn with Me Awhile

† **The Invocation & The Lord's Prayer** Dr. John W. P. Oliver, *Missioner*

The Psalter Lesson (*read responsively*) Psalm 22

Leader: My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?
Why are You so far from helping Me,
and from the words of My groaning?

**People: O My God, I cry in the daytime, but You do not hear;
And in the night season, and am not silent.**

Leader: But You are holy, enthroned in the praises of Israel.

People: Our fathers trusted in You; they trusted, and You delivered them.

Leader: They cried to You, and were delivered;
they trusted in You, and were not ashamed.

**People: But I am a worm, and no man;
a reproach of men, and despised by the people.**

Leader: All those who see Me ridicule Me;
they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying,

**People: "He trusted in the Lord, let Him rescue Him;
Let Him deliver Him, since He delights in Him!"**

Leader: But You are He who took Me out of the womb;
You made Me trust while on My mother's breasts.

**People: I was cast upon You from birth.
From My mother's womb You have been My God.**

Leader: Be not far from Me, for trouble is near; for there is none to help.

**People: Many bulls have surrounded Me;
strong bulls of Bashan have encircled Me.**

(continued next panel)

*The Usher in today's noonday service is Richard Deal.
The Deacon on Duty is Stephen Dyer.*

*Ushers in today's evening service are Mark Goodell, Andrew Head & Ed Russell
The Deacon on Duty is Brian Moore.*

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Leader: They gape at Me with their mouths, like a raging and roaring lion.

**People: I am poured out like water, and all My bones are out of joint;
My heart is like wax; it has melted within Me.**

Leader: My strength is dried up like a potsherd,
and My tongue clings to My jaws;
You have brought Me to the dust of death.

**People: For dogs have surrounded Me;
The congregation of the wicked has enclosed Me.
They pierced My hands and My feet.**

Leader: I can count all My bones. They look and stare at Me.

**People: They divide My garments among them,
and for My clothing they cast lots.**

Leader: But You, O Lord, do not be far from Me;
O My Strength, hasten to help Me!

**People: Deliver Me from the sword,
My precious life from the power of the dog.**

Leader: Save Me from the lion's mouth and from the horns of the wild oxen!
You have answered Me.

**People: I will declare Your name to My brethren;
In the midst of the assembly I will praise You.**

Leader: You who fear the Lord, praise Him!
All you descendants of Jacob, glorify Him,
And fear Him, all you offspring of Israel!

**People: For He has not despised nor abhorred
the affliction of the afflicted;
Nor has He hidden His face from Him;
but when He cried to Him, He heard.**

Leader: My praise shall be of You in the great assembly;
I will pay My vows before those who fear Him.

**People: The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
Those who seek Him will praise the Lord.
Let your heart live forever!**

Leader: All the ends of the world shall remember and turn to the Lord,
And all the families of the nations shall worship before You.

People: For the kingdom is the Lord's, and He rules over the nations.

Leader: All the prosperous of the earth shall eat and worship;
All those who go down to the dust shall bow before Him,
Even he who cannot keep himself alive.

**People: A posterity shall serve Him.
It will be recounted of the Lord to the next generation.**

Leader: They will come and declare His righteousness
to a people who will be born, that He has done this.

The Gloria Patri *(spoken responsively)*

Leader: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

**People: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen.**

† **The Hymn of Preparation** – *(Trinity Hymnal, No. 250)* TOPLADY
Throned upon the Awful Tree

The Epistle Lesson II Corinthians 5:17–21

The Viola Solo – There Is a Fountainarr. David Ritter
Stan Pylant

The Gospel Lesson *(Congregation stands at verse 17)*..... St. John 19:1–37

¹So then Pilate took Jesus and scourged Him. ²And the soldiers twisted a crown of thorns and put it on His head, and they put on Him a purple robe. ³Then they said, “Hail, King of the Jews!” And they struck Him with their hands.

⁴Pilate then went out again, and said to them, “Behold, I am bringing Him out to you, that you may know that I find no fault in Him.”

⁵Then Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. And Pilate said to them, “Behold the Man!”

⁶Therefore, when the chief priests and officers saw Him, they cried out, saying, “Crucify Him, crucify Him!”

Pilate said to them, “You take Him and crucify Him, for I find no fault in Him.”

⁷The Jews answered him, “We have a law, and according to our law He ought to die, because He made Himself the Son of God.”

⁸Therefore, when Pilate heard that saying, he was the more afraid, ⁹and went again into the Praetorium, and said to Jesus, “Where are You from?” But Jesus gave him no answer.

¹⁰ Then Pilate said to Him, “Are You not speaking to me? Do You not know that I have power to crucify You, and power to release You?”

¹¹Jesus answered, “You could have no power at all against Me unless it had been given you from above. Therefore the one who delivered Me to you has the greater sin.”

¹²From then on Pilate sought to release Him, but the Jews cried out, saying, “If you let this Man go, you are not Caesar's friend. Whoever makes himself a king speaks against Caesar.”

¹³When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Jesus out and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called The Pavement, but in Hebrew, Gabbatha. ¹⁴Now it was the Preparation Day of the Passover, and about the sixth hour. And he said to the Jews, “Behold your King!”

¹⁵But they cried out, “Away with Him, away with Him! Crucify Him!”

Pilate said to them, “Shall I crucify your King?”

The chief priests answered, “We have no king but Caesar!”

¹⁶Then he delivered Him to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus and led Him away.

(Congregation stands)

¹⁷And He, bearing His cross, went out to a place called the Place of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha, ¹⁸where they crucified Him, and two others with Him, one on either side, and Jesus in the center. ¹⁹Now Pilate wrote a title and put it on the cross. And the writing was: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS.

²⁰Then many of the Jews read this title, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin.

²¹Therefore the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but, ‘He said, “I am the King of the Jews.””

²²Pilate answered, “What I have written, I have written.”

²³Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His garments and made four parts, to each soldier a part, and also the tunic. Now the tunic was without seam, woven from the top in one piece. ²⁴They said therefore among themselves, “Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be,” that the Scripture might be fulfilled which says: “They divided My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots.” Therefore the soldiers did these things.

²⁵Now there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, “Woman, behold your son!” ²⁷Then He said to the disciple, “Behold your mother!” And from that hour that disciple took her to his own home.

²⁸After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, “I thirst!” ²⁹Now a vessel full of sour wine was sitting there; and they filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on hyssop, and put it to His mouth. ³⁰So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “It is finished!” And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit. **Let Silence be kept.**

³¹Therefore, because it was the Preparation Day, that the bodies should not remain 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. ³²Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who was crucified with Him. ³³But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. ³⁴But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out. ³⁵And he who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you may believe. ³⁶For these things were done that the Scripture should be fulfilled, “Not one of His bones shall be broken.” ³⁷And again another Scripture says, “They shall look on Him Whom they pierced.”

The Homily – THE CONVERSE OF THE GODHEADDr. Oliver

The Closing Prayer

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 grace to the living, 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.

† **The Dismissal**

Let the congregation depart from the sanctuary in silence.