

GOOD FRIDAY
April 10, 2020

The Three Holy Days:
Worshipping Together for Holy Week 2020

First Parish Congregational Church, Yarmouth
St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, Yarmouth

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Dear Members of First Parish and St. Bartholomew's,

As we enter Holy Week, we are grateful to be praying together, two communities of faith celebrating three days central to the Christian year. Because of the pandemic, we cannot hold these important services together in our churches. Yet we can worship together in spirit and truth, with hearts united in prayer for the well-being of our communities and our world.

These three services are really one event, stretched over three days: from Maundy Thursday, through Good Friday and into Easter. As a sign of our unity in this time of distress, we are joining together in worship each of the three nights. While Easter is a joyful festival, we keep it now in a time of difficulty and world-wide sorrow. Still, we believe that Christ is with us in his word, by his Spirit drawing us together as one before God. And we believe that the gospel of Christ gives us strength amid distress and comfort in the face of our sufferings.

With thanks for the staff and clergy of First Parish Yarmouth and St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, our choir and music directors, readers, production people, the Episcopal Diocese of Maine and Bishop Thomas James Brown, and YOU. It's good to do this holy work together.

*Rev. Kate Dalton First Parish
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Resources:

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Other resources include:

The Book of Common Prayer 1979 and The Hymnal 1982: Episcopal Church Publishing; the Book of Alternative Services: Anglican Church of Canada. Unless otherwise noted, Biblical texts are from the New Revised Standard Version Bible, copyright 1989, Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission. Material adapted from the New Living Translation, Ezekiel 37, is from Keeping the Feast; Reimagining Holy Week, out of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago. Jan Richardson: Circle of Grace, paintedprayerbook.com.

*We 'stripped' our altar/prayer space yesterday at the end of our worship.
Today set out a cross, a candle, and if you would like,
a black cloth or ribbon.*

Welcome

Rev. Kate Dalton

A Collect for Good Friday

Let us pray.

Almighty God, look graciously, we pray, on 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.**

The Book of Isaiah 52:13—53:12

David Marsland

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.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Musical Response, sung by the St. Bart's choir
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Hymn #172

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,
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Meditation on the Cross of Jesus

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Christ our Lord became obedient unto death.

Come let us worship.

Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by? Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow which was brought upon me, which the Lord inflicted on the day of his fierce anger.

O my people, O my Church, What have I done to you, or in what have I offended you? Testify against me. I led you forth from the land of Egypt, and delivered you by the waters of baptism, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

I led you through the desert forty years, and fed you with manna. I brought you through tribulation and penitence, and gave you my body, the bread of heaven, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

*Sing Refrain, with members of St. Bart's choir
Trisagion, S99*

arr. Bruce E. Ford

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

What more could I have done for you that I have not done? I planted you, my chosen and fairest vineyard, I made you the branches of my vine; but when I was thirsty, you gave me vinegar to drink, and pierced with a spear the side of your Savior.

I gave you a royal scepter, and bestowed the keys to the kingdom, but you have given me a crown of thorns. I raised you on high with great power, but you have hanged me on the cross.

My peace I gave, which the world cannot give, and washed your feet as a sign of my love, but you draw the sword to strike in my name, and seek high places in my kingdom. I offered you my body and blood, but you scatter and deny and abandon me.

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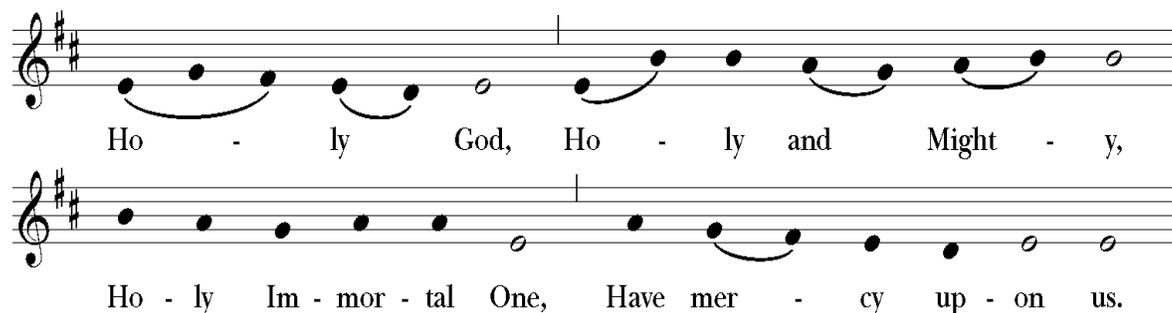
I sent the Spirit of truth to guide you, and you close your hearts to the Counsellor. I pray that all may be as one in the Father and me, but you continue to quarrel and divide. I call you to go and bring forth fruit, but you cast lots for my clothing.

I grafted you into the tree of my chosen Israel, and you turned on them with persecution and mass murder. I made you joint heirs with them of my covenants, but you made them scapegoats for your own guilt.

I came to you as the least of your brothers and sisters; I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.

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Concluding Prayer

Rev. Kate Dalton

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 for ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray together the Lord's Prayer:

**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 forever. Amen.**

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

By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

The Three Days continue tomorrow with the Vigil of Easter.