

St. Luke's Atlanta

Good Friday

March 29, 2024 7 p.m.

Welcome to St. Luke's

Our worship today is in the Episcopal tradition and centered around the Holy Eucharist (Communion).

As you participate in today's service, you may notice we use many ways of naming God in worship through expansive and inclusive language (HEIIE). This diversity of language engages our imaginations inviting a fuller picture of the Divine mystery dwelling among us.

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here. You are invited to participate in today's service as fully as is comfortable for you.

Please fill out our online visitor card using the QR code below.



Visitor Card

Service Participants

Musicians

Matthew Michael Brown, Director of Music

Ben Weaver, Assistant Organist

St. Luke's Schola

Lector

Julius Coles Ray Uttenhove



Loop Hearing System

St. Luke's sanctuary and parish hall—Budd Hall—are equipped with a loop hearing system, which can help you hear our services better. If you have a T-coil hearing aid, change the input switch on your hearing aid from microphone to telecoil. Contact your hearing healthcare professional if you're unsure whether your hearing aid has a t-coil. St. Luke's also has a limited number of hearing loop receivers available. Please ask an usher if one is available.



On this day the ministers enter in silence. Then all kneel for silent prayer.

Silent Procession

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be our God.

People For ever and ever. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

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Celebrant God be with you. **People** And also with you.

Celebrant 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.**

The First Reading

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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22:1-11 sung by the choir

- 1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? * and are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress?
- 2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; * by night as well, but I find no rest.
- 3 Yet you are the Holy One, * enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
- 4 Our forefathers put their trust in you; * they trusted, and you delivered them.
- 5 They cried out to you and were delivered; * they trusted in you and were not put to shame.
- 6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man, * scorned by all and despised by the people.
- 7 All who see me laugh me to scorn; * they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,
- 8 "He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him; * let him rescue him, if he delights in him."
- 9 Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, * and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.
- 10 I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; * you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.
- 11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near, * and there is none to help.

The Second Reading

Hebrews 10:16-25

The Holy Spirit testifies saying,

"This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord:

I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds,"

he also adds,

"I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."

Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted.

The Passion of According to John sung by the choir

Plainsong

with fauxbourdons attributed to Victoria

Evangelist: Jonathan Blalock, tenor; Pontius Pilate: Cain-Oscar Bergeron, tenor; Jesus: Andrew Gilstrap, bass

At the verse which mentions the arrival at Golgotha (John 19:17), all stand.

Sermon

The Rev. Winnie Varghese

A period of silence is kept. Then, as able, all stand.

Hymn 168 | O sacred head, sore wounded

Herzlich tut mich verlangen



Celebrant

Dear People of God: Our heavenly Father sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved; that all who believe in him might be delivered from the power of sin and death, and become heirs with him of everlasting life.

We pray, therefore, for people everywhere according to their needs.

All stand or kneel.

Let us pray for the holy Catholic Church of Christ throughout the World; For its unity in witness and service
For all bishops and other ministers and the people whom they serve
For Robert, our Bishop, and all the people of this diocese
For all Christians in this community
For those about to be baptized, particularly Charles, Ayesha, and Todd.
That God will confirm his Church in faith, increase it in love, and preserve it in peace.

Celebrant

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

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 the Members and Representatives of the United Nations
For all who serve the common good

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

Celebrant

Almighty God, kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth; that in tranquility your dominion may increase, until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

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.

Celebrant

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.**

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

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

Celebrant

Merciful God, creator of all the peoples of the earth and lover of souls: Have compassion on all who do not know you are revealed in your Son Jesus Christ; let your Gospel be preached with grace and power to those who have not heard it; turn the hearts of those who resist it; and bring home to your fold those who have gone astray; that there may be one flock under one shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us commit ourselves to God, and pray for the grace of a holy life, that, with all who have departed this world and have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to God alone, we may be accounted worthy to enter into the fullness of the joy of our Lord, and receive the crown of life in the day of resurrection.

Celebrant

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.**

Music During The Veneration | Anthem

Blake Henson (b. 1983)

O vos omnes qui transitis per viam: Attendite et videte si est dolor sicut dolor meus.

O all ye that pass by the way: Attend and see if there be any sorrow like to my sorrow.

—Lamentations 1:12

Music During The Veneration | The Reproaches

Damian Lundy (1944-1997)

O my people, what have I done to you? How have I hurt you? Answer me.

I led you out of Egypt. From slavery I set you free. I brought you into a land of promise; You have prepared a cross for me.

I led you as a shepherd. I brought you safely through the sea, Fed you with manna in the desert; You have prepared a cross for me.

I fought for you in battles; I won you strength and victory, Gave you a royal crown and sceptre; You have prepared a cross for me.

I planted you, my vineyard, And cared for you most tenderly; Looked for abundant fruit, and found none— Only the cross you made for me.

Then listen to my pleading, And do not turn away from me. You are my people: will you reject me? For You I suffer bitterly.

The Solemn Anthems

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Anthem I

Officiant We glory in your cross, O Lord,

People and praise and glorify your holy resurrection;

for by virtue of your cross joy has come to the whole world.

Officiant May God be merciful to us and bless us,

show us the light of his countenance, and come to us.

People Let your ways be known upon earth,

your saving health among all nations.

Officiant Let the peoples praise you, O God;

let all the peoples praise you.

People We glory in your cross, O Lord,

and praise and glorify your holy resurrection;

for by virtue of your cross joy has come to the whole world.

Anthem II

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

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

Officiant 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,

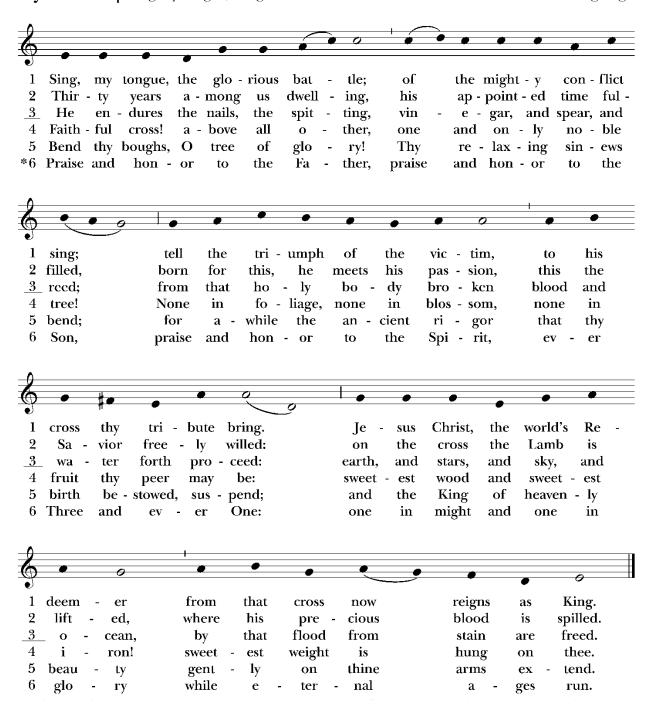
because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Anthem III

Officiant O Savior of the world,

who by the cross and precious blood has redeemed us:

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



Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People 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.

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For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Good Friday Prayer

Celebrant

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 people depart in silence.



Holy Week & Easter

St. Luke's Atlanta

Saturday, March 30

10 a.m. Holy Saturday Service: This brief service of remembrance invites us to keep

watch at the place of Jesus' burial.

8 p.m. The Great Vigil: This service marks the first Eucharist of Easter and will include

Baptisms and music led by the Adult Choir. Incense will be used at this service.

Easter Day, March 31

Services at 8 a.m., 9* a.m., 11:15* a.m.

Music at the 9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. services will be led by the Adult Choir and St. Luke's Festival Brass. Incense will be used at the 11:15 a.m. service only.

10:15 a.m. Children, Youth, and Families (CYF) Easter Egg Hunt.

*Indicates Nursery Care available.

Clergy

The Rev. Winnie Varghese, *Rector*The Rev. Matt Babcock, *Vicar*

The Rev. Nicole Lambelet, Associate Rector for Children, Youth, and Families

The Rev. Dr. Kimberleigh Jordan, Minister for Formation, Community Ministries, and Creative Arts

The Rev. Dr. Gabrielle Thomas, Theologian in Community

The Rev. Kim Jackson, Priest Assisting

The Rev. Pat Merchant, Priest Assisting

The Rev. Gene Paradise, Priest Assisting

The Rev. Emilee Walker-Cornetta, Priest Assisting

Staff

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Vestry

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