



The
American
Cathedral
in Paris

GOOD FRIDAY

March 7th, 2023

12:00 p.m.

A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated unto you; and then use us, we pray, as you will, and always to your glory and the welfare of your people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

Officiant Blessed be our God

All **For ever and ever. Amen.**

Officiant Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.**

All are invited to be seated.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 52:13-53:12

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.

The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Deus, Deus meus

- 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.
- 12 Many young bulls encircle me; *
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.
- 13 They open wide their jaws at me, *
like a ravening and a roaring lion.
- 14 I am poured out like water;
all my bones are out of joint; *
my heart within my breast is melting wax.
- 15 My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd;
my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; *

and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.

16 Packs of dogs close me in,
and gangs of evildoers circle around me; *

they pierce my hands and my feet;

I can count all my bones.

17 They stare and gloat over me; *

they divide my garments among them;

they cast lots for my clothing.

18 Be not far away, O Lord; *

you are my strength; hasten to help me.

19 Save me from the sword, *

my life from the power of the dog.

20 Save me from the lion's mouth, *

my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.

21 I will declare your Name to my brethren; *

in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

22 Praise the Lord, you that fear him; *

stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;

all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither does he hide his face from them; *

but when they cry to him he hears them.

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: *

"May your heart live for ever!"

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, *

and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

27 For kingship belongs to the Lord; *

he rules over the nations.

28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *

all who go down to the dust fall before him.

29 My soul shall live for him;

my descendants shall serve him; *

they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.

30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.

HYMN: 168, "O sacred head, sore wounded"

HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN

VERSES 1-3

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

ACCORDING TO JOHN (18:1 – 19:42)

Musical setting by Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548-1611)

On Good Friday, we are mindful in our prayer and confession of sin that a misunderstanding of the Jesus' passion, trial and crucifixion has fostered virulent and violent anti-Semitism for millennia. Historically, it was the Roman occupying powers, aligned with the Temple authorities, who were responsible for Christ's death. In hearing the Passion reading today, we are reminded that human nature itself is implicated, a nature from which we cannot save ourselves, except by the grace and offering of God.

Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate's headquarters. It was early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the headquarters, so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the Passover. So Pilate went out to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" They answered, "If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you." Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law." The people replied, "We are not permitted to put anyone to death." (This was to fulfill what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.)

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." Pilate asked him, "What is truth?"

After he had said this, he went out to the people again and told them, "I find no case against him. But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover. Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" They shouted in reply, "Not this man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a bandit.

Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. They kept coming up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and striking him on the face.

Pilate went out again and said to them, "Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him." So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Here is the man!" When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him." The people answered him, "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God."

Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. Pilate therefore said to him, "Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?" Jesus answered him, "You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin." From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the people cried out, "If you release this man, you are no friend of the emperor. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against the emperor."

When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat on the judge's bench at a place called The Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew Gabbatha. Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. He said to the crowd, "Here is your King!" They cried out, "Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!" Pilate asked them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but the emperor." Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

So they took Jesus; and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha.

All are invited to stand, as able.

There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." Many of the people read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. Then the chief priests said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but 'This man said, I am the King of the Jews.'" Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written." When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. So they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it." This was to fulfill what the scripture says, "They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots." And that is what the soldiers did.

Meanwhile, standing near 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 beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty." A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Silence.

All are invited to be seated.

HOMILY

The Rt. Rev. Mark D. W. Edington

Silence for reflection.

O my people, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me! I led you out of Egypt, from slavery to freedom, but you led your Savior to the cross. O my people, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me! Holy is God! Holy and strong! Holy immortal One, have mercy on us. For forty years I led you safely through the desert. I fed you with manna from heaven, and brought you to a land of plenty: but you led your Savior to the cross. Holy is God! Holy and strong! Holy immortal One, have mercy on us. What more could I have done for you? I planted you as my fairest vine, but you yielded only bitterness: When I was thirsty you gave me vinegar to drink, and you pierced your Savior's side with a lance. Holy is God! Holy and strong! Holy immortal One, have mercy on us. I opened the sea before you, but you opened my side with a spear. I led you on your way in a pillar of cloud, but you led me to Pilate's court. O my people, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me! I bore you up with manna in the desert, but you struck me down and scourged me. I gave you saving water from the rock, but you gave me gall and vinegar to drink. O my people, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me! I gave you a royal scepter, but you gave me a crown of thorns. I raised you to the height of majesty, but you raised me high on a cross. O my people, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me!

SOLEMN COLLECTS

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.

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 Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Mark, our Bishop-in-Charge, and all the people of this Convocation

For all Christians in this community

For those about to be baptized

That God will confirm his Church in faith, increase it in love, and preserve it in peace.

Silence.

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 Emmanuel, the President of France
For those elected to positions of public trust
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.

Silence.

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 disabled
For those in loneliness, fear, and anguish
For those who face temptation, doubt, and despair
For the sorrowful and bereaved
For prisoners, refugees, 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.

Silence.

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 lost their faith
For those hardened by sin or indifference
For the contemptuous and the scornful
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.

Silence.

Merciful God, creator of all the peoples of the earth and lover of souls: Have compassion on all who do not know you as 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 our 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.

Silence.

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.**

A wooden cross is placed in sight of all.

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

ANTHEM: *Crucifixus*

Antonio Lotti
(1667-1740)

Sung by the Choir in Latin

He was crucified even for us, under Pontius Pilate: he suffered and was buried.
[Text: the Nicene Creed]

HYMN: 166, "Sing my tongue, the glorious battle"

PANGE LINGUA

VERSES 1-5

LORD'S PRAYER *Said by each in their own language*

**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.**

**Notre Père qui es aux cieux,
que ton Nom soit sanctifié,
que ton règne vienne,
que ta volonté soit faite
sur la terre comme au ciel.
Donne-nous aujourd'hui notre pain de ce jour.
Pardonne-nous nos offenses
comme nous pardonnons aussi
à ceux qui nous ont offensés.**

**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.**

**Et ne nous laisse pas entrer en tentation,
mais délivre-nous du mal.
Car c'est à toi qu'appartiennent le règne,
la puissance et la gloire,
pour les siècles des siècles. Amen.**

CONCLUDING COLLECT

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, we pray you to set your passion, cross, and death between your judgement 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 Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

SOLEMN PROCESSION

The Proper Liturgy ends here.

The clergy will remain in the chancel for prayer, reconciliation, and the laying on of hands.

All are welcome to kneel or stand at the cross, for veneration and prayer.

The Cathedral will remain open until 3:00 p.m. All are invited to spend time in silent prayer.

When you leave, please do so in silence.

SERVING TODAY: *Officiant:* The Rev. Timothy Safford; *Preacher:* The Rt. Rev. Mark D. W. Edington; *Assisting Priest:* The Rev. Canon Nathaniel Katz; *Canon for Music:* Zachary Ullery; *Organist:* Andrew Dewar; *Choir:* The Cathedral Choir; *Lectors:* Lise and Maynard Hedegaard; *Ushers:* Katrina Neal-Hamel, Jacques Bossonney; *Production:* Gaël de Fournas.

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Prayer List

We pray for those in need of healing, who are in grief, or have any special needs, especially Patrick, Elizabeth, Pierre, the family of Myriam Ullens, Sebastian, Erwan, Rebecca, David, Jeremy, Françoise, Eleanor; and for those who have died, especially Momoko Munell, Owen Parkes, Myriam Ullens, Jack Dupont, Marguerite Marie Duparc, Melissa Barrett; and for all those affected by COVID-19. We pray also for our ministries and leaders, especially our Discernment Team in our search for a new Dean; our capital campaign leaders.

Prayer requests may be sent to us at: communications@americancathedral.org We will offer them to God at our daily service of Noonday Prayer.

Welcome!

Welcome to The American Cathedral in Paris. We are so glad you're with us. Whether in person or online, for a short time or a lifetime, sure in faith or full of doubt, you belong here. Building on our past and our journey towards inclusion, we strive to create a future of faith, love, and charity. Let's do it together. Give us a call, send an email, or find us at coffee hour—we can't wait to get to know you.

Contact information for the clergy and staff can be found at amcathparis.com/leadership.

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Coming Up

Join us in person or online throughout Holy Week.

Saturday, April 8th at 8:00 p.m.
The Great Vigil of Easter Service

Sunday, April 9th at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Easter Sunday Services

Capital Campaign: Make a Joyful Noise!

Interim Dean Safford posed the question during our Centenary celebration, "I wonder if we who gather here today can imagine our Cathedral and Convocation 100 years from now? What will we be? **What can we do today to make that dream come true?**"

We have already begun pledging to our future, as we make our promises to fund the projects in our capital campaign. As the campaign draws to a close this spring, **now is the time to make your pledge to the organ restoration**, and enhancements to the acoustics and lighting and the endowment.



Pledge at amcathparis.com/capitalcampaign.

Our Search for a New Dean

The Discernment Team has finished a second round of interviews in its search for our next Dean and has very promising candidates. The plan is to discern a list to present to the vestry in time for candidate visits in March and April. It's a tight schedule but they are working hard!

Let us pray together for Sophie, Mark, Jacques, Barbara, Jeanne, Audrey, Adrien, Andy, and Mary, as they undertake this work.

O God, you made us in your image and ceaselessly call us to be in your resemblance: grant us courage and inspiration every day to remain faithful to you and to your Word. Seven days a week, may we proclaim, through our actions and in our words, your love of everything that breathes on this Earth. Since among the believers, you have called some to serve you, the world, and the Church in special ministries, we pray: Open our ears, our eyes and hearts that we may wisely discern the person most apt to lead our Cathedral community as our next Pastor and Dean. Amen.

Support Us

It's not too late to make a Pledge for 2023

The Cathedral enriches our lives and the community around us in many ways, but the Cathedral and everything in it depends on the efforts of members like you, including financial support in the form of pledges. **To fill out a pledge card, scan this QR code, find the pledge card in your pew, or visit amcathparis.com/pledge.**



Support Music at the Cathedral via Les Arts George V

Les Arts George V (LAGV) supports the music at the Cathedral in many ways: among them **hosting Les Dimanches Musicaux (LDM) and encouraging sponsorships and donations.** Half the proceeds of LDM go to the Cathedral music program. For sponsorships and donations, remember that in France, while LAGV receives 100% of your gift, you will receive 66% as a deduction on your income tax.



Three Things to Know

Join us in person or online this week for services **for the Great Vigil of Easter and Easter Sunday**. Details at amcathparis.com/events.

Vestry Nominations are due Thursday, May 4th. The Vestry is responsible for the legal and financial health of the parish. Vestry members must be at least sixteen years old; a pledging member of the Cathedral; an active member of the parish; and willing to listen, learn, and lead. For more information or **to nominate someone, contact agm@americancathedral.org**.

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