

*Celebrating Christ's Presence  
In a Changing World*

**St. Paul's Episcopal Church**



**Good Friday**

*April 15, 2022*

*6:00 pm*



*Please turn off all cell phones and text messaging devices  
All stand as the Ministers enter in silence.  
All kneel for silent prayer.*

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Officiant*      Blessed be our God,  
*People*          **For ever and ever. Amen.**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Officiant*      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 WORD OF GOD

ISAIAH 52:13—53:12  
PSALM 22  
HEBREWS 10:16-25

## SEQUENCE HYMN

*Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow*  
The Hymnal 1982 #160

THE PASSION GOSPEL: *John 18:1—19:42*

*The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted. The congregation is seated for the first part of the Passion. At the verse which mentions the arrival at Golgotha, all stand.*

THE SERMON

The Reverend Melissa Congleton

**“Were You There?”**

*-Christy Randall, vocal solo*

*-Arr. Moses Hogan (1957-2003)*

THE SOLEMN COLLECTS

*Officiant*

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.

*Intercessor*

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 Wendell our Bishop, and all the people of this diocese; for all Christians in this community; that God will confirm his Church in faith, increase it in love, and preserve it in peace.  
*(Silence)*

*Officiant*

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.**

*Intercessor* Let us pray for all nations and peoples of the earth, and for those in authority among them; for 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.  
(*Silence*)

*Officiant* 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.**

*Intercessor* 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.  
(*Silence*)

*Officiant* 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.**

*Intercessor* 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.

*(Silence)*

*Officiant*

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.**

*Intercessor*

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)*

*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.**

MEDITATION

*O Dearest Jesus*

J. Wayne Kerr (1958-)

*A wooden cross is now brought into the church and placed in the sight of the people.*

VENERATION OF THE CROSS

HYMN

***Were You There***

The Hymnal 1982 #172 (v. 1-3)

*During the hymn, you may come forward one at a time to offer your own veneration, thanksgivings or personal offering.*

ANTHEM 1

*Officiant*  
*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.**

*Officiant*  
*People*

May God be merciful to us and bless us, show us  
the light of his countenance, and come to us.  
**Let your ways be known upon earth, your saving  
health among all nations.**

*Officiant*  
*People*

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the  
peoples praise you.  
**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 2

*Officiant*  
*People*

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,  
**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 3

*Officiant*        O Savior of the world, who by thy cross and  
precious blood hast redeemed us.

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

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

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

*Officiant*        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 Holy Spirit  
you live and reign, one God, now and for ever.

*People*            **Amen.**

*All stand as the Ministers leave in silence.*

*WORSHIP MINISTERS:*

*The Reverend Sarah Hurlbert;*

*The Rev. Melissa Congleton;*

*Julie Baglien, Organist; Christy Randall, vocalist*

*Barney Rudolph, Lector; Natalie Magnusson, Intercessor;*

*Melaina Magnusson & Zoë Magnusson, Acolytes;*

*Tom Holsinger-Friesen, Samuel Holsinger-Friesen &*

*Leah Holsinger-Friesen; Ushers.*



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# The Hymnal 1982 #160

## *Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow*

1 Cross of Je - sus, cross of sor - row, where the  
 2 Here the King of all the a - ges, throned in  
 3 O mys - ter - ious con - de - scend - ing! O a -  
 4 Cross of Je - sus, cross of sor - row, where the

blood of Christ was shed, per - fect Man on  
 light ere worlds could be, robed in mor - tal  
 ban - don - ment sub - lime! Ve - ry God him -  
 blood of Christ was shed, per - fect Man on

thee did suf - fer, per - fect God on thee has bled!  
 flesh is dy - ing, cru - ci - fied by sin for me.  
 self is bear - ing, all the suf - fer - ings of time!  
 thee did suf - fer, per - fect God on thee has bled!

Words: William J. Sparrow-Simpson (1860-1952) Music: *Cross of Jesus*, John Stainer (1840-1901)





# The Hymnal 1982 #172 (v. 1-3)

## *Were You There*

The musical score is presented in three systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are as follows:

1 Go to dark Geth - se - ma - ne, ye that feel the tempt-er's power;  
 2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall; view the Lord of life ar - rained;  
 3 Cal-vary's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,

your Re-deem - er's con - flict see, watch with him one bit - ter hour;  
 O the worm-wood and the gall! O the pangs his soul sus - tained!  
 mark the mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete;

turn not from his griefs a - way, learn of Je - sus Christ to pray.  
 Shun not suf - fering, shame, or loss; learn of him to bear the cross.  
 "It is fi - nished!" hear him cry; learn of Je - sus Christ to die.

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854) Music: *Petra*, Richard Redhead (1820-1901)



**“WERE YOU THERE...?”**

*Good Friday offerings may be placed in the offering plate at the back of the church as you leave.*

### **Support Mission in the Holy Land**

On Good Friday, offerings are invited from across the Episcopal Church to support the four dioceses in the Province of Jerusalem and in the Middle East. Funds are used to promote peace and mutual understanding through pastoral care, health care and educational programs throughout the region.

To learn more about our Churches work in the Middle East please visit:

[www.episcopalchurch.org/goodfridayoffering](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/goodfridayoffering)

Jesus said, “Walk while you have the light so that the darkness may not overtake you.” *John 12:29*

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