Welcome to your Spiritual Home! We invite you to prepare for worship wherever you are, just as you would at Church: with a few moments of prayer, quiet, and meditation before we begin.

Special greetings to our Visitors! We want your experience to be as enjoyable as possible. If you have questions, please visit our website, or contact us at visitor@christchurchcharlotte.org.

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Welcome

**THE WORD OF GOD**

Officiant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, we pray 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: 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.
Hymn 171, Go to dark Gethsemane

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

THE PASSION GOSPEL

The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted.

CLERGY: The Passion Of Our Lord Jesus Christ According To John. 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 the Jews, “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,

CROWD: Crucify him! Crucify him!
CLERGY: Pilate said to them, “Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him.” The Jews answered him,

CROWD: We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God.

CLERGY: 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 Jesus, but the Jews cried out,

CROWD: If you release this man, you are no friend of the emperor. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against the emperor.

CLERGY: 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. Pilate said to the Jews, “Here is your King!” They cried out,

CROWD: Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!

CLERGY: Pilate asked them, “Shall I crucify your King?” The chief priests answered, “We have no king but the emperor.” Then Pilate handed Jesus over to them to be crucified.

All Stand.

CLERGY: 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. 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 Jews 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 of the Jews said to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but, ‘This man said, I am 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 is kept. People may kneel or bow.

Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the cross during the sabbath, especially because that sabbath was a day of great solemnity. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men broken and the bodies removed. Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. (He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth.) These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, “None of his bones shall be broken.” And again another passage of scripture says, “They will look on the one whom they have pierced.”
Hymn 172, Were you there when they crucified my Lord

Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Oh!

Oh!

Oh!

Oh!

Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble,

tremble. Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
tremble. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
tremble. Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
tremble. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
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 Micheal, Sam, and Anne our Bishops, 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

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 Donald, 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

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.

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 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

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 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. Silence is kept.

Sonata No.2 in A minor (seated) Johann Sebastian Bach

Peter DeVries, violinist

The Lord's Prayer

As our Savior has taught us, we now pray:

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.

The Concluding 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 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 offering at this service will be given to the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem.

The Easter offering will be given to Loaves and Fishes, Urban Ministry/Meri’s Shelter, and Crisis Assistance Ministry, to help in their aid to our most vulnerable neighbors in need during the COVID-19 crisis. Thanks to a very generous parishioner, we have a matching gift of up to $5,000 of the total received. We urge you to give as generously as you are able. Visit www.christchurchcharlotte.org/outreach for updates on how these agencies and the larger faith community are responding to the COVID-19 crisis. Please note or select "Easter" on your gift via checks, online, or text-to-give at 704-741-7324. Thank you very much for your generosity.

Please join us for weekend events:

Good Friday, April 10
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM Virtual Stations of the Cross - Youth Council members will record themselves reading Stations of the Cross. These readings will be posted to social media throughout the day. Instagram @ChristChurchCltYouth and @ChristChurchClt, and Facebook @ChristChurchCharlotte.

Stations of the Cross for Families (online) - video service for families to watch any time on Good Friday, with associated activities to do together. Www.christchurchcharlotte.org/holy-week.

Easter Sunday, April 12
8:45 AM Festive Worship Service (Online)
All are invited to worship online with us at www.christchurchcharlotte.org/live or on Facebook Live @ChristChurchCharlotte

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