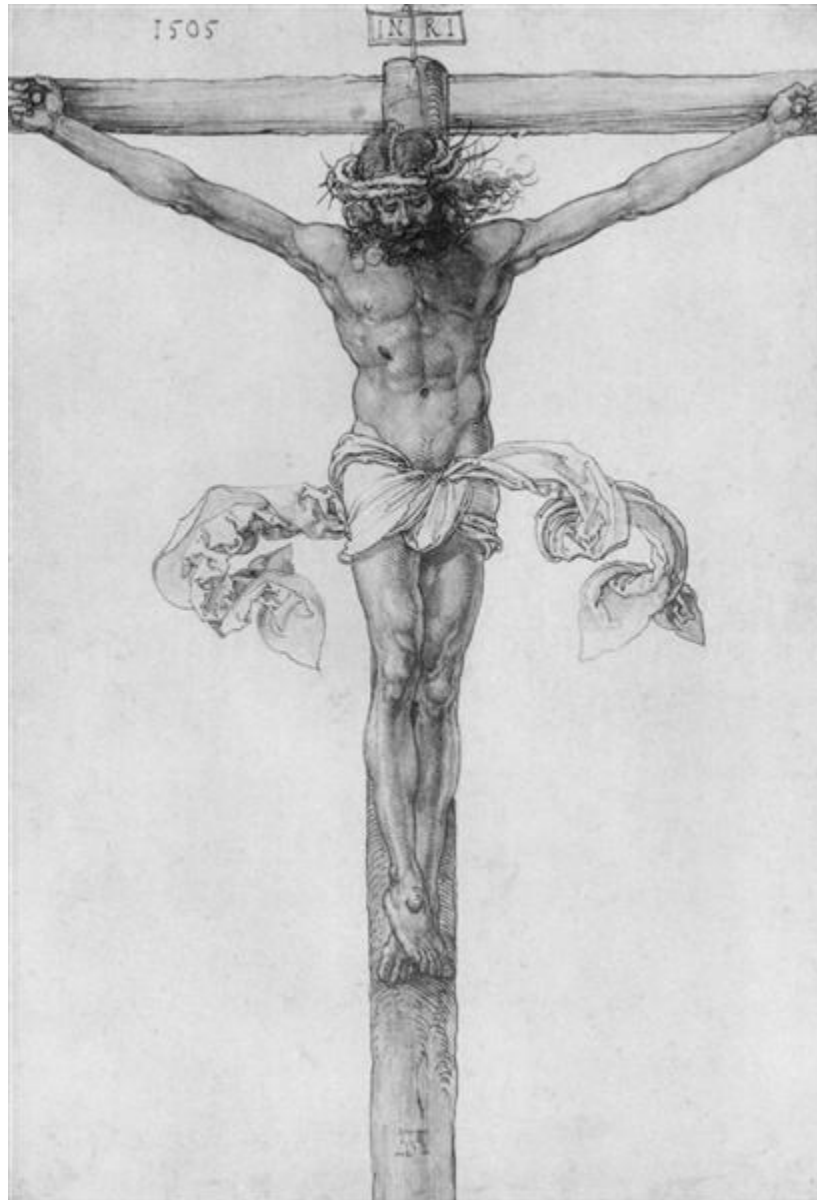


# Good Friday



Noon at St Luke's Episcopal Church  
Camillus, NY

*On this day the ministers enter in silence.*

*All then kneel for silent prayer, after which the Celebrant stands and begins the liturgy with the Collect of the Day.*

*Celebrant*        Blessed be our God.

*People*         **For ever and ever. Amen.**

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.**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word. Silence in us any voice but your own, that hearing, we may discern your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen**

### **Canticle 21 You Are God**

You are God: we praise you;

You are the Lord; we acclaim you;

You are the eternal Father:

All creation worships you.

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,

Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

The glorious company of apostles praise you.

The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.

The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you;

Father, of majesty unbounded,

your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,

and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.  
You, Christ, are the king of glory,  
the eternal Son of the Father.  
When you became man to set us free  
you did not shun the Virgin's womb.  
You overcame the sting of death  
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.  
You are seated at God's right hand in glory.  
We believe that you will come and be our judge.  
Come then, Lord, and help your people,  
bought with the price of your own blood,  
and bring us with your saints  
to glory everlasting.

## **Scripture Readings**

Epistle Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

*The reading speaks to how Jesus stands in the place of humanity before God*

Psalm 22

*A powerful hymn addressed to God, beseeching deliverance in a time of desperate need*

John 19:1-42 The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John  
*We hear again the central story of our faith, how Jesus was betrayed by one who professed his love for Jesus and how he was arrested, tortured and executed to appease the fears of those in power.*

*All may be seated for the reading of the Passion Gospel. At the verse which mentions the arrival at Golgotha, all stand.*

## **The 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 universal church of Christ throughout the world;  
For its unity in witness and service.

For all who do the work of the gospel and the people whom they serve

For DeDe, our Bishop, and all the people of this diocese

For the people in this community; that God will confirm his Church in faith,  
increase it in love, and preserve it in peace.

**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.**

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Let us pray for all nations and peoples of the earth, and for those in authority among them and for all who serve the common good. That by God's help they may seek justice and truth and live in peace and concord.

**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.**

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Let us pray for the Jewish people who possess an eternal covenant with the Lord, who delivered them from bondage to freedom; For continued faithfulness to God's covenant with them; and for their flourishing in peace

as witnesses to God's sustaining love;

**O God of Abraham, you planted your people Israel as the root and grafted Gentiles as wild branches into a single olive tree of praise to you: As we come near to the cross, we lament Christian acts of prejudice and violence against your faithful people, of whom Jesus Christ was born. Bless the children of your covenant, so that together we may attain the fullness of your blessing for the world. Amen.**

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Let us pray for all who suffer and are afflicted in body or in mind;  
For those who are hungry and homeless, destitute and oppressed  
For those who are ill or disabled, in body, mind, or spirit  
For those in loneliness, fear, and anguish  
For those who face temptation, doubt, and despair  
For those who are sorrowful and bereaved  
For those who are persecuted for the sake of Christ  
For prisoners, refugees, and captives  
For victims of war, genocide, and trafficking, and all 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.

**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.**

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Let us pray for those who have not embraced God's redemptive love;  
For those who have never heard the word of salvation  
For those who have lost their faith  
For those hardened by sin and indifference  
For the contemptuous and the scornful

For those who are persecutors of Christ's 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.

**Merciful God, the source of life and fountain of mercy, let the Gospel of your Son Jesus Christ be preached with grace and love; turn the hearts of the followers of Jesus who have harmed others in his name; lead all to repentance and amendment of life; and sustain by your loving grace all who lift their eyes to you. Amen.**

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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.

**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.**

### **Canticle 19 Song of the Redeemed**

O ruler of the universe, Lord God,  
great deeds are they that you have done, \*  
**surpassing human understanding.**

Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, \*  
**O King of all the ages.**

Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,  
and sing the praises of your Name? \*  
**for you only are the Holy One.**

All nations will draw near and fall down before you, \*  
**because your just and holy works have been revealed.**

### Veneration of the Cross

*All stand.*

*Priest* 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.**

*Priest* 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.**

*Priest* 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.**

*Priest* 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.**

## **Closing Prayer**

*All kneel (as you are able)*

*The Celebrant says;*

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 forever. **Amen.**

*All leave the church in silence.*