

The Church of the Nativity & St. Stephen

Good Friday April 18, 2025



Mission of Nativity and St. Stephen

To seek and serve Christ through service to others.

To manage responsibly the financial resources of our parish as loving and caring stewards.

To welcome and involve all persons into our parish family valuing both diversity and unity.

To enable nurture and learning in the Episcopal heritage of Scripture, tradition and reason.

To foster a community of faith for worship, spiritual growth, ministry and mission.

We invite your prayers before our mass begins. Please be reminded of the importance of Holy silence that prepares us to listen to God. Conversation, food, and fellowship following worship. All are welcome.

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On this day the ministers enter in silence.

(All kneel for silent prayer, after which the Celebrant stands and begins the liturgy.)

Collect of the Day insert

Celebrant: Blessed be our God.

People: For ever and ever. Amen.

First Reading:

Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12 insert

Psalm 22 insert

Second Reading:

Hebrews 4:14 - 16; 5:7 – 9 insert

**The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John 18:1 – 19:42** insert

Sermon The Rev. Ryan Tobin

Hymn

“When I survey the wondrous cross”
Hymnal 474

The Solemn Collects BCP 277

All Standing

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.

Reader: 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 Audrey, our Bishop, and all the people of this diocese. 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

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.

Reader: Let us pray for all nations and peoples of the earth, and for those in authority among them; 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

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.

Reader: 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

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.

Reader: 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

Celebrant: 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.

Celebrant: 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

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.

A wooden cross is brought out.

Anthem 1

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.

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.*

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.*

Hymn

"Were you there when..." Hymnal 172

Closing Prayer BCP 282

All leave in silence.

**Join us Easter Day for The Feast of the
Resurrection, Sunday, April 20, 2025,
9:30am, Holy Eucharist, The Church of
the Nativity, Newport.**

Today's offering supports the four dioceses
of the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle
East. They are used to promote peace and
mutual understanding through pastoral care,
health care and educational programs
throughout the region. Visit
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Service Participants

Greeter: Karen Kern

Lector: Terry Stanton

Readers: Darlene Amsler, Wendy Day,
Mary Price, Ann Roland, Terry Stanton

Solemn Collects: Susan Rice

Organist: Sue Beamer

Acolyte: Bill Day

Counters: Sue Beamer and John Cramer



Vestry

Jill Hoover, Sr. Warden

Darlene Amsler

Sue Beamer

Wendy Day

Mary Price

Terry Stanton

Rebecca Gephart-Crup, Treasurer