



**CHRIST CHURCH
AN EPISCOPAL CHURCH
IN THE DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA
FOUNDED 1715, NEW BERN, NORTH CAROLINA**

Our Vision: To be a church that loves the way God Loves

MUSIC AND POETRY FOR PASSIONTIDE

Good Friday, March 29, 2024, 7 pm

Please silence your cell phones.

In this season of Lent,

Before the service, speak to the Lord.

During the Service, let the Lord speak to you.

After the service, speak to one another.

Introit O Lux Beata

Will Todd

O lux beata Trinitas,
et principalis Unitas.
As now the fiery sun departs,
shed Thou Thy beams within our hearts.
Te mane laudum carmine,
te deprecemur vespere:
te nostra supplex gloria
per cuncta laudet sæcula.
Deo Patri sit gloria,
eiusque soli Filio,
cum Spiritu Paraclito,
et nunc, et in perpetuum.

*O Trinity of blessed light,
And princely unity,
The fiery sun already sets,
Shed thy light within our hearts.
To thee in the morning with songs of praise,
And in the evening we pray,
Thy glory suppliant we adore,
Throughout all ages for ever.
Glory be to God the Father,
To his only Son,
With the Holy Spirit
Now and for ever. Amen.*

Opening Prayers

Officiant Blessed by our God.

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

Officiant Lord have mercy on us.

People **Christ have mercy on us.**

Officiant Lord have mercy on us.

Officiant and People

**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 We glory in your cross Lord.

People **In whom is our salvation, our life and resurrection.**

Officiant 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.

People **Amen.**

John 19:25-27

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.

John 19:28-30 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.

Poem

Calvary

Marie Howe

Someone hanging clothes on a line
between buildings,
someone shaking out a rug from an
open window
might have heard hammering, one
or two blocks away
and thought little or nothing of it.

Hymn

Ah Holy Jesus

H 158

Poem

Prayer for Not-So-Good Friday

Marcyn Del Clements

Not again God
Not again
The stones cry out
a thousand meters down
in the depths
of the earth
They grind and groan
they scream
as chasms
roll open
gulping rivers and trees
humans with their animals
down
down
sucked into the black hole
the self-centeredness
of the dying earth
And God, you risked all
to close the chasm
to bridge the gap
to walk the walk
to lay your life
on the line
for us again

Make me worth the effort

Anthem

Miserere mei (*Parish Choir*)

J. D. Zelenka

Miserere mei
Miserere mei, Deus.

Have mercy upon me
Have mercy upon me, O God

Poem

Good Friday

Christina Rossetti

Am I a stone, and not a sheep,
That I can stand, O Christ, beneath Thy cross,
To number drop by drop Thy blood's slow loss,
And yet not weep?

Not so those women loved
Who with exceeding grief lamented Thee;
Not so fallen Peter weeping bitterly;
Not so the thief was moved;

Not so the Sun and Moon
Which hid their faces in a starless sky,
A horror of great darkness at broad noon—
I, only I.

Yet give not o'er,
But seek Thy sheep, true Shepherd of the flock;
Greater than Moses, turn and look once more
And smite a rock.

Musical Offering

Pari Intervallo (*String Quartet*)

Arvo Pärt

The work is composed on the occasion of death of the composer's stepfather and equipped with the motto from Paul's letter to the Romans: "For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord." The musical material follows the meaning of the title (pari intervallo – in Latin "in the equal distance") and has been built on two strictly parallel voices, whose distance from each other remains the same throughout.

(Notes from the Arvo Part Center: [Arvo Pärt Centre – Arvo Pärt Centre \(arvopart.ee\)](http://ArvoPärtCentre.com))

Hymn

Were you there when they crucified my Lord

H 172

Poem

Jesus is stripped of His garments

Malcolm Guite

You can't go on, you go on anyway
He goes with you, his cradle to your grave.
Now is the time to loosen, cast away
The useless weight of everything but love
For he began his letting go before,
Before the worlds for which he dies were made,
Emptied himself, became one of the poor,
To make you rich in him and unafraid.
See as they strip the robe from off his back
They strip away your own defenses too
Now you could lose it all and never lack
Now you can see what naked Love can do
Let go these bonds beneath whose weight you bow
His stripping strips you both for action now.

Anthem	Ah, Holy Jesus (<i>Parish Choir</i>)	arr. Jacqueline Nappi
Hymn	When Jesus Wept	H 715
Poem	II, 1988, 'It is the destruction of the world'	Wendell Berry

It is the destruction of the world
in our own lives
that drives us half insane, and more than half.
To destroy that which we were given
in trust: how will we bear it?
It is our own bodies that we give
to be broken,
our bodies existing before and after us
in clod and cloud, worm and tree,
that we, driving or driven, despise
in our greed to live, our haste
to die. To have lost, wantonly,
the ancient forests, the vast grasslands
in our madness, the presence
in our very bodies our grief.

Anthem	Crucifixus (<i>Parish Choir</i>)	J.S. Bach
	Crucifixus etiam pro nobis sub Pontio Pilato, passus et sepultures est. <i>He was also crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered on the cross and was buried.</i>	

Hymn	O sacred head, sore wounded	H 168
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Poem	When Death Comes	Mary Oliver
	When death comes like the hungry bear in autumn; when death comes and takes all the bright coins from his purse to buy me, and snaps the purse shut; when death comes like the measles-pox when death comes like an iceberg between the shoulder blades, I want to step through the door full of curiosity, wondering: what is it going to be like, that cottage of darkness? And therefore I look upon everything as a brotherhood and a sisterhood, and I look upon time as no more than an idea, and I consider eternity as another possibility,	

and I think of each life as a flower, as common
as a field daisy, and as singular,
and each name a comfortable music in the mouth,
tending, as all music does, toward silence,
and each body a lion of courage, and something
precious to the earth.

When it's over, I want to say all my life
I was a bride married to amazement.
I was the bridegroom, taking the world into my arms.

When it's over, I don't want to wonder
if I have made of my life something particular, and real.

I don't want to find myself sighing and frightened,
or full of argument.

I don't want to end up simply having visited this world.

Officiant

O Saviour of the world, who by thy cross and precious blood has redeemed us.

People

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

Officiant

O 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 forever. **Amen.**

SERVING US TODAY

Altar Guild: Sims Wayt, Lee Ann Fordyce, Margaret Shields, Mary Lynn Guidage, Gretchen DuPeza
Karen O'Connell, Barbara Rice, Margi Thompson, Carolyn Stevens, Diane Sanwick

Lectors: *(in the order of their readings)*

Phyllis Fox

Andrew Garlick

Karen O'Connell

Barb Rice

Becky Gaeta

Greeter: Christie Wineholt

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Philip's, Southport; St. Mary's, Gatesville

Thank you to Emma Lindahl, violin; Bri Aye, violin, John O'Brien, viola; and Andrew Dagger, cello, for serving as our musicians tonight.

CHRIST CHURCH CLERGY AND STAFF

Rector: The Rev. H. Paul Canady III **Associate Rector:** The Rev. Suzanne Hood

Deacon: The Rev. Deacon Lisa Kirby **Director of Music:** Jacqueline Nappi

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CHRIST CHURCH VESTRY

Term - 2024: Tony Embrey, Phyllis Fox (*Senior Warden*), Rebecca Buchanan Leahy, Susan Moffat-Thomas

Term - 2025: Randy Bogle (*Junior Warden*), Stephanie Bratton, Kim Huddle (*Clerk*), Holly Lippitt

Term - 2026: Laura Overman, Elmer Praul, Wayne Rowe, Graham Underhill

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Book of Common (BCP) and Hymnal pages are listed on the right.

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S or H: Hymnal 1982 (*blue*),

WLP: Wonder, Love, and Praise (*green*),

L: Lift Every Voice (*red*)

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CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, March 31

Easter Sunday

8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)

9:45 am: Easter Egg Hunt

11 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave/[Online](#))

12 pm: Coffee Hour

Monday, April 1

Church Offices Closed

Tuesday, April 2

7 am: Al-Anon Meeting (2nd Floor Living Room)

8:30 am: Eucharist (Chapel)

No GIG

6:30 pm: Small Wonders NA Meeting (Pelletier Room)

No Handbell or Joyful Voices Rehearsals

Wednesday, April 3

No GIG

No Music for Kids

6:15 pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)

No Parish Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 4

No GIG

Friday, April 4

3:30 pm: Discernment Committee Meeting (2nd Floor Living Room)

Sunday, April 7

Birthday and Anniversary Sunday

8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)

9:45 am: Sunday School for All Ages

11 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / [Online](#))