

Good Friday April 10, 2020

LETTER FROM FR AARON

Beloved Immanuel Anglican Church,

This has been a Lent like none other in our lifetimes. The deadly coronavirus has spread around the world bringing sickness, death and a screeching halt to life as we know it. Even if you're not physically or financially affected by this crisis, you are likely grappling with the loss of your normal community, rhythms and plans.

There was never a better time for Holy Week. For Jesus and his followers, Holy Week was anything but serene and normal! The final days and hours of his life were marked by uncertainty, danger, solemn prayers and sacred meals, betrayal, confusion, and death. And throughout history, the people of God have celebrated Holy Week in terrible circumstances: war, plague, famine, invasion of foreign armies, time of confusion and great pain.

This is the world Jesus came to save. This is the world Jesus came to heal! During the events of Holy Week, we enter the story of Jesus. We don't leave our problems of this life behind – we bring them with us, and we send them to the cross of Christ. And on Easter, we set all our hopes for wholeness and eternal life on the risen Christ.

Before us is the dawn of Easter, the promise of Heaven. Sooner or later, darkness will give way to light. Let us be ready for that dawn as we keep watch with Jesus in the final hours of his life. Receive the gift of Holy Week; it is a gift for such a time as this.

During Holy Week at Immanuel Anglican, we will journey with Jesus through the final days of his life, his death on the cross, and his resurrection from the grave. Each service has incredible moments where we can participate in the story. Join us for these online gatherings and use the resources on the following pages to follow along in your household throughout the week.

With love, Father Aaron

HOLY WEEK ONLINE GATHERINGS

April 5 | Palm Sunday Service | 10AM

April 9 | Maundy Thursday | 7PM

April 10 | Good Friday Service | 7PM

April 11 | Easter Vigil Service* | 7PM

April 12 | Easter Sunday | 10AM

*We will be joining the Diocese for the Easter Vigil: churchrez. org/holy-week-at-home.

Get ready for Easter!

To do this weekend (to be ready for Easter!):

- Buy some flowers to put out on Easter.

- Gather what you need to celebrate with a special meal on Easter Sunday.

- Join the Upper Midwest Diocese for our Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday at 7PM!

- Wear something festive and special on Sunday.

- Wake up before sunrise on Easter morning and find somewhere to watch the sunrise, remembering that the light of Christ has dawned upon us (Isaiah 60).

RECEIVE PRAYER MINISTRY

While we are unable to gather in person, we want to extend the ministry of prayer to anyone who needs it during Holy Week. We will have time slots throughout the week when prayer ministers will be available to pray with you, one-on-one, over a Zoom call or the phone - you can find the list of slots on our Holy Week page: immanuelanglican.org/holyweek.

SHARE YOUR "HOLY WEEK AT HOME" WITH US!

If you post pictures and videos of your Holy Week celebrations, tag us (@chicagoanglican) or use hashtag #chicagoanglicanholyweek or e-mail them to jennifer@immanuelanglican.org

GOOD FRIDAY

To be present at the cross on Good Friday, even as Mary and John were, is to finally see the glory of Jesus in God's terms. He has won for us the victory over sin and death. His sacrifice on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins has made the saving power of his blood eternally present to us. On this day, we tell the story of the Passion of Jesus as we remember the love of God that was demonstrated by Jesus' sacrifice on the cross for the forgiveness of sins.

What you need:

- The cross.

What to do:

- During the service, move the cross from where it has been throughout Holy Week and lay it on the floor in a place where you can kneel next to it, to touch it and pray. Give to the Good Friday fund. (More info below.)

- After the service, move through the "Stations of the Cross" online, as a way to reflect on the love and suffering of our Lord. Stay tuned to our livestream page for more information.

- Receive prayer from a prayer minister. (Find link to participate at immanuelanglican.org/holyweek.)

Other Ideas:

- Wear black for this service.
- Light a large candle at the beginning of the service.

Good Friday Gift

Every year on Good Friday, Immanuel collects a special offering on behalf of people who are suffering in the world around us. As we partner sacrificially with our neighbors in need, we reflect Jesus' suffering servanthood. This Good Friday, we have decided to take up a unique offering to serve those in need both in our city and our Immanuel community.

One half (50%) of the donations given for Good Friday will go to the Greater Chicago Food Depository. GCFD is the central hub for a network of more than 700 food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters and other programs in Chicagoland that provide food where it's most needed. The economic impact of COVID-19 is likely to increase food insecurity in our city, and GCFD is already hard at work responding to the increased need for food.

The other half (50%) of the donations given for Good Friday will go to a "COVID19 Mercy Fund" that will help people in our own congregation face short-term financial challenges from the COVID-19 pandemic.*

You can find ways to give (online, mail) at immanuelanglican.org/give.

THE WORD OF GOD

Please observe silence at the beginning of the service.

The Entrance

- OFFICIANT: Blessed be our God.
 - PEOPLE:: For ever and ever. Amen.
- **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.
 - ALL: Amen.

The Lessons

READER: A reading from the prophet Isaiah:

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

¹³ Behold, my servant shall act wisely;
he shall be high and lifted up,
and shall be exalted.
¹⁴ As many were astonished at you—
his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance,
and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—
¹⁵ so shall he sprinkle many nations.
Kings shall shut their mouths because of him,
for that which has not been told them they see,
and that which they have not heard they understand.
⁵³ Who has believed what he has heard from us?
And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?
² For he grew up before him like a young plant,
and like a root out of dry ground;
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,
and no beauty that we should desire him.
[°] He was despised and rejected by men,
a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief;
and as one from whom men hide their faces
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

⁴ Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows: vet we esteemed him stricken. smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned-every one-to his own way: and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. ⁷ He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent. so he opened not his mouth. ⁸ By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living. stricken for the transgression of my people? And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death. although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. ¹⁰ Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt. he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand. Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. ¹² Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors: yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors. **READER:** The word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

John 19:1-37

Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged him.² And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head and arrayed him in a purple robe.³ They came up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and struck him with their hands.⁴ Pilate went out again and said to them, "See, I am bringing him out to you that you may know that I find no guilt in him."⁵ So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Behold the man!" ⁶ When the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out, "Crucify him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no guilt in him." ⁷ The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has made himself the Son of God." ⁸ When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid.⁹ He entered his headquarters again and said to Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer.¹⁰ So Pilate said to him, "You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have authority to release you and authority to crucify you?" ¹¹ Jesus answered him, "You would have no authority over me at all unless it had been given you from above. Therefore he who delivered me over to you has the greater sin."

¹² From then on Pilate sought to release him, but the Jews cried out, "If you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar." ¹³ So when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Stone Pavement, and in Aramaic Gabbatha. ¹⁴ Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" ¹⁵ They cried out, "Away with him, away with him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." ¹⁶ So he delivered him over to them to be crucified.

So they took Jesus, ¹⁷ and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha.

Congregation please stand.

¹⁸ There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. ¹⁹ Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." ²⁰ Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. ²¹ So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but rather, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'" ²² Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written."

²³ When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, ²⁴ so they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be." This was to fulfill the Scripture which says,

"They divided my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots."

So the soldiers did these things, ²⁵ but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" ²⁷ Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

²⁸ After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." ²⁹ A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. ³⁰ When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Congregation please kneel.

³¹ Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away. ³² So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him. ³³ But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. ³⁴ But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. ³⁵ He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe. ³⁶ For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: "Not one of his bones will be broken." ³⁷ And again another Scripture says, "They will look on him whom they have pierced."

The Sermon

"It Is Finished": A Word of Triumph -Deacon Susan Raedeke

The Solemn Collects

Please stand.

LEADER: 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 . . .

That God will confirm his Church in faith, increase it in love, and preserve it in peace.

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

Let us pray for all who suffer and are afflicted in body or in mind . . . 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.

Let us pray for all who have not received the Gospel of Christ . . . That God will open their hearts to the truth, and lead them to faith and obedience.

- **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.
 - ALL: Amen.

The Good Friday Offering

Stricken, Smitten and Afflicted



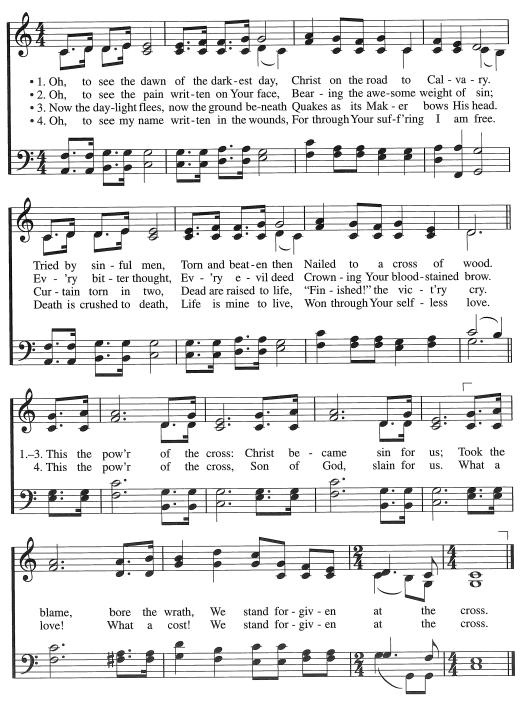
OFFICIANT: Behold the wood of the Cross, on which was hung the world's salvation.

PEOPLE: Come, let us adore Him.

O Sacred Head Now Wounded



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The Lord's Prayer

- **CELEBRANT:** And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,
 - 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.

Closing Prayer

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.

ALL: Amen. Postlude

Were You There?

Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Oh, sometimes it causese me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

The service will conclude in silence. You may remain online for a live broadcast of Stations of the Cross, or download for later use.

The Stations of the Cross

Readers at Immanuel Anglican have created an audio Stations of the Cross, which we hope can serve you and your family in lieu of having physical time to pray at the cross corporately.

This audio file can be downloaded from immanuelanglican.org/holyweek or found in Immanuel's iTunes Podcast. We will also play the Stations of the Cross audio immediately following our Good Friday Service, if you would like to stay and and listen.

Receive Prayer After the Service

After the Good Friday service, during the Stations of the Cross broadcast, Prayer Ministers will be available to hear confession or pray with you. If you have sin to confess, a burden to lift up or any other needs that you would like to bring to the Father in prayer, in light of Christ's sacrifice, we encourage you to take full advantage of the opportunity to do so with a trained Immanuel Prayer Minister tonight. Follow link on our immanuelanglican.org/live page.

EASTERTIDE 2020

The Stuff We're All Looking Forward to

Life with Jesus in the New World

April 12 (Easter) | Leaving your House (John 20:1-10) April 19 (Easter 2) | Planting a Garden (20:11-18) April 26 (Easter 3) | Unlocking your Door (20:19-23) May 3 (Easter 4) | Physical Touch (20:24-31) May 10 (Easter 5) | Beach Breakfast with Friends (21:1-14) May 17 (Easter 6) | Getting your Job Back (21:15-21) May 24 (Easter 7) | Living to Tell the Story (21:22-25)

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