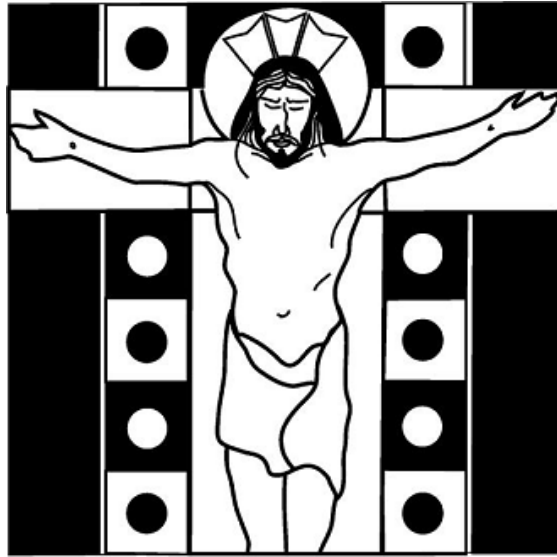


**Good Friday, March 30, 2018**  
**Service of the Nails**



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***MISSION STATEMENT***

*We will LIVE and SERVE through FAITH*

*we will ACT with LOVE and KINDNESS*

*we will GIVE hope and SUPPORT to all.*

**Hearing Assistance is available during the service.**

**Please notify usher if you would like assistance**

# Good Friday, March 30, 2018

## Service of the Nails - 9:00am

*As we come into this Holy Place, let us contemplate the meaning of Christ's death. Before the service this morning, pray for a better understanding of this passion event. Read one of the penitential Psalms #6, or #139(in the Cranberry Hymnal) to be reminded again of man's weakness in the sight of God.*

### **Good Friday Prayer Litany**

Let us pray, O God, we return today to remember the love and sacrifice of Jesus, and to contemplate what it means to have faith in the midst of suffering, loss, and injustice.

Even in this story of broken lives and broken hearts, we trust in your presence, your powers, and your ways. We trust that in the midst of suffering,

**You, O God, are comfort.**

When injustice appears to triumph, and justice appears to have been crucified,

**You, O God, are the one who calls us to believe the good news and act with justice.**

When we stray from the path on which you lead us,

**You, O God, offer grace that invites us back to your ways.**

When night surrounds us, and we are fearful and lacking vision,

**You, O God, are the light that finds, surrounds and guides us.**

When the world groans under the bonds of oppression, violence and indifference,

**You, O God, empower your people to offer the balm of courageous compassion and peacemaking.**

When the curtain has ripped, the thunder has rolled, and the world appears to have lost its Savior,

**You, O God, are our hope for victory! We wait for you. Amen.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty God,

**look with loving mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.**

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## **First Reading: Hebrews 10:16-25**

*In the death of Jesus, forgiveness of sins is worked and access to God is established. Hence, when we gather together for worship and when we love others we experience anew the benefits of Jesus' death.*

[After the Holy Spirit says,] <sup>16</sup>“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,” <sup>17</sup>he also adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.” <sup>18</sup>Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. <sup>19</sup>Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup>by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), <sup>21</sup>and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup>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. <sup>23</sup>Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup>And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup>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.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

**THE GOSPEL:      John 18:28--19:42**

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The assembly may be seated as the passion account is read.*

The Gospel of the Lord

***Praise to you, O Christ***

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY      “Beneath the Cross of Jesus”**

**#338 ELW**

*Please stand if you are able.*

## **BIDDING PRAYER**

*The assembly sits. The minister leads the invitations to prayer (the bids). Silence for prayer follows each bid. The presiding minister leads the prayers that conclude the silence.*

Let us pray, brothers and sisters, for the holy church throughout the world.

*Silent prayer.*

Almighty and eternal God, you have shown your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ. By your Holy Spirit guide the church and gather it throughout the world. Help it to persevere in faith, proclaim your name, and bring the good news of salvation in Christ to all people. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us pray for name/s our bishops, for name/s our pastor(s), for name/s and all servants of the church, and for all the people of God.

*Silent prayer.*

Almighty and eternal God, your Spirit guides the church and makes it holy. Strengthen and uphold our bishops, pastors, other ministers, and lay leaders. Keep them in health and safety for the good of the church, and help each of us in our various vocations to do faithfully the work to which you have called us. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us pray for those preparing for baptism.

*Silent prayer.*

Almighty and eternal God, you continue to bless the church. Increase the faith and understanding of those preparing for baptism. Give them new birth as your children, and keep them in the faith and communion of your holy church. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us pray for our sisters and brothers who share our faith in Jesus Christ.

*Silent prayer.*

Almighty and eternal God, you give your church unity. Look with favor on all who follow Jesus your Son. Make all the baptized one in the fullness of faith, and keep us united in the fellowship of love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us pray for the Jewish people, the first to hear the word of God.

*Silent prayer.*

Almighty and eternal God, long ago you gave your promise to Abraham and your teaching to Moses. Hear our prayers that the people you called and elected as your own may receive the fulfillment of the covenant's promises. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us pray for those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ.

*Silent prayer.*

Almighty and eternal God, gather into your embrace all those who call out to you under different names. Bring an end to inter-religious strife, and make us more faithful witnesses of the love made known to us in your Son. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us pray for those who do not believe in God.

*Silent prayer.*

Almighty and eternal God, you created humanity so that all may long to know you and find peace in you. Grant that all may recognize the signs of your love and grace in the world and in the lives of Christians, and gladly acknowledge you as the one true God. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us pray for God's creation.

*Silent prayer.*

Almighty and eternal God, you are the creator of a magnificent universe. Hold all the worlds in the arms of your care and bring all things to fulfillment in you. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us pray for those who serve in public office.

*Silent prayer.*

Almighty and eternal God, you are the champion of the poor and oppressed. In your goodness, give wisdom to those in authority, so that all people may enjoy justice, peace, freedom, and a share in the goodness of your creation. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us pray for those in need.

*Silent prayer.*

Almighty and eternal God, you give strength to the weary and new courage to those who have lost heart. Heal the sick, comfort the dying, give safety to travelers, free those unjustly deprived of liberty, and deliver your world from falsehood, hunger, and disease. Hear the prayers of all who call on you in any trouble, that they may have the joy of receiving your help in their need.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask.

*All Stand*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN:

“Were You There”

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## PROCESSION OF THE CROSS

Behold the life-giving cross, on which was hung the Savior of the whole world.

**Oh, come, let us worship him.**

## THE POUNDING OF THE NAILS

*As we close our service, all adults are invited  
to come forward*

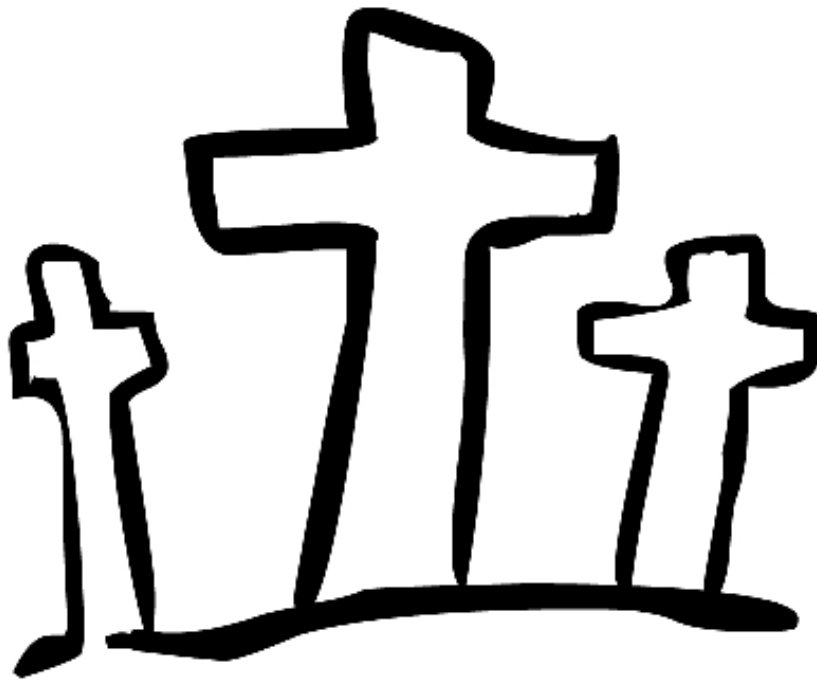
*to pound a spike into the Cross.*

*The pounding of the spike reminds us  
that Christ has gone to the Cross for each of us---  
that our sins might be forgiven.*

*You may leave quietly  
or*

*return to your seats for private meditation.*

*Let us prepare for His return.*



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## **Easter Sunday Services**

**April 1, 2018 at 8:30am and 10:00 am**

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