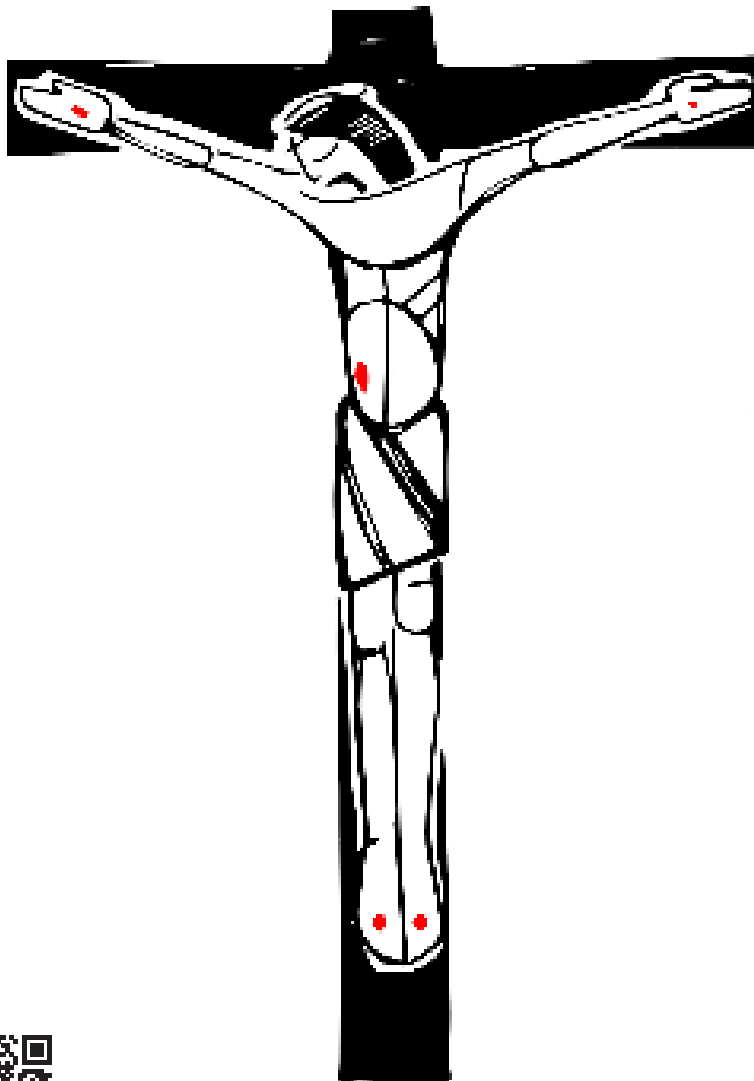


# ST CLEMENT'S, SANDWICH GOOD FRIDAY



FRIDAY 3RD APRIL 2026

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## The First Meditation

When I survey the wondrous Cross,  
On which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss,  
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast  
Save in the death of Christ my God;  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See from his head, his hands, his feet,  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

His dying crimson like a robe,  
Spreads o'er his body on the Tree;  
Then am I dead to all the globe,  
And all the globe is dead to me.

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a present far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

**Collect**

*Silence*

## The Second Meditation

My song is love unknown,  
My Saviour's love to me,  
Love to the loveless shown,  
That they might lovely be.

O, who am I,  
That for my sake  
My Lord should take  
Frail flesh, and die?

He came from his blest throne,  
Salvation to bestow:  
But men made strange, and none  
The longed-for Christ would know.  
But O, my Friend,  
My Friend indeed,  
Who at my need His life did spend!

Sometimes they strew his way,  
And his sweet praises sing;  
Resounding all the day  
Hosannas to their King.  
Then 'Crucify!'  
Is all their breath,  
And for his death  
They thirst and cry.

Why, what hath my Lord done?  
What makes this rage and spite?

He made the lame to run,  
He gave the blind their sight.

Sweet injuries!  
Yet they at these  
Themselves displease,  
And 'gainst him rise.

They rise, and needs will have  
My dear Lord made away;  
A murderer they save,  
The Prince of Life they slay.

Yet cheerful he  
To suffering goes,  
That he his foes  
From thence might free.

In life no house, no home,  
My Lord on earth might have;  
In death no friendly tomb,  
But what a stranger gave.

What may I say?  
Heav'n was his home;  
But mine the tomb  
Wherein he lay.

Here might I stay and sing,  
No story so divine;  
Never was love, dear King,  
Never was grief like thine!  
This is my Friend,  
In whose sweet praise  
I all my days  
Could gladly spend.

**Collect**

*Silence*

## The Third Meditation

There is a green hill far away,  
Without a city wall,  
Where the dear Lord was crucified  
Who died to save us all.

We may not know, we cannot tell,  
What pains he had to bear,  
But we believe it was for us  
He hung and suffered there.

He died that we might be forgiven,  
He died to make us good;  
That we might go at last to heaven,  
Saved by his precious blood.

There was no other good enough  
To pay the price of sin;  
He only could unlock the gate  
Of heaven, and let us in.

O, dearly, dearly has he loved,  
And we must love him too,  
And trust in his redeeming blood,  
And try his works to do.

**Collect**

*Silence*

## The Fourth Meditation

Drop, drop, slow tears,  
And bathe those beauteous feet,  
Which brought from heaven  
The news and Prince of peace.

Cease not, wet eyes,  
His mercies to entreat;  
To cry for vengeance  
Sin doth never cease.

In your deep floods  
Drown all my faults and fears;  
Nor let his eye  
See sin, but through my tears.

**Collect**

*Silence*

## The Fifth Meditation

**Collect**

*Silence*

¶ *Throughout this booklet references to standing, sitting, and kneeling are all optional, and if you are unable to stand, or would prefer to remain sitting, please feel free.*

## THE COLLECT

**Rector** Almighty Father,  
look with mercy on this your family  
for which our Lord Jesus Christ was content to be betrayed  
and given up into the hands of sinners  
and to suffer death upon the cross;  
who is alive and glorified with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**All** **Amen.**

## THE FIRST READING - ISAIAH 52:13-END

See, my servant shall prosper;  
he shall be exalted and lifted up,  
and shall be very high.  
Just as there were many who were astonished at him  
—so marred was his appearance, beyond human  
semblance,  
and his form beyond that of mortals—  
so he shall startle many nations;  
kings shall shut their mouths because of him;  
for that which had not been told them they shall see,  
and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate.  
Who has believed what we have heard?  
And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

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,  
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.  
He was despised and rejected by others;  
a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity;  
and as one from whom others hide their faces  
he was despised, and we held him of no account.  
Surely he has borne our infirmities  
and carried our diseases;  
yet we accounted him stricken,  
struck down by God, and afflicted.  
But he was wounded for our transgressions,  
crushed for our iniquities;  
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,  
and by his bruises we are healed.  
All we like sheep have gone astray;  
we have all turned to our own way,  
and the LORD has laid on him  
the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,  
yet he did not open his mouth;  
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,  
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,  
so he did not open his mouth.  
By a perversion of justice he was taken away.  
Who could have imagined his future?  
For he was cut off from the land of the living,  
stricken for the transgression of my people.  
They made his grave with the wicked

and his tomb with the rich,  
although he had done no violence,  
and there was no deceit in his mouth.  
Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain.  
When you make his life an offering for sin,  
he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;  
through him the will of the LORD shall prosper.  
Out of his anguish he shall see light;  
he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.  
The righteous one, my servant, shall make many  
righteous,  
and he shall bear their iniquities.  
Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,  
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;  
because he poured out himself to death,  
and was numbered with the transgressors;  
yet he bore the sin of many,  
and made intercession for the transgressors.

## THE PASSION GOSPEL

## THE SOLEMN INTERCESSIONS

**Rector** Let us pray, dearly beloved, for the holy Church of God, that our God and Lord be pleased to give her peace, to guard her and to unite her throughout the whole world and grant that, leading our life in tranquility and quiet, we may glorify God the Father almighty.

Almighty ever-living God, who in Christ revealed your glory to all the nations, watch over the works of your mercy, that your Church, spread throughout all the world, may persevere with steadfast faith in confessing your name. Through Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

Let us pray also for our Archbishop Sarah, Bishop Rose, for all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons of the Church and for the whole of the faithful people.

Almighty ever-living God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is sanctified and governed, hear our humble prayer for your ministers, that, by the gift of your grace, all may serve you faithfully. Through Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

Let us pray also for catechumens, those learning the faith and preparing for Baptism and Confirmation, that our God and Lord may open wide the ears of their inmost hearts and unlock the gates of his mercy, that, having received forgiveness of all their sins through the waters of rebirth, they, too, may be one with Christ Jesus our Lord.

Almighty ever-living God, who make your Church ever fruitful with new offspring, increase the faith and understanding of catechumens, that, reborn in the font of Baptism, they may be added to the number of your adopted children. Through Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

Let us pray also for all our brothers and sisters who believe in Christ, that our God and Lord may be pleased, as they live the truth, to gather them together and keep them in his one Church.

Almighty ever-living God, who gather what is scattered and keep together what you have gathered, look kindly on the flock of your Son, that those whom one Baptism has consecrated may be joined together by integrity of faith and united in the bond of charity. Through Christ our Lord.

**All**     **Amen.**

Let us pray also for the Jewish people, to whom the Lord our God spoke first, that he may grant them to advance in love of his name and in faithfulness to his covenant.

Almighty ever-living God, who bestowed your promises on Abraham and his descendants, graciously hear the prayers of your Church, that the people you first made your own may attain the fullness of redemption. Through Christ our Lord.

**All**     **Amen.**

Let us pray also for those who do not believe in Christ, that, enlightened by the Holy Spirit, they, too, may enter on the way of salvation.

Almighty ever-living God, grant to those who do not confess Christ that, by walking before you with a sincere heart, they may find the truth and that we ourselves, being constant in mutual love and striving to understand more fully the mystery of your life, may be made more perfect witnesses to your love in the world. Through Christ our Lord.

**All**     **Amen.**

Let us pray also for those who do not acknowledge God, that, following what is right with sincerity of heart, they may find the way to God himself.

Almighty ever-living God, who created all people to seek you always by desiring you and, by finding you, come to rest, grant, we pray, that, despite every harmful obstacle, all may recognize the signs of your fatherly love and the witness of the good works done by those who believe in you, and so in gladness confess you, the one true God and Father of our human race. Through Christ our Lord.

**All**     **Amen.**

Let us pray also for those in public office, that our God and Lord may direct their minds and hearts according to his will for the true peace and freedom of all.

Almighty ever-living God, in whose hand lies every human heart and the rights of peoples, look with favor, we pray, on those who govern with authority over us, that throughout the whole world, the prosperity of peoples, the assurance of peace, and freedom of religion may through your gift be made secure. Through Christ our Lord.

**All**     **Amen.**

Let us pray, dearly beloved, to God the Father almighty, that he may cleanse the world of all errors, banish disease, drive out hunger, unlock prisons, loosen fetters, granting to travelers safety, to pilgrims return, health to the sick, and salvation to the dying.

Almighty ever-living God, comfort of mourners, strength of all who toil, may the prayers of those who cry out in any tribulation come before you, that all may rejoice, because in their hour of need your mercy was at hand. Through Christ our Lord.

**All**     **Amen.**

# THE PROCLAMATION OF THE CROSS

¶ *The Cross is carried through the congregation. **All stand** as the priest proclaims, and the people reply:*

**Rector** This is the wood of the cross,  
on which hung the Saviour of the world.

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¶ *The Veneration is a very personal moment and you may wish to carry someone in your heart as you think about the Cross.*

*All are invited to come forward in their own time, and their own way, if they wish to venerate the Cross. In the early days of the Church people kissed the Cross. You may wish to do the same, or perhaps pause silently in front of it, bow, touch it, or in some other way connect with Jesus Christ in his dying moments.*

¶ *During the Veneration, two pieces are played on the organ:*

*Chorale Prelude O man, bewail thy sins so great (O Mensch, bewein' dein' Sünde gross BWV 622): J.S. Bach*

*Chorale Prelude: O Sacred Head (Herzlich tut mich verlangen BWV 727): J.S. Bach*

# PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

¶ *All stand as the consecrated hosts, from the Eucharist  
yesterday evening, are brought from the Altar of Repose,  
and we sing:*

O sacred head, surrounded  
by crown of piercing thorn!  
O bleeding head, so wounded,  
so shamed and put to scorn!  
Death's pallid hue comes o'er thee,  
the glow of life decays;  
yet angel-hosts adore thee,  
and tremble as they gaze.

Thy comeliness and vigour  
is withered up and gone,  
and in thy wasted figure  
I see death drawing on.  
O agony and dying!  
O love to sinners free!  
Jesu, all grace supplying,  
turn thou thy face on me.

In this thy bitter passion,  
good Shepherd, think of me  
with thy most sweet compassion,  
unworthy though I be:  
beneath thy cross abiding  
for ever would I rest,  
in thy dear love confiding,  
and with thy presence blest.

# THE LORD'S PRAYER

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,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.

# HOLY COMMUNION

**Rector** Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**All** Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the  
word, and I shall be healed.

¶ *All baptised Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please come forward holding this booklet in your hands and the priest will bless you.*

# THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Rector Let us pray.

¶ *All stand*

Most merciful God,  
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ  
delivered and saved the world:  
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross  
we may triumph in the power of his victory;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

# THE BURIAL GOSPEL

¶ *All depart in total silence.*

¶ *If you wish to speak to a priest, the Rector will be available in St Margaret's Chapel.*

# HOLY SATURDAY

10:30 A.M.

MORNING PRAYER

8:00 P.M.

THE GREAT EASTER VIGIL

WITH THE REVEAL OF OUR RESTORED HIGH ALTAR TILES

BRING A BELL

# EASTER DAY

8:00 A.M.

HOLY COMMUNION

10:30 A.M.

FESTAL PARISH EUCHARIST

