

12 PM GOOD FRIDAY April 18, 2025



TRINITY CHURCH IN THE CITY OF BOSTON



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HOLY WEEK

Learn more about our Holy Week plans and how to join in by scanning the QR code or visit trinitychurchboston.org/news

4.18 Good Friday

Easter Preparations, 10 am-11:45 am and 1:30 pm-4 pm Good Friday Worship, 12 noon (livestreamed)

4.19 Holy Saturday

Easter Preparations, 10 am-2 pm Easter Gardens, 10 am-12 pm, for children, parents, & friends **Easter Vigil Worship, 6 pm**

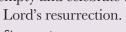
4.20 Easter Day

Easter Worship, 8 am, 10 am (livestreamed), 12 pm Blessing of the Runners, at all services

Help Decorate Trinity This Weekend

Thurs., 4/17-Sat., 4/19

All of us have an opportunity to come and prepare the space for Easter Morning and the great celebration of Easter! There is a place for you and the whole family. Consider how you might be called to be a part of the team as we find the tomb empty and celebrate the



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LOOKING AHEAD

First Sunday Community Breakfast

Sun., 5/4, 9 am, Commons & Kitchen

Enjoy a hot breakfast with the Trinity community between the morning services on the first Sunday of the month. All are welcome!

Youth Panel Forum & Senior Sunday

Sun., 5/4, 11:15 am-12:15 pm, Lloyd Forum

Our youth of all ages have been welcomed back to lead the Forum to talk about their experiences at Trinity Church! We will also have a special time to honor our graduating seniors and hear about their post-graduation plans.

If your 4th-12th grader is interested in being on this panel, please email Katrina Leslie at **kleslie@trinitychurchboston.org**.

First Sunday Choral Evensong

Sun., 5/4, 2 pm, Church

Join the choir as they prepare for their summer 2025 pilgrimage to serve as choir-in-residence at both Canterbury Cathedral and St. Paul's Cathedral in London.

Join Team Trinity in the Rodman Ride for Kids

Sat., May 17, Time TBD; 38 Neponset Ave, Foxborough, MA

The Rodman Ride for Kids is an annual charity bike ride (including virtual participation) directly supporting Trinity Boston Connects' youth programs for racial healing. Join us to fundraise for TBC and ride in person on May 17 on the 25- or 50- mile route; or, participate virtually in TBC's book club, Pages for Progress, to read and raise for a worthy cause. TBC is committed to raising \$60,000 in support of programs benefiting more than 1,000 young people in our city, 88% of whom are youth of color.

Visit trinityconnects.org/rodman-ride to be a part of this impact, or contact Fiona Kelly, fkelly@trinityconnects.org

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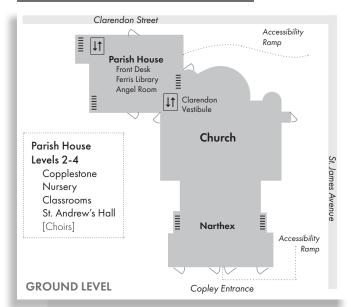
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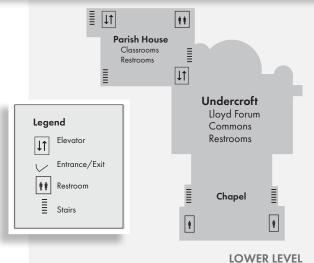
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FINDING YOUR WAY





Statement of Affirmation

Trinity Church in the City of Boston is a congregation of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts and welcomes and honors everyone. In accordance with our baptismal covenant, we affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every person. We strive to include all persons without regard to sexual orientation, race, nationality, gender, family configuration, ethnic background, economic circumstances, difference in ability, culture, or age. Our love and acceptance of each other embody our commitment to unity with God and each other in Christ.

HOURS & INFORMATION

Sunday Schedule

8 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II, spoken9 am Coffee & Community Hour,

full "Community Breakfast" on the first Sunday of most months

10 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II,

with organ, choristers, and choir.

Includes Children's Homily & Nursery.

Morning Prayer fifth Sunday of the month.

at trinitychurchboston.org/live-worship
and facebook.com/trinitychurchboston

11:15 am Formation for All Ages5 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Weekday Worship at Trinity

Tues/Thurs.

8:30 pm Online Compline

join us on Zoom at bit.ly/tcbTTcompline

and enter Meeting ID 206 654 379

Weds.

5:45 pm Choral Evensong

in the Church, led by the Trinity Choristers

Vestry

Chris Allen ('27) • Christine Arcese ('26) •
Christopher Atwood ('26) • Barbara
Dortch-Okara ('26) • Josh Fiala ('27) •
Sukaina Garcia ('28) • Tim Kelly ('28) •
Tim Martin ('27) • David McFerrin ('28) •
Niven Narain ('26) • Chuks Chijioke Okoli

('28) • Constance Perry ('28) • Peter Renner ('28) • Mary Roetzel ('27) • Katie Wrisley Shelby ('28)

Liturgy

Clergy

The Rev. Morgan S. Allen, *Rector* • The Rev. Brandon Ashcraft, *Priest for Outreach* • The Very Rev. Dr. Michael Battle, *Theologian-In-Community* • The Rev. Dr. Karen Coleman, *Assisting Priest* • The Rev. Paige Fisher, *Priest for Hospitality and Care* • The Rev. Kit Lonergan, *Priest for Parish Care* • The Rev. Abigail W. Moon, *Senior Associate*

Music

Jerrick Cavagnaro, Associate Director of Music • Colin Lynch, Director of Music

Vestry bios can be found at bit.ly/TrinityVestry.
Clergy and Staff can be reached at bit.ly/TrinityStaff

Tours

Tues - Sat 10 am - 5 pm Trinity Church offers self-guided, docent-led, and audio tours. Considered one of ten buildings that changed America, Trinity Church is an architectural masterpiece including its unique collection of stained-glass windows by designers such as Edward Burne-Jones, William Morris, and John La Farge, its murals, wood carvings and more. The price is \$ 10. Children younger than 14 are free.



THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation and Collect

Blessed be our God.

For ever and ever. Amen.

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.

Amen.

Reading Hebrews 10:16-25

The Holy Spirit testifies saying, "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," he also adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 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. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, 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.

Our Holy Week worship continues with "Good Friday" from The Book of Common Prayer, pp. 276-282.

Today's service begins with all kneeling for silent prayer.

Worship at Trinity

Please note that our use of the BCP text may vary slightly to incorporate gender-expansive language when appropriate.

When the text of this worship booklet is in **bold**, it is spoken or sung by all.

Though the Presider's posture (standing, sitting, or kneeling) will cue many in the pews, we invite you to participate as you are able and as your piety prefers.



My God, my God, why have / you forsaken me? * and are so far from my cry and from the / words of my distress?

O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you / do not answer; * by night as well, / but I find no rest.

Yet you / are the Holy One, * enthroned upon the / praises of Israel.
Our forefathers / put their trust in you; * they trusted, and / you delivered them.

They cried out to you and / were delivered; * they trusted in you and / were not put to shame. But as for me, I am a / worm and no man, * scorned by all and de-/spised by the people.

All who see me laugh / me to scorn; *
they curl their lips and / wag their heads, saying,
"He trusted in the Lord; let / him deliver him; *
let him rescue him, if / he delights in him."

Yet you are he who took me out / of the womb, * and kept me safe u-/pon my mother's breast.

I have been entrusted to you ever since / I was born; * you were my God when I was still / in my mother's womb.

Be not far from me, for trou-/ble is near, * and / there is none to help.

Many young / bulls encircle me; * strong bulls of / Bashan surround me.

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN

(18:1-19:42)

The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted.

After Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to a place where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples. So Judas brought a detachment of soldiers together with guards from the chief priests and the Pharisees, and they came there with lanterns and torches and weapons. Then Jesus, knowing all that was to happen to him, came forward and asked them, "Whom are you looking for?"

They answered, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus replied, "I am he." Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. When Jesus said to them, "I am he," they stepped back and fell to the ground. Again he asked them, "Whom are you looking for?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. So if you are looking for me, let these men go." This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken, "I did not lose a single one of those whom you gave me." Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest's slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave's name was Malchus. Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword back into its sheath. Am I not to drink the cup that the Father has given me?"

So the soldiers, their officer, and the Judean guards arrested Jesus and bound him. First they took him to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Judean leaders that it was better to have one person die for the people.

Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, but Peter was standing outside at the gate.

So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in. The woman said to Peter, "You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not." Now the slaves and the guards had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing around it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and warming himself. Then the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching.

Jesus answered, "I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Judeans come together.

I have said nothing in secret. Why do you ask me? Ask those who heard what I said to them; they know what I said."

When he had said this, one of the guards standing nearby struck Jesus on the face, saying, "Is that how you answer the high priest?" Jesus answered, "If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong. But if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?" Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself.

They asked him, "You are not also one of his disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not." One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with

him?" Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed. Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate's headquarters. It was early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the headquarters, so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the Passover. So Pilate went out to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" They answered, "If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you."

Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law." The Judean leaders replied, "We are not permitted to put anyone to death." (This was to fulfill what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.) Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Judeans?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Judean, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?"

Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Judeans. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

Pilate asked him, "What is truth?" After he had said this, he went out to the Judean leaders again and told them, "I find no case against him. But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover. Do you want me to release for you the King of the Judeans?"

They shouted in reply, "Not this man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a bandit. Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. They kept coming up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Judeans!" and striking him on the face. Pilate went out again and said to them, "Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him."

So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Here is the man!" When the chief priests and the guards saw him, they shouted, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him." The Judean leaders answered him, "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God." Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. Pilate therefore said to him, "Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?"

Jesus answered him, "You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin." From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the Judean leaders cried out, "If you release this man, you are no friend of the emperor. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against the emperor."

When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat on the judge's bench at a place called The Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew Gabbatha. Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon.

He said to the Judean leaders, "Here is your King!" They cried out, "Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!" Pilate asked them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but the emperor." Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

So they took Jesus; and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Judeans."

At the mention of Golgotha, all stand.

Many of the Judeans read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. Then the chief priests of the Judeans said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Judeans,' but, 'This man said, I am King of the Judeans.'" Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written."

When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; (now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top). So they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it." (This was to fulfill what the scripture says, "They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots.") And that is what the soldiers did.

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. After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty."

So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. A jar full of sour wine was standing there. When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Since it was the day of Preparation, the Judean leaders did not want the bodies left on the cross during the sabbath, especially because that sabbath was a day of great solemnity. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men broken and the bodies removed.

Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. (He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth.) These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, "None of his bones shall be broken."

And again another passage of scripture says, "They will look on the one whom they have pierced." After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Judean leaders, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body.

At the mention of Jesus' death, the congregation keeps silence.

Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews.

Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

As able, all remain standing as silence is kept for a time.

Hymn 168 'O sacred head, sore wounded'



THE SOLEMN COLLECTS

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.

All stand.

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 Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Julia, our Bishop;
and all the people of this diocese
For all Christians in this community
For those about to be baptized: Olivia Grace McLoughlin, Noah James

McLoughlin, and Elijah John McLoughlin.

That God will confirm the Church in faith, increase it in love,

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

Silence

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.

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

For 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

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.

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

For those who are hungry and homeless, destitute and oppressed

For those who are ill or hurting, in body, mind, or spirit

For those in loneliness, fear, and anguish

For those who face temptation, doubt, and despair

For those who are sorrowful and bereaved

For those who are persecuted for the sake of Christ

For prisoners, refugees, and captives

For victims of war, genocide, and trafficking,

and all those in mortal danger

That the merciful, Holy One will comfort and relieve them, and grant them the knowledge of God's love, and stir up in us the will and patience to minister to their needs.

Silence

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.

Let us pray for those who do not know God's redemptive love;

For those the word of salvation has not reached

For those who have lost their faith

For those hardened by sin and indifference

For the contemptuous and the scornful

For those who are persecutors of Christ's 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

Merciful God, the source of life and fountain of mercy, let the Gospel of Christ be preached with grace and love; turn the hearts of the followers of Jesus who have harmed others in his name; lead all to repentance and amendment of life; and sustain by your loving grace all who lift their eyes to you.

Amen.

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

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.

DEVOTIONS BEFORE THE CROSS

Invitation

Cantor Behold the wood of the cross, on which hung the salvation of the world.

Choir Come, let us adore.

Anthem 'The Reproaches'

John Sanders (1933-2003)

O my people, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me!

I led you out of Egypt, from slavery to freedom, but you led your Saviour to the cross. *O my people...*

Holy is God! Holy and Strong! Holy immortal One, have mercy on us.

For forty years I led you safely through the desert. I fed you with manna from heaven, and brought you to a land of plenty: but you led your Saviour to the cross. *Holy is God...*

What more could I have done for you? I planted you as my fairest vine, but you uielded only bitterness: When I was thirsty you gave me vinegar to drink, and you pierced your Saviour's side with a lance. *Holy is God...*

I opened the sea before you, but you opened my side with a spear. I led you on your way in a pillar of cloud, but you led me to Pilate's court. O my people...

I bore you up with manna in the desert, but you struck me down and scourged me. I gave you saving water from the rock, but you gave me gall and vinegar to drink. O my people...

I gave you a royal scepter, but you gave me a crown of thorns. I raised you up to the height of majesty, but you have raised me high on a cross. O my people...

All stand. The cross is borne into the church, and the cantor sings "The Invitation" three times.

As the anthems begin, all kneel.

Hymn 172 'Were you there'



Confession & Absolution

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name.

Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Amen.

Offertory

Anthem *'Tristis est aima mea'*Orlando di Lasso (1532-1594)

Tristis est anima mea usque ad mortem: sustinéte hic, et vigiláte mecum: nunc vidébitis turbam, quæ circúmdabit me: Vos fugam capiétis, et ego vadam immolári pro vobis.

My soul is sorrowful even unto death: stay here, and watch with me: now ye shall see the multitude that will surround me: Ye shall take flight, and I shall go to be sacrificed for you.

TEXT: MATTHEW 26:38

All we have and all we are is of God, and everyone has a faithful offering to make.
All gifts received today will support ministry in the Diocese of Jerusalem.



The Presentation

All things come of Thee, O Lord.

And of Thine own, have we given Thee.

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

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.

Communion of the People

Good Friday is the one day of the year when the Eucharist may not be celebrated. The bread and wine we share this day was reserved following last night's liturgy for Maundy Thursday. The sacrament has been kept prayerfully in the chapel, on the Altar of Repose.

The sacrament will be distributed in silence. The simplicity of the act intends to hold both the bleakness of this occasion and the affirmation of God's presence even in our darkest hours.

Anthem 'Vinea mea electa'

Francis Poulenc (1899-1963)

Vinea mea electa, ego te plantavi. Quomodo conversa es in amaritudinem, ut me crucifigeres et Barrabam dimiteres?

Sepivi te et lapides elegi ex te, et aedificavi turrim.

O my chosen vineyard, I planted you. How have you turned into bitterness, so that you crucify me and release Barabbas?

I protected you and removed the stones from your path, and built a tower for you.

TEXT: GOOD FRIDAY RESPONSORIES

Anthem 'O rubor sanguinis'

Hildegard von Bingen (1098-1179)

O rubor sanguinis, qui de excelso illo fluxisti quod divinitas tetigit: tu flos es quem hyems de flatu serpentis numquam lesit.

Oh blood's blush, you that flowed from that Highest One, touched by divinity: you are the bloom that the serpent's frost-breath has never blasted.

TEXT: HILDEGARD VON BINGEN

Concluding Collect

Lord Jesus Christ, child 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 Creator and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

After the Collect, all may leave in silence or remain in prayer.

Our Holy Week worship continues with the Easter Vigil tomorrow at 6 pm.