

**GOOD FRIDAY**  
**APRIL 3, 2026**

*On this day, the ministers enter in silence.  
All then kneel for silent prayer.*

**Opening Sentences:** *The Book of Common Prayer*, 276

Celebrant: Blessed be our God.  
**People: Forever and ever. Amen.**  
Celebrant: Let us pray.

**The Collect of the Day** BCP 276  
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.*

**The First Lesson, please be seated**

**Isaiah 52:13-53:12**

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.

**Psalm 22 Deus, Deus meus**

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

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

**3 Yet you are the Holy One, \***

**enthroned upon the praises of Israel.**

4 Our forefathers put their trust in you; \*  
they trusted, and you delivered them.

**5 They cried out to you and were delivered; \*  
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.**

6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man, \*  
scorned by all and despised by the people.

**7 All who see me laugh me to scorn; \*  
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,**

8 "He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him; \*  
let him rescue him, if he delights in him."

**9 Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, \*  
and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.**

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

**11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near, \*  
and there is none to help.**

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

**13 They open wide their jaws at me, \*  
like a ravening and a roaring lion.**

14 I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint; \*  
my heart within my breast is melting wax.

**15 My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd;  
my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; \*  
and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.**

16 Packs of dogs close me in, and gangs of evildoers  
circle around me; \*  
they pierce my hands and my feet;  
I can count all my bones.

**17 They stare and gloat over me; \*  
they divide my garments among them;  
they cast lots for my clothing.**

18 Be not far away, O Lord; \*  
you are my strength; hasten to help me.

**19 Save me from the sword, \*  
my life from the power of the dog.**

20 Save me from the lion's mouth, \*  
my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.

**21 I will declare your Name to my brethren; \*  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.**

**The Epistle**

**Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9**

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens,

Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

**The Passion Gospel:** *insert*  
*(The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted.  
The congregation may be seated for the first part of the Passion.  
At the verse, which mentions the arrival of Golgotha, all stand.)*

**The Homily** The Rev. James B. Stutler, D. Min.

Hymn: *Ah, holy Jesus, how has thou offended* Hymnal 158

**The Solemn Collects** *The Book of Common Prayer*, 277  
*Please kneel as able*

*There now follows a series of petitions and collects.*

**The Veneration of the Cross**  
*As the following anthems are read, a wooden cross is brought into the church and placed before the people*

**The Anthems, are read together**

We glory in your cross, O Lord,  
and praise and glorify your holy resurrection;

for by virtue of your cross,  
joy has come to the whole world.

May God be merciful to us and bless us,  
show us the light of his countenance, and come to us.

Let your ways be known upon earth,  
your saving health among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.

We glory in your cross, O Lord,  
and praise and glorify your holy resurrection;  
for by virtue of your cross  
joy has come to the whole world.

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,  
because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

If we have died with him, we shall also live with him;  
if we endure, we shall also reign with him.

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,  
because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

O Savior of the world,  
who by thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us:

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

As the congregation continues to kneel the following hymn is sung.

Hymn: *When I survey the wondrous cross* Hymnal 474

After the hymn is completed there follows a time of silence. Those who wish are invited to come forward to touch or otherwise venerate the cross.

### Concluding Prayers

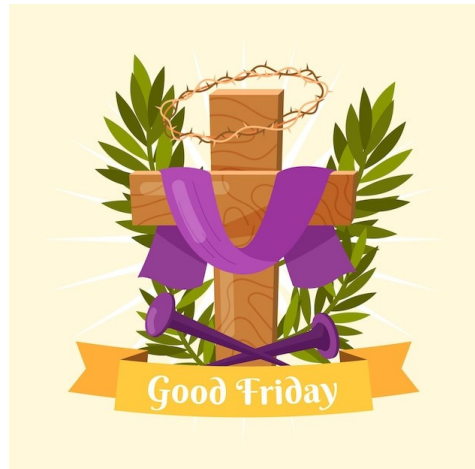
#### The Lord's Prayer, said together

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.

### Concluding Collect

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 for ever. *Amen*

The service is now ended. The ministers will leave the church silently. With the people following. Those who wish to remain and pray are invited to do so. The clergy are available for anyone who would like to speak or pray with them.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Holy Week Services:

**Holy Saturday**  
4/4 9:00am The Liturgy of the Day

**Easter Sunday**  
4/5 7:30, 9:00, & 11:00am Holy Eucharist  
10:15am Easter Egg Hunt

**4/12 COHI Speaker**  
10:15am Davis Hall The Speaker will be Mark Dannenfelser of the Mindfulness Center of Atlanta.

**Mystery Tea Party**  
4/18 Davis Hall Come help unravel Lady Clementia's Mystery and raise money for Vacation Bible School at the same time.

**Tuesdays**  
**The Men's Group** 11:30am at IHOP, 3010 Northside Parkway, Canton  
Contact: stclementsmens-group@gmail.com

**The Way Bible Study** 1:00-3:00pm in Davis Hall. The group studies the previous Sunday's Reading found in your bulletins. For information, contact Anna Marie Smith at 717-713-5879.

**Wednesdays**  
**Rector's Bible Study** 12:00 noon via Zoom We are studying the Gospel of Matthew. Contact the office for the link.

**Holy Eucharist 6:15pm**  
**Bible Study and EYC** 7:00pm on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays.

**Thursdays**  
**Grief Support Group** 10:30am in the Vestry Room.

**Path to Shine** 2:00-5:00 pm in Davis Hall. This is a school children's mentoring group.

**Fridays:**  
**Centering Prayer** 12:30 pm in Ministry Center.. All are welcome and encour-

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aged to attend. If interested, please contact Fr. Jamie (770.324.2035) or Diane Hodgins (850.339.8540).

**Liberty Elementary School** has an ongoing need for peanut-free snacks, bottles of water, and toiletries for its underprivileged children, nearly 25% of its Student Body. There is a box in the Narthex for collecting your donations.

**Online Giving** available through our website stclementscanton.org or on Realm or with the Vanco app.



**Serving Today:**  
6:00pm Crucifer: Wayne Smoak  
Reader: Sandy Smoak  
6:30pm Reader: Wayne Smoak  
Reader: Sandy Smoak

 **Birthdays this week:**

 **Anniversaries this week:**  
Rebecca & Chris Thomas 4/3  
Angie & John Calhoun 4/4

**TREASURER'S SUMMARY**  
as of February 2026

Pledges YTD	\$64,583
Total Income	\$85,639
Total Expenses	\$57,955



## GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 3, 2026

We adore you, O Christ,  
and we bless you,  
because by your holy cross  
you have redeemed the world.

### Welcome Visitors!

If you are visiting for the first time, let us know you are here by filling out a visitor's card and ask an usher about a gift we have for you in the narthex (foyer).

## WEEKLY SERVICES & MEETINGS

**SUNDAY SERVICES** //9am Contemporary //11am Traditional  
First Sunday of each month//10am Combined



**SUNDAY, MARCH 29**  
**Palm Sunday**  
Services 9am and 11am  
**DAILY**  
Morning Prayer 9am

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1**  
**Tenebrae**  
Service 6:15pm

**THURSDAY, APRIL 2**  
**Maudy Thursday**  
Service 7pm  
**Morning Watch**  
8:00pm-12:01am

**FRIDAY, APRIL 3**  
**Good Friday**  
**The Three Hours**  
12:00-3:00 pm  
**Stations of the Cross**  
6:30pm  
**Liturgy of Good Friday**  
7:00 pm

**SATURDAY, APRIL 4**  
**Holy Saturday**  
Service 9:00am

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