

SAINT MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

GOOD FRIDAY
MARCH 29, 2024

1:15 PM TRADITIONAL
STATIONS OF THE CROSS
CHURCH



WELCOME

GET CONNECTED!

Welcome! Follow these steps to find out what life is like at Saint Michael. Questions? Contact Rob Springer-Kyle at rspringer@saintmichael.org or 214-692-3008.



Fill Out the Welcome Card

We will follow up with you to help you get plugged into our church.

Sign Up for E-mails

Stay up to date with the latest activities happening in our parish.



Attend Saint Michael 101

In this class, you'll hear all about our many ministries, opportunities for involvement, and the exciting future of our parish.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATES



**CONSTRUCTION UPDATES
ARE LIVE ONLINE!**

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Easter Plate Offering



OurCalling

OurCalling helps our unsheltered, homeless neighbors walk with Jesus and get off the streets. Offering more than a bed and a meal, we build custom exit strategies for each person to help them get out of homelessness for good.



Gateway of Grace

Gateway of Grace is a 501c3 helping refugees start over, many of them survivors of severe trauma, with donated furniture, pocket money, groceries, baby showers, job assistance, language lessons, and more. Most important, perhaps, Gateway trains volunteers and churches to adopt refugee families, the point where friendships form and integration begins.

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OUR FOCUS: Build Christian Disciples for a Transformed Community



Rob Springer-Kyle leads our Welcome and Engagement ministries at Saint Michael and he would love the opportunity to connect and answer any questions you may have. Feel free to contact him at (903) 405-7447 or rspringer-kyle@saintmichael.org.

The cover reflects the color designated for the liturgical season, which is black on Good Friday.

Triduum Part 2

GOOD FRIDAY

Good Friday is the most solemn day of the church year. Elements of the liturgy for this day date from the fourth century, and are based on practices that were observed during Holy Week at various holy sites in Jerusalem.

Good Friday is part of the Paschal Triduum, the series of observances that begins with Maundy Thursday, continues today and Holy Saturday, and culminates with the Great Vigil and the celebration of the Lord's resurrection.

The services for these days are intrinsically connected to one another, and constitute a single, extended observance that bears witness to the power of God's love.

Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross is really only a simple, chronological list of the events of Good Friday. Yet somehow it has been a rewarding devotion, powerfully drawing Christians back to church each year through the centuries, to name aloud these fourteen events.

For many, praying the Stations provides a moment to pause from our own personal wanderings, and—if only for a short while—to walk slowly, intentionally, with Jesus, remembering his last moments, retracing his path to the Cross, where his earthly life would end, and our eternal life would begin.

THE WAY OF THE CROSS

(At the foot of the Altar)

Reader In the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

Reader Christ for our sakes became obedient to death.

People Even the death of the cross.

Reader By his own blood, he entered once into the holy place.

People Having obtained eternal redemption for us.

Reader O Savior of the world, who by your cross and passion has redeemed us,

People Save us and help us, we humbly beseech you, O Lord.

Reader The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Reader Let us pray.

O blessed Lord Jesus, who for the redemption of the world walked the way of the cross and bore the sins of many: Grant that we, following in your footsteps, may obtain an increase of your love and walk in your paths all the days of our life; who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

All Amen.

I. JESUS IS CONDEMNED TO DEATH

Reader We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

People Because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world.

Reader Behold the Lord of heaven and earth standing before the judgment seat of the world. Pilate washes his hands. The temple officials charge him with violating the ways of God. The people say, "He deserves to die." Pilate gives him over to them to be crucified.

Reader Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,

People Have mercy on us.

Reader He did not spare his own son,

People But delivered him up for all of us.

Reader Let us pray.

O blessed Lord Jesus, our ways have not been your ways, and yet we have called them holy. We strike back when we are struck; yet you accepted the agonies of the Cross for us. As we walk with you this day, may the mystery of Calvary penetrate the depths of our souls. May our hearts be washed in that stream which flows from the Cross through the Sacraments and into our lives, so that we may serve you with pure hearts and minds; who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

All Amen.

II. JESUS TAKES UP THE CROSS

Reader We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

People **Because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world.**

Reader Behold the Lord, through whom all things have life, now led off to die, carrying the instrument of his condemnation.

Reader Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,

People **Have mercy on us.**

Reader The Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

People **For the wickedness of my people he was stricken.**

Reader Let us pray.

O blessed Lord Jesus, for our redemption you have endured the agony and shame of the Cross. Grant us by your grace to cheerfully bear the slights and discouragements, the frustrations and temptations of daily life with patience and humility, that we may be made one with you who bore the Cross for us, and who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, One God, world without end.

All **Amen.**

III. JESUS FALLS THE FIRST TIME

Reader We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,
People Because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world.

Reader Behold the Lord by whom all things were made. He falls in the dust. His agony and bloody sweat, the rigors of his final trial, the mocking and the scourging now take their toll.

Reader Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
People Have mercy on us.

Reader Surely He has borne our griefs,
People And carried our sorrows.

Reader Let us pray.

O blessed Lord Jesus, sometimes the burdens of life are great and we are brought very low. Accept our humble thanks for taking on our human frailty and bearing the full weight and price of sin, that we might have the weight lifted from our souls, to live in your abiding grace; who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

All Amen.

IV. JESUS MEETS HIS GRIEVING MOTHER

Reader We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,
People **Because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world.**

Reader Behold the handmaiden of the Lord, as she reaches out for the child she nursed long ago in her arms, and for whom the angels sang. The ancient Simeon's word to her is now fulfilled: A sword shall pierce your soul also.

Reader Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
People **Have mercy on us.**

Reader Yea, a sword shall pierce your soul also.
People **And fill your heart with bitter pain.**

Reader Let us pray.

O blessed Lord Jesus, help us to take the hand of your dear mother that we might be comforted by her noble grief, and know that you will sustain us through our greatest sorrows; who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, One God, world without end.

All **Amen.**

V. THE CROSS IS LAID ON SIMON OF CYRENE

Reader We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,

People **Because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world.**

Reader Behold the Lord, who holds the whole world in the hollow of his hand, now upheld by Simon, a passerby whom soldiers pressed to service; who, from his sharing in the Passion of our Lord, became a saint of Holy Church.

Reader Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,

People **Have mercy on us.**

Reader Whoever does not bear his cross, and come after me,

People **Cannot be my disciple.**

Reader Let us pray.

O blessed Lord Jesus, sometimes wrongs befall us and confuse us and your justice seems far away; yet you taught us to take up our cross and follow you. Grant us eyes to see how we can serve you by serving others, that we might share in the bearing of your Cross; who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, One God, world without end.

All **Amen.**

VI. VERONICA WIPES THE FACE OF JESUS

Reader We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

People Because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world.

Reader Behold the Lord of beauty. They turn away so they will not see his pain. Veronica, whom he healed of the flow of blood, comforts as she can and now wipes away his blood.

Reader Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,

People Have mercy on us.

Reader Show us the light of your countenance,

People And we shall be saved.

Reader Let us pray.

O blessed Lord Jesus, who has taught us that inasmuch as we have been merciful to one of the least of our sisters or brothers, we have been so to you: Grant us grace to be sensitive to the needs of others, that as Veronica found your image on the cloth which wiped your face, so may we bear the image of your love imprinted on our hearts; who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, One God, world without end.

All Amen.

VII. JESUS FALLS THE SECOND TIME

Reader We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

People Because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world.

Reader Behold the Lord of heaven fallen to the earth again, its burdens on his shoulders. The cross becomes the outward sign of all our sins, and sin's intolerable weight.

Reader Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,

People Have mercy on us.

Reader But I am a worm and no man,

People Scorned by all, and despised of the people.

Reader Let us pray.

O blessed Lord Jesus, your burden is too great for us. Yet you persevered for us so that all who stumble in blindness of heart, searching of mind, and loneliness of soul may come to know you as the Savior of the world; who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, One God, world without end.

All Amen.

VIII. JESUS MEETS THE WOMEN OF JERUSALEM

Reader We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

People Because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world.

Reader Behold the Lord, whom prophets long foretold; a great company of disciples follows him, women wail and lament. He says to them: Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children.

Reader Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,

People Have mercy on us.

Reader Those that sow in tears,

People Shall reap in joy.

Reader Let us pray.

O blessed Lord Jesus, how blind we are to our faults. Teach us to confront our sin, to repent and turn to you, that by your pardoning grace the results of our iniquities may not be visited upon our children and the cycle of violence and confusion ended. Grant that our hearts may be focused on you, the goal of all our striving and the answer to our restlessness; who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, One God, world without end.

All Amen.

IX. JESUS FALLS THE THIRD TIME

Reader We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

People **Because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world.**

Reader Behold the Lord, who, when he has been lifted up, will draw all the world to himself, now falls a third and last time.

Reader Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,

People **Have mercy on us.**

Reader He is brought as a sheep to the slaughter,

People **And was mute as a lamb before the shearer.**

Reader Let us pray.

O blessed Lord Jesus, could you have known how hard it would be to bear your Cross? Yet you persevered for the good of the world. Grant us the grace to always honor you and your great works of love. And should we offend you through carelessness or ignorance, grant that we may quickly turn to you with a contrite heart, honest confession and full purpose of amendment, to conquer all that should not be in us, through your grace; who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

All **Amen.**

X. JESUS IS STRIPPED OF HIS GARMENTS

Reader We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

People **Because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world.**

Reader Behold the Lord, who clothed the world in beauty, is stripped of his clothing and prepared for the Cross.

Reader Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,

People **Have mercy on us.**

Reader They gave me gall for my meat;

People **And in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.**

Reader Let us pray.

O blessed Lord Jesus, for fear of being stripped we often hide; yet you are now prepared for the gallows tree. Help us to let go of all falsehood, pride and deceit that we may be clothed with sincerity of heart. Remove the veil that hinders our sight, that your glory may embolden us anew in our weakness; who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, One God, world without end.

All **Amen.**

XI. JESUS IS NAILED TO THE CROSS

Reader We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

People **Because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world.**

Reader Behold the Lord of love! While soldiers nail him to the cross he prays to the Father for them: “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”

Reader Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,

People **Have mercy on us.**

Reader They pierced my hands and my feet.

People **They stare and gloat over me.**

Reader Let us pray.

O blessed Lord Jesus, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the Cross, that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your spirit that we, reaching out our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, One God, world without end.

All **Amen.**

XII. JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS

Reader We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

People Because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world.

Reader Behold the Lord of life, saying, “It is finished—Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.” There is darkness over all the earth; the rocks are split, the graves open, the veil of the temple is torn.

Reader Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,

People Have mercy on us.

Reader Christ became obedient unto death.

People Even the death of the Cross.

Reader Let us pray.

O blessed Lord Jesus, how great your love that you could still reach out as the light of life faded from your lips. Accept the small offering of my heart’s love and grant that dying daily to self, I may live only to you, who died for me and lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, One God, world without end.

All Amen.

XIII. THE BODY OF JESUS IS PLACED IN THE ARMS OF HIS MOTHER

Reader We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

People Because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world.

Reader Behold the Handmaid of the Lord, receiving into her arms the body of her son, our Lord, his life's work finished, his soul released, his victory won amidst defeat.

Reader Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,

People Have mercy on us.

Reader Her tears are on her cheeks,

People She has no one to comfort her.

Reader Let us pray.

O blessed Lord Jesus, can any grief be as great as that of your mother? By the merits of your precious death and burial, grant that all who mourn for loved ones may know the help of her prayers, whose arms received your sacred body. May the sure and certain hope of the Resurrection be to them a strong staff with which to walk the paths ahead, guided by your light; who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, One God, world without end.

All Amen.

XIV. THE BODY OF JESUS IS LAID IN THE TOMB

Reader We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

People **Because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world.**

Reader Behold the body of our Lord, laid now in Joseph's tomb and the great stone rolled in place, now awaits Resurrection and a harvest of souls for ages and ages.

Reader Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,

People **Have mercy on us.**

Reader You will not leave my soul in Hell,

People **Nor will you suffer your holy one to see corruption.**

Reader The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Reader Let us 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.

Reader O Blessed Lord Jesus, we can have no joy until you roll away the stone and set us free. Eternal and glorious King, grant that we who have been buried with you in the waters of baptism may find our perfect rest in you; who now lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

All Amen.

Reader Now to Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and that made us a priesthood of believers; to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever.

All Amen.

March 31, 2024

EASTER SUNDAY



6:30 a.m.
Sunrise Service
Garden Cloister

9:45–11 a.m.
Reception
Parlor

7:30 a.m.
Holy Eucharist Rite I
Saint Michael Chapel

11 a.m.
Contemporary
Church

9 a.m.
Holy Eucharist Rite II
Church

11 a.m.
Holy Eucharist Rite I
Saint Michael Chapel

9 a.m.
Joy: A Children's Service
Saint Michael Chapel

5:30 p.m.
Holy Eucharist Rite II
Church



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