



# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

## Carrying the Cross of Jesus

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

*What Wondrous Love is this?*

#439

Priest: Blessed be our God.

BCP 276

People: Forever and ever. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

BCP 276

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.

The Lesson

(see insert)

Psalm 22

(see insert)

The Epistle

(see insert)

The Solemn Reading of the Passion Gospel

(The customary responses are omitted.)

The congregation may be seated for the first part of the Passion Gospel.

At the arrival at Golgotha, please stand)

Sequence

*My Song is Love Unknown*

#458

Vv. 1-3

The Homily

Rev. Cynthia Engle

Sequence

*My Song is Love Unknown*

#458

Vv. 4,5

The Solemn Collects

BCP 280

*All standing, the Deacon, or other person appointed, says to the people.*

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 tranquillity 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.

Silence

(A wooden cross is brought into the Church)

Priest: Behold the wood of the Cross,  
on which was hung the world's salvation.

People: Come, let us adore him.

Offertory

*Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*

LEV #29

**Confession of Sin**

BCP, 360

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

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.

*The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says*

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.

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

*People and Celebrant*

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 from the Reserved Sacrament

Communion

*Ah, Holy Jesus*

#158

*Here, O My Lord*

#318

Solo

*Were You There?*

Concluding Prayer

BCP 282

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 Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Depart in Silence