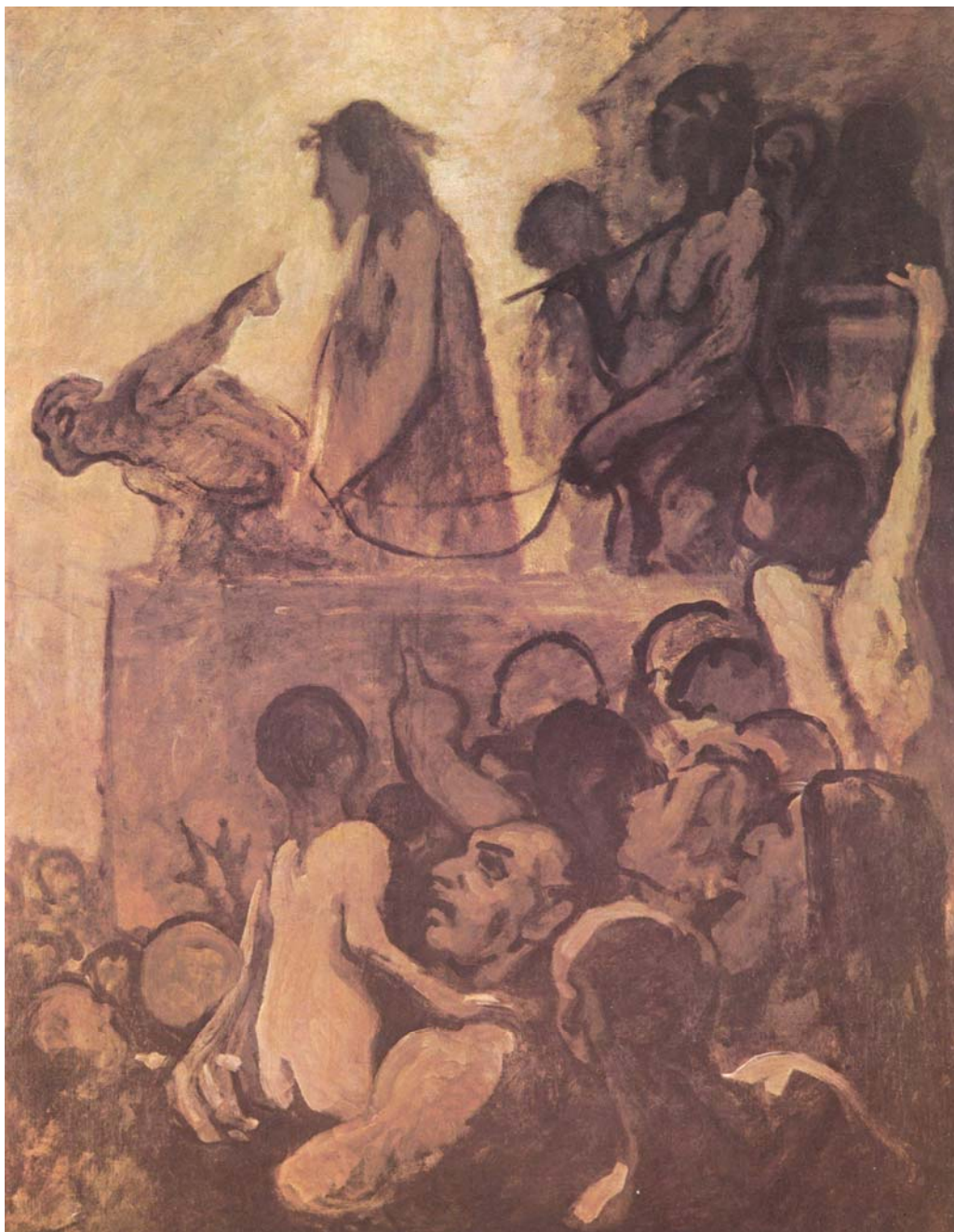


# GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE CITY OF CHARLESTON



## Lessons and Carols for Passiontide

The Sunday of the Passion

April 5, 2009

7:00 p.m.

**St. Gregory Choir**

Dr. Scott Bennett, Organist and Master of the Music

Paula Rossin, Assistant Organist

The Reverend Canon J. Michael A. Wright, Officiant



**The Reverend Dr. Christopher Bryan  
Grace's Holy Week  
Visiting Scholar**

**Monday in  
Holy Week, April 6**  
5:30 p.m.  
*Reflections*

**Tuesday in  
Holy Week, April 7**  
5:30 p.m.  
*Reflections*

**Wednesday in  
Holy Week, April 8**  
5:30 p.m.  
*Reflections*

**Maundy Thursday  
April 9**  
7:00 p.m. Maundy  
Thursday Liturgy  
*Preaching*

**Good Friday  
April 10**  
12:00-3:00 p.m.  
*Meditations on the Seven  
Last Words of Christ  
from the Cross*

## Holy Week at Grace Church

The Reverend Dr. Christopher Bryan, recently retired as Professor of New Testament at the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee, will be Grace's Visiting Scholar for Holy Week, preaching and teaching from Palm Sunday through Good Friday.

Dr. Bryan joined the faculty of the School of Theology in 1983, and since 1991 has served as editor of the Sewanee Theological Review, a renowned quarterly Anglican journal. A widely published writer, his books include *Render to Caesar: Jesus, the Early Church, and the Roman Superpower* (2005) and *And God Spoke: The Authority of the Bible for the Church Today* (2002). Dr. Bryan received his M.A. from Oxford University and his Ph.D. from Exeter University.

The Very Reverend Dr. William S. Stafford, current dean of the School of Theology, calls Dr. Bryan an "inspired teacher of generations of priests and profound scholar."

Speaking of the Resurrection of Jesus and what it means for us, Dr. Bryan has said, "Wherever Jesus encounters us, he will change us. Of course that is true of all relationships that are worth anything. They change us. But it is surely – and evidently – especially true of this relationship. We will not be the same after it as before."

### Maundy Thursday

**April 9, 7:00 p.m.**

**St. Gregory Choir**

### Good Friday

**April 10, 12:00-3:00 p.m.**

**Meditations on the Seven Last Words of Christ**

**St. Gregory Choir**

## Easter Day

### Choral Eucharists

**7:45 a.m. - St. Gregory Chamber Choir**

**9:15 a.m. - St. Nicholas Choir and St. Augustine Choir**

**11:15 a.m. - St. Gregory Choir**

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IN THE CITY OF CHARLESTON

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April 5, 2009

*Welcome to Grace Church, celebrating our 163rd year of service and worship in Charleston.*

*Hymn numbers refer to The Hymnal, 1982, found in your pew.*

*Please silence all electronic devices before the service begins.*

*Please stand.*

**Procession**    *O Mensch, bewein dein' Sünde gross, BWV 622*  
*(O man, bewail thy grievous fall)*

J.S. Bach

O man, bewail thy grievous fall,  
For which Christ left His Father's hall  
And came to earth from heaven.  
He of a virgin maiden pure  
Was born, of man the Savior sure,  
And came earth's ills to leaven.  
The dead He raised again to life,  
The sick he loosed from pain and strife,  
Until the time appointed  
That He for us should shed His blood  
And take on Him our sins' dark load,  
Stretched on the Cross accursed.

(Sebaldus Heyden, 1542)

## **Collect for Passiontide**

Almighty God, whose dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## **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.

*Please be seated.*

**Invitatory** *(choir)* **Crucifixus**

Antonio Lotti

Christ was crucified, crucified for us and our salvation.  
He suffered under Pilate. Ah! How long, how bitter the pains he bore;  
he gave up his spirit and was laid to rest.

## The First Lesson: The Lord's Servant

Isaiah 42:1-4

Reader: Jean Wade

Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him, he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not fail or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law.

Carol *O mortal man, remember well*

Sussex Mummers' Carol

O mortal man, remember well,  
When Christ our Lord was born,  
He was crucified between two thieves,  
And crowned with the thorn.

O mortal man, remember well,  
When Christ died on the rood,  
'Twas for our sins and wicked ways  
Christ shed his precious blood.

O mortal man, remember well,  
When Christ was wrapped in clay,  
He was taken to a sepulcher  
Where no man ever lay.

*Please stand.*

Hymn 692 *I heard the voice of Jesus say*

Kingsfold

*Please be seated.*

## The Second Lesson: Afflicted, Yet Faithful

Lamentations 3:1-24

Reader: Randy Amis

I am the man who has seen affliction under the rod of his wrath; he has driven and brought me into darkness without any light; surely against me he turns his hand again and again the whole day long. He has made my flesh and my skin waste away, and broken my bones; he has besieged and enveloped me with bitterness and tribulation; he has made me dwell in darkness like the dead of long ago. He has walled me about so that I cannot escape; he has put heavy chains on me; though I call and cry for help, he shuts out my prayer; he has blocked my ways with hewn stones, he has made my paths crooked. He is to me like a bear lying in wait, like a lion in hiding; he led me off my way and tore me to pieces; he has made me desolate; he bent his bow and set me as a mark for his arrow. He drove into my heart the arrows of his quiver; I have become the laughingstock of all peoples, the burden of their songs all day long. He has filled me with bitterness, he has sated me with wormwood. He has made my teeth grind on gravel, and made me cower in ashes; my soul is bereft of peace, I have forgotten what happiness is; so I say, "Gone is my glory, and my expectation from the LORD." Remember my affliction and my bitterness, the wormwood and the gall! My soul continually thinks of it and is bowed down within me. But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is thy faithfulness. "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."

O Lord in thee is all my trust;  
 Give ear unto my woeful cry.  
 Refuse me not that am unjust,  
 But bowing down thy heavenly eye,  
 Behold how I do still lament  
 My sins, wherein I do offend.  
 O Lord, for them shall I be shent,  
 Sith thee to please I do intend?

No, no, not so, thy will is bent  
 To deal with sinners in thine ire.  
 But when in heart they shall repent,  
 Thou grantest with speed their just desire.  
 To thee therefore still shall I cry,  
 To wash away my sinful crime.  
 Thy blood, O Lord, is not yet dry,  
 But that it may help me in time.

Haste thee, O Lord, haste thee, I say,  
 To pour on me the gifts of grace,  
 That when this life must flit away,  
 In heaven with thee I may have place,  
 Where thou dost reign eternally  
 With God, which once did down thee send,  
 Where angels sing continually.  
 To thee be praise, world without end. Amen.

### The Third Lesson: Wounded for Our Transgressions

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

Reader: Devon Hanahan

Behold, my servant shall prosper, he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high. As many were astonished at him – his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the sons of men – so shall he startle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which has not been told them they shall see, and that which they have not heard they shall understand. 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 comeliness that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that made us whole, and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is dumb, so he opened not his mouth. By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the will of the LORD to bruise him; he has put him to grief; when he makes himself an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand; he shall see the fruit of the travail of his soul and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous; and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out his soul to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Carol *O Saviour of the World*

John Goss

O Saviour of the world, who by thy Cross and precious Blood  
hast redeemed us, save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee. Amen.

*Please stand.*

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

Herzliebster Jesu

*Please be seated.*

## The Fourth Lesson: The Cross and the Wisdom of God

**1 Corinthians 1:18-31**

Reader: The Reverend Paul Gilbert

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the cleverness of the clever I will thwart." Where is the wise man? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. For consider your call, brethren; not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth; but God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise, God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong, God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom, our righteousness and sanctification and redemption; therefore, as it is written, "Let him who boasts, boast of the Lord."

*Please stand.*

Hymn 474 *When I survey the wondrous cross*

Rockingham

*Please be seated.*

## The Fifth Lesson: Christ our High Priest

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

Reader: The Reverend Alastair Votaw

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, 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 him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard for his godly fear. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and being made perfect he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him.

Carol

***Remember, O thou man***

Thomas Ravenscroft

Remember, O thou man,  
*O thou man, O thou man,*  
Remember, O thou man,  
*Thy time is spent:*  
Remember, O thou man,  
How thou art dead and gone,  
And I did what I can:  
*Therefore repent!*

Remember God's goodness,  
*O thou man, O thou man,*  
Remember God's goodness,  
*And his promise made!*  
Remember God's goodness;  
How he sent his Son, doubtless,  
Our sins for to redress:  
*Be not afraid!*

*Please stand.*

**Hymn 170**    ***To mock your reign, O dearest Lord***

The Third Tune

*Please be seated.*

## **The Sixth Lesson: Anointed for Burial**

**John 12:1-8**

Reader: The Reverend Calhoun Perkins

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made him a supper; Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at table with him. Mary took a pound of costly ointment of pure nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was to betray him), said, "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not that he cared for the poor but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box he used to take what was put into it. Jesus said, "Let her alone, let her keep it for the day of my burial. The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me."

Carol

***God so loved the world***

John Stainer

God so loved the world, that He gave  
His only-begotten Son, that whoso believeth  
in Him should not perish, but have everlasting  
life. For God sent not His Son into the world  
to condemn the world; but that the world  
through Him might be saved.

*Please stand.*

**Hymn 160**    ***Cross of Jesus, cross of sorrow***

Cross of Jesus

*Please remain standing.*

## The Seventh Lesson: The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ

Mark 15:16-39

Reader: The Reverend Dr. Christopher Bryan

The soldiers led Jesus away inside the palace (that is, the praetorium); and they called together the whole battalion. And they clothed him in a purple cloak, and plaiting a crown of thorns they put it on him. And they began to salute him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they struck his head with a reed, and spat upon him, and they knelt down in homage to him. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak, and put his own clothes on him. And they led him out to crucify him. And they compelled a passer-by, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross. And they brought him to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mingled with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his garments among them, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take. And it was the third hour, when they crucified him. And the inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." And with him they crucified two robbers, one on his right and one on his left. And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads, and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!" So also the chief priests mocked him to one another with the scribes, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross, that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also reviled him. And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, "E'lo-i, E'lo-i, la'ma sabach-tha'ni?" which means, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" And some of the bystanders hearing it said, "Behold, he is calling Elijah." And one ran and, filling a sponge full of vinegar, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." And Jesus uttered a loud cry, and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that he thus breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!"

*Please be seated.*

Carol

*O vos omnes (O ye people)*

Pablo Casals

O ye people that are passing by me and see me,  
behold and see and consider if there can be any sorrow as mine.  
O ye people, is it nothing to you?

*An offering will be received.*

*Please stand.*

Hymn 458

*My song is love unknown*

Love Unknown

### Closing Responses

**Priest:** Christ became obedient unto death for us,

**People:** Even death upon a cross.

**Priest:** He was pierced for our sins,

**People:** Bruised for no fault but ours.

**Priest:** His punishment has won our peace,

**People:** And by his wounds we are healed.

### The Blessing

Recession

*Chorale Prelude on 'O sacred Head now wounded'*

David N. Johnson

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***Service Participants***

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## About Lessons and Carols

Many of us are familiar with the service format used in Advent and Christmas which involves the reading of lessons and the singing of carols. But carols need not be of the Yuletide fashion only. Easter Carols and even carols that commemorate the Passion of our Lord are part of the Christian tradition.

By definition ‘carols’ are songs of joy or praise. Related to the words *choral* and *chorus*, a carol is a hymnlike work that tells a story of a particular portion of the sacred text. For example, the Sussex Mummers Carol “O Mortal Man” tells of our Lord’s passion and does so in the form of a carol. As you hear it sung you will be reminded of this carol’s Christmas cousins that we know and love. It simply tells the biblical story of how Christ offered his life for us and died upon the cross. For example, in one verse we proclaim,

O mortal man, remember well  
When Christ our Lord was born  
He was crucified betwixt two thieves  
And crowned with the thorn  
And crowned with the thorn.

Lessons and Carols for Passiontide is another way to tell the sacred story in verse and song, with text and tune.

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