

Good Friday

3rd April 2026
10am

Welcome to Saint John's Finch Street at the heart of the East Malvern community. This iconic sandstone church is home to a welcoming and hospitable community committed to the worship of God in beauty and holiness in the classical Anglican tradition as well as loving and joyful outreach as disciples of Jesus Christ.

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REGULAR SERVICES

Sunday

- 8:00am: Eucharist (Saint John's)
- 9:30am: Choral Eucharist (Saint John's)
- 9:30am: Sung Eucharist (Saint Agnes')
- 6:00pm: Choral Evensong
(Saint John's, First Sunday)
- 6:00pm: Evensong & Benediction
(Saint John's, Third Sunday)

Weekday Eucharists

- 10:00am: Tuesday (Saint Agnes')
- 10:15am: Friday (Saint John's)

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We acknowledge and respect the traditional custodians of this place and their stewardship of the land that now sustains us all and on which we worship the God of all Reconciliation and Hope

THE GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Silence is kept before the service with no organ music played. The ministers enter in silence. The congregation is invited to kneel or sit as they enter.

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

THE COLLECT

Let us pray.

Almighty God, look with mercy on this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and to be 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.**

Please stand to sing

HYMN

1. When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.
2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
save in the death of Christ my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.
3. See from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down;
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

4. Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small:
love so amazing, so divine
demands my soul, my life, my all.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)
TIS 342

Please be seated

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

A reading from the Prophet 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.

When you make his life an offering for sin,
he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;
through him the will of the Lord shall prosper.

Out of his anguish he shall see light;
he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.

The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.

Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;
because he poured out himself to death,
and was numbered with the transgressors;
yet he bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PASSION GOSPEL

The Passion Gospel is sung to the setting by Tomás Luis de Victoria

The congregation remain seated

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. At that time, Jesus...

...Let us not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be.

Please stand at the words...

That the scripture might be fulfilled, which saith: 'They parted my garments among them.'...

...When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said: 'It is finished. And he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.'...

Here it is customary to kneel and pause for a moment before standing again...

The Jews therefore, because it was... for the sepulchre was nigh at hand.

Silence is observed at the end of the reading.

THE SERMON

The Sermon is followed by a period of reflection as the organist plays 'Mon ame cherche une fin paisible' (My soul longeth to depart in peace) from Neuf Pieces by Jean Langlais.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE CROSS

Please stand as the hammer blows

A Cross is carried through the church.

The bearer halts three times, at the entrance of the nave, in the midst of the congregation, and at the chancel step.

At each place is repeated

Behold the wood of the cross, whereon was hung the Saviour of the world.
O come, let us worship.

When the Cross is in place, the following acclamations are used

We adore thee, O Christ, and we bless thee
Because by thy holy cross thou hast redeemed the world.

This is the wood of the cross,
whereon was hung the Saviour of the world
O come, let us worship.

O Saviour of the world,
who by thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us
Save us and help us we humbly beseech thee O Lord.

One after another, all move up to the Cross and venerate it with a kiss, touch or bow.

The Reproaches are sung by the choir and congregation.

O my people what have I done to thee?
or wherein have I wearied thee? Answer me.
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or wherein have I wearied thee? Answer me.**

1. Because I brought thee out of the land of Egypt,
Thou hast prepared a cross for thy Saviour.
**Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.**

2. Because I led thee through the desert forty years,
and fed thee with manna, and brought thee into a land exceeding good,
Thou hast prepared a cross for thy Saviour.
**Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.**

3. What could I do more for thee that I have not done?

I planted thee my choicest vine,
and thou hast become exceeding bitter unto me.

For when I was thirsty thou gavest me vinegar to drink mingled with gall
and hast pierced with a spear the side of thy Saviour.

**Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.**

We venerate thy Cross, O Lord,
**and praise and glorify thy holy Resurrection
for by virtue of the Cross
joy has come to the whole world.**

*9TH Century
NEH 516(b)*

Please remain kneeling to sing the hymn

HYMN

1. My song is love unknown,
my Saviour's love to me,
love to the loveless shown,
that they might lovely be.
O who am I
That for my sake
my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?

2. He came from his blest throne
salvation to bestow:
but all made strange, and none
the longed-for Christ would know.
But O my friend!
my friend indeed,
who at my need
his life did spend.

3. Sometimes they strew his way
and his sweet praises sing,
resounding all the day
hosannas to their King.
Then 'Crucify!'
is all their breath
and for his death
they thirst and cry.

4. Why, what has my Lord done?
What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run,
he gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries!
Yet they at these
themselves displease,
and 'gainst him rise.

7. Here might I stay and sing,
no story so divine;
never was love, dear King,
never was grief like thine.
This is my friend,
in whose sweet praise
I all my days
could gladly spend.

Samuel Crossman (1624-84) alt
TIS 341

THE SOLEMN INTERCESSIONS

God sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Therefore we pray to our heavenly Father for people everywhere according to their needs.

Please kneel

Let us pray, dearly beloved, for the Holy Church of God; that our Lord God would vouchsafe to guard, unite, and preserve it in peace throughout the whole world; and that he would grant us both quiet and peaceable lives, and grace to glorify God the Father Almighty.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us good Lord.

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Let us pray also for our Archbishop; that our Lord God, who has chosen him for the episcopal office, would preserve him in health and safety to his church, for the governance of God's holy people.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us good Lord.

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose wisdom all things are established; graciously hear our prayers, and keep your chosen servant, our Archbishop Richard, in the knowledge of your love, that all Christian people under your governance, may increase ever more and more through the merits of so faithful a shepherd. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for all bishops, priests and deacons, together with those in religious orders; and for all the holy people of God.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us good Lord.

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: receive our prayers and supplications, which we offer before you for all people in your holy Church, that all its members, in their vocation and ministry, may truly and godly serve you; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Let us pray also for Charles our King, and all who are put in authority under him, that our Lord God, restraining by them every force of evil, may keep us in perpetual peace and safety.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us good Lord.

Almighty God, whose kingdom is everlasting and power infinite; have mercy upon this whole land; and so rule the hearts of thy servant Charles our King, and all who are put in authority under him, that they, knowing whose ministers they are, may above all things seek your honour and glory; and that we and all the people, duly considering whose authority they bear, may faithfully and obediently honour them, in you, and for you, according to your blessed Word and ordinance; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

Amen.

Let us pray, dearly beloved, to God the Father Almighty: that he would purge the world from every error, would banish all violence and war, drive away famine, open the prisons of injustice and loosen every chain; that he would assure a way of return to them that journey, restore the sick to health, and bring all that travel by sea or air to a haven of safety.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us good Lord.

Almighty and everlasting God, the comfort of the sad, the strength of those who suffer: hear the prayers of your children who cry out of any trouble, and to every distressed soul grant mercy, relief and refreshment, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for God's ancient people, the Jews, the first to hear his word: for greater understanding between Christian and Jew, for the removal of our blindness and bitterness of heart, that God will grant us grace to be faithful to his covenant and to grow in the love of his name.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us good Lord.

Lord God of Abraham, bless the children of your covenant, both Jew and Christian; take from us all blindness and bitterness of heart, and hasten the coming of your kingdom, when the Gentiles shall be gathered in, all Israel shall be saved, and we shall dwell together in mutual love and peace under the one God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Let us pray for those who do not believe the gospel of Christ: for those who have not heard the message of salvation, for all who have lost faith, for the contemptuous and scornful, for those who are enemies of Christ and persecute those who follow him, for those who are in heresy or schism, for all who deny the faith of Christ crucified, that God will open their hearts to the truth, deliver them from all errors and, forsaking their idols, lead them in faith and obedience to the living and true God, and to his only Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us good Lord.

Merciful God, creator of all the people of the earth, have compassion on all who do not know you, or do not love you, or who by sin have grieved your heart of love, and by the preaching of your gospel with grace and power, gather them into the one fold of the one Shepherd; Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us commend ourselves and all God's children to his unfailing love, and pray for the grace of a holy life, that, with all who have died in the peace of Christ, we may come to the fullness of eternal life and the joy of the resurrection.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us good Lord.

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light, look favourably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery, and by the tranquil operation of your perpetual providence carry out the work of our salvation: and let the whole world feel and see 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 returning to perfection through him from whom they took their origin, even Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The reserved sacrament is brought in silence from the Altar of Repose and placed on the main altar, which is covered only by a fair linen cloth. Two candles are lit. All stand.

Standing at the foot of the cross, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

♩ **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. Amen.**

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

Communion is given in one kind only with the words

The body of Christ, broken for you

All baptised Christians who seek Christ in this sacrament are invited to receive Holy Communion. Anyone is welcome to receive a blessing instead. During communion the choir sing 'Solus ad Victimam' by Kenneth Leighton.

HYMN

**1. O sacred head sore wounded,
with grief and shame weighed down;
O kingly head surrounded
with thorns your only crown;
death's shadows rise before you,
the glow of life decays;
yet hosts of heaven adore you
and tremble as they gaze.**

2. What language shall I borrow
to praise you, heavenly friend,
for this your dying sorrow,
your mercy without end?
Such agony and dying!
Such love to sinners free!
O Christ, all grace supplying,
turn now your face on me.

3. In this your bitter Passion,
good Shepherd, think of me,
look on me with compassion,
unworthy though I be:
Beneath your cross abiding
for ever would I rest,
in your dear love confiding,
and with your presence blessed.

4. Lord, be my consolation,
my shield when death is near;
remind me of your Passion,
be with me when I fear.
my eyes shall then behold you,
upon your cross shall dwell,
my heart by faith enfold you;
and who dies thus, dies well.

Paul Gerhardt 1607-76
tr. James Waddell Alexander 1804-59 and others
TIS 339

THE CLOSING PRAYER

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ has delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross, we may triumph in the power of his victory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

There is no blessing or dismissal. The ministers and people depart in silence

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HOLY WEEK & EASTER

29 March	Palm	8am	Eucharist
	Sunday	9.15am	Choral Eucharist with Palms

31 March	Holy	7.30pm	Choral Tenebrae
	Tuesday		

2 April	Maundy	7pm	Choral Eucharist with
	Thursday		Feet Washing & Vigil Watch

3 April	Good	10am	Liturgy of the Day
	Friday	3pm	Children & Families' Service

5 April	Easter	8am	Eucharist
	Sunday	9.30am	Choral Eucharist
		6pm	Evensong & Benediction

EASTER SUNDAY

5 APRIL 2026

8:00AM SAID EUCHARIST

with Lighting of Paschal Candle

9:30AM CHORAL EUCHARIST

Proclamation of the Paschal Candle

'This Joyful Eastertide' by Charles Wood

Followed by Vicarage Garden Egg Hunt

6PM EVENSONG & BENEDICTION

a simple service of Evensong & Benediction
sung by all



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FINCH STREET

MUSIC HIGHLIGHTS 2026

ASH WEDNESDAY *Wednesday February 18, 6pm*

TENEBRAE *Tuesday March 31, 7:30pm*

MAUNDY THURSDAY *Thursday April 2, 7pm*

GOOD FRIDAY DEVOTION *Friday April 3, 10am*

EASTER SUNDAY *Sunday April 5, 9:30am*

BACH CANTATA EVENSONG *Sunday May 3, 6pm*

SCHOLARS' SOIREE *Friday May 22, 7pm*

MIDWINTER COMPLINE *Sunday June 28, 8pm*

CHOIR SHOWCASE CONCERT *Friday July 31, 7pm*

CATHEDRAL EVENSONG *Sunday September 20, 4pm*

ALL SOULS' REQUIEM *Sunday November 1, 7pm*

NINE LESSONS & CAROLS *Sunday December 20, 7:30pm*

MIDNIGHT MASS *Thursday December 24, 11pm*

CHRISTMAS MORNING *Friday December 25, 9:30am*

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