

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
COMMONLY CALLED PASSION SUNDAY

Sunday, March 26, 2023

11 a.m. Morning Prayer & Baptism



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

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WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S

Mission. St. John's Church is building a community in Christ that is grounded in historic faith and reverent worship and is committed to sharing the life-transforming truth of the Gospel.

Worship Schedule. Our non-holiday Sunday schedule is: 8 a.m. Holy Communion in the church; Our 9 a.m. Family Worship Service has a new schedule: (Morning Prayer in the church on the first, third, and fifth Sundays of the month and Holy Communion in the chapel on the second and fourth Sundays); and 11 a.m. Holy Communion in the church on the first, third, and fifth Sundays of the month with Morning Prayer on the second and fourth Sundays. The 11 a.m. is also livestreamed. Morning Prayer is online each weekday at 8:15 a.m. **Please visit StJohnsSav.org for upcoming services or page 8 of this booklet for our weekday worship during Lent.**

Children's Nursery. This nursery is available in Cranmer Hall from 8:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

For Guests and Visitors. We extend a warm welcome to guests and visitors worshipping with us today and look forward to getting to know you! We encourage you to join us for coffee hour after the service.

Interactive Worship. The congregation participates actively in worship, and this booklet is a guide to taking part in it. It is based on the **1940 Hymnal**, and the smaller **1928 Prayer Book**.

Ways to Give: To support the ministries at St. John's Church, you may choose to give in several ways.

- **Collection Plate** – You may give in the offering, perhaps using an offering envelope.
- **Text** – Simply text 1928BCP to 73256 and receive a link where you can donate online.
- **Online** – Visit our website at StJohnsSav.org and click GIVE (top right of menu)
- **Automated** – Give automatically by setting up bill pay through your checking account.
- **Mail** – Send your check to St. John's Church, 1 West Macon Street, Savannah, Georgia 31401.

HOW WE WORSHIP AND WHY – PASSIONTIDE

The last two weeks of Lent are known as "Passiontide" (and the very last week as "Holy Week"), when the Church considers the Passion of the Lord. "We adore thee, O Christ, and we bless thee; because by thy Holy Cross thou hast redeemed the world". "Passion" is the opposite of "action" – it is something that happens to us (we use the words "passive" and "active" in the same sense). We often refer to strong desire as a "passion" (because it drives us), but in reference to the cross it has the meaning of "suffering" (because it is something that happens to us). On the cross Christ suffered the penalty of our sins: not only physical pain, but (even more) the shame of degradation, that we might share his glory and the spiritual pain of rejection, that we might never be separated from the love of God. He stands under the curse that is rightly ours, that we might stand under the blessing that is rightly his (Galatians 3:6-14). His patience under suffering is an example for us to follow: "There should be no greater comfort to Christian persons, than to be made like unto Christ, by suffering patiently adversities, troubles, and sicknesses. For he himself went not up to joy, but first he suffered pain; he entered not into his glory before he was crucified. So truly our way to eternal joy is to suffer here with Christ; and our door to enter into eternal life is gladly to die with Christ; that we may rise again from death, and dwell with him in everlasting life".

THE ORDER FOR MORNING PRAYER.

(At the sound of the bell all kneel)

HYMN (*All stand*) #60 *With Broken Heart and Contrite Sigh* Babylon's Streams

PREPARING IN PENITENCE

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 *St. John* i. 8, 9.

¶ Then the Minister shall say,

Sentences and Exhortation Prayer Book, Page 3-6

Dearly beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us . . .

A General Confession (*Said by all, kneeling*)

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father; We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those who are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. *Amen.*

(Continue kneeling as priest stands to pronounce the Absolution)

The Declaration of Absolution, or Remission of Sins Prayer Book, page 7

Lord's Prayer (*said by all, kneeling*) Prayer Book, page 7

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.*

Opening Versicles & Responses Prayer Book, page 7

Minister: O Lord, open thou our lips. *Answer:* **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

Minister: O God, make speed to save us. *Answer:* **O Lord, make haste to help us. (*All stand*)**

Minister: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

Answer: **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.***

Minister: Praise ye the Lord. *Answer:* **The Lord's Name be praised.**

PRAISE OF GOD'S GLORY

Psalm 95. *Venite, exultemus. (all stand)* Hymnal #610 (Rimbault)

Psalm 143. *Domine, exaudi.* Prayer Book, pages 518-519

A prayer of repentance, for deliverance from judgment, and the sanctifying grace of the Holy Spirit.

The Old Testament Lesson (*All sit*) Jeremiah 1:1-10. *The call of the prophet to a ministry of judgment and hope.*

The words of Jeremiah the son of Hilkiah, of the priests that were in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin: ²To whom the word of the LORD came in the days of Josiah the son of Amon king of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign. ³It came also in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, unto the end of the eleventh year of Zedekiah the son of Josiah king of Judah, unto the carrying away of Jerusalem captive in the fifth month.

⁴Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

⁵ Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee;
and before thou camest forth out of the womb
I sanctified thee,
and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.

⁶Then said I, Ah, Lord GOD! behold, I cannot speak: for I am a child. ⁷But the LORD said unto me,

Say not, I am a child:
for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee,
and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak.

⁸Be not afraid of their faces:
for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the LORD.

⁹Then the LORD put forth his hand, and touched my mouth. And the LORD said unto me,

Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth.

¹⁰ See, I have this day set thee
over the nations and over the kingdoms,
to root out, and to pull down,
and to destroy, and to throw down,
to build, and to plant.

HYMN (*Sung by choir*) #63 *The Royal Banners Forward Go*.....Vexilla Regis
(*The congregation may be seated until the last stanza.*)

The New Testament Lessons (*All sit*)

Hebrews 9:11-15.....Prayer Book, pp. 132-133
Christ enters the heavenly tabernacle, as priest and victim, in the sacrifice accepted of God.

St. John 8:46 - 59.....Prayer Book, p. 133
St. John. Christ departs the earthly temple, as the sinless incarnate Son of God, rejected of men.

HYMN #450 *As Pants the Hart*.....Martyrdom

THE ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY BAPTISMPrayer Book p. 273

CANTICLE *Benedictus (All stand)* St. Luke 1:68.....Hymnal #634 (Turle)

PRAYERS FOR GOD'S GRACE

The Apostles' Creed (*Said by all, standing*).....Prayer Book, page 15

I Believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary: Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead: He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty: From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost: The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints: The Forgiveness of sins: The Resurrection of the body: And the Life everlasting. *Amen.*

Versicles and Responses.....Prayer Book, page 16

Minister: The Lord be with you. *Answer:* **And with thy spirit.**

Minister: Let us pray. (*All kneeling*)

Minister: Lord, have mercy upon us. *Answer:* **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Minister: Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Lord's Prayer (*Said by 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. *Amen.*

¶ The priest alone standing up shall say, and the choir sings the responses

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us. *Answer:* **And grant us thy salvation.**

O Lord, save the state. *Answer:* **And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

Endue thy ministers with righteousness. *Answer:* **And make thy chosen people joyful.**

O Lord, save thy people. *Answer:* **And bless thine inheritance.**

Give peace in our time, O Lord, *Answer:* **For it is thou, Lord, only, that makest us dwell in safety.**

O God, make clean our hearts within us. *Answer:* **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

The Collects of the Day.....Prayer Book, pages 132, 124

The Collects for Peace and for Grace, Other Prayers.....Prayer Book, pages 17-20

For the Faithful Departed

Minister: Of your charity, I bid your prayers for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed:

Minister: Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord; *Answer:* **and let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Minister: May they rest in peace. *Amen.*

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom & the Grace.....Prayer Book, page 20

Notices (*All sit*)

HYMN (*All stand*) #65 *There Is a Green Hill*.....Horsley

The Address (*All sit*)

THE OFFERING

Sentences (*All stand*)

Ye shall not appear before the LORD empty; every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD thy God which he hath given thee. *Deut. xvi. 16, 17.*

ANTHEM (*All sit*) *God So Loved* Bender

At the Presentation of Alms and Oblations (*All stand*)

#732 *All Things Are Thine* (Hymnal, page 787)Gardiner

All things are thine; no gift have we, Lord of all gifts, to offer thee;
And hence with grateful hearts today Thine own before thy feet we lay. **Amen.**

At the offering: All things come of thee, O Lord *Answer: and of thine own have we given thee.*

Minister: The Lord be with you. *Answer: And with thy spirit.*

Minister: Let us pray. (*All kneel*)

A General Thanksgiving (*May be said by all*)Prayer Book, page 19

ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, we, thine unworthy servants, do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men; We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

The Aaronic Blessing (*Remain kneeling*)

HYMN (*All stand*) *My Song is Love Unknown* (Music on next page)..... Love Unknown

Please remain in your pews after the hymn for a brief announcement and to complete a brief survey.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Vexilla Regis Prodeunt*, Opus 75..... Flor Peeters



12:15 P.M. COFFEE HOUR, GREEN-MELDRIM HOUSE

All are welcome to join us for this special time of fellowship.



1 My song is love unknown,
my Savior'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 man made strange, and none
the longed-for Christ would know.
But oh, 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 way
hosannas to their King.
Then "Crucify!" is all their breath,
and for His death they thirst and cry.

4 Why, what hath 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.

5 They rise, and needs will have
my dear Lord made away;
a murderer they save,
the Prince of Life they slay.
Yet cheerful He to suffering goes,
that He His foes from thence might free.

6 In life, no house, no home
my Lord on earth might have;
in death, no friendly tomb
but what a stranger gave.
What may I say? Heav'n was His home,
but mine the tomb wherein He lay.

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.

UPCOMING WORSHIP

Monday–Friday, March 27-31st
8:15 a.m. *Morning Prayer*, Online

Monday: 8:30 a.m. *Morning Prayer*
5 p.m. *Evening Prayer w/ Holy Communion*, Chapel

Tuesday: 8:30 a.m. *Morning Prayer*
with Holy Communion, Chapel
5 p.m. *Evening Prayer*
with Holy Communion, Chapel

Wednesday: 8:30 a.m. *Morning Prayer*, Chapel
11:50 a.m. *Litany &*
Holy Communion, Church
5 p.m. *Evening Prayer*, Chapel
9 p.m. *Service of Compline*, Church

Thursday: 8:30 a.m. *Morning Prayer*
with Holy Communion, Chapel
5 p.m. *Evening Prayer*
with Holy Communion, Chapel

Friday: 8:30 a.m. *Morning Prayer*
5 p.m. *Evening Prayer*
with Holy Communion, Chapel

Saturday: 11 a.m. *Holy Communion*, Chapel

Sunday, April 2nd, Palm Sunday
8 a.m. *Holy Communion*, Church
9 a.m. *Family Procession with*
Ante-Communion, Chapel
10 a.m. *All Ages Sunday School*,
Cranmer Hall/Chapel/Zoom
11 a.m. *Procession with*
Ante-Communion, Church/Online

SEW PILLOWCASES FOR THE FRESH AIR HOME

Our Parish Outreach Committee is looking for members who enjoy sewing to help them make pillowcases for the children at the Fresh Air Home this summer. If you are interested, please contact Nita Ann Klein at (912) 658-1005 or nak618@gmail.com.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

VESTRY OFFERING CHAIR

8 a.m. Mr. Arthur D. Weed
11 a.m. Mrs. Paul M. Pressly (Jane)

USHER CHAIR

Dr. James S. McClellan, Jr.

CHANCEL SOCIETY

Mrs. Jayne G. Holland, Mr. & Mrs. Carter C. Hubbard, Sr. (Barbara), Mrs. Timothy E. Coy (Dorothea), Mrs. B. Ray Summerell (Melanie), Mrs. John G. Bradshaw (Sally), Ms. Susan Arden-Joly, Mrs. Neil H. Victor (Patti), Mrs. Richard Jennings (Stacy), Mrs. Jeanne H. McMillan, Ms. Linda H. Pounds, Mrs. H. Emerson Thomas, Jr. (Martie), and Dr. Linda Ann McCall

JUNIOR CHANCEL SOCIETY

Mrs. Joseph R. Ross (Coren), Mrs. Derrick Futrell (Amanda), and Miss Stella Futrell

COFFEE HOUR CHAIR

Mrs. Robert Vinyard (Frankie)

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers in the Church this Sunday are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Andrew Gay Labrot by his family.

And in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin J. Berger by Dr. and Mrs. Clifford J. Berger and family.

To offer flowers for the Altar, call the Church office . After Sunday, the flowers are delivered to the sick, sorrowing, and shut-in.



The Salvation Army of Savannah
Presents
Bella Harmony
Performance & Lecture
March 31st & April 28th
Salvation Army Community Center
Bee Rd



NEW & NOTEWORTHY

COFFEE HOUR IS THIS SUNDAY

Plan to join us this Sunday after 11 a.m. Morning Prayer in the Green-Meldrim House. All are invited to this special time of fellowship! We hope to see new and returning faces!

COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

With Coffee Hour held twice a month, we are always in need of volunteers. If you are able to help on any upcoming 2nd or 4th Sundays, please email Joyce McClellan at mimi1joyce@aol.com.

SCHEDULE UPDATES TO OUR WEEKLY CHURCH

DOCTRINE & COFFEE

Will resume on April 11 (after Easter)

Our Tuesday morning Church Doctrine & Coffee group will NOT meet the next two Tuesdays. It will resume on April 11, Easter Tuesday after 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer and Holy Communion, around 9:25 a.m. in the Ralston Room of Cranmer Hall.

SPRING/EASTER OUTFIT COLLECTION UPDATE

Thank you for the wonderful response to our call for Easter dresses! As a result, we have enough Easter outfits for our PACK closet. We are looking to add some spring and summer play outfits too (new girls' clothing size 6 or shoes for youth size 12 or 13). Elaine Barrow will be collecting spring/summer outfits until the end of March. Please contact her at 912-856-1774 for questions or to arrange donation pick-up.

OUTDOOR LENTEN ARTWORK

"A Man of Sorrows," by artist Sean Marnul is on display in the archways of St. John's for you to interact with during the Lent season.

We're selling the originals for \$200 each with its frame (a \$30 value). If you are local, you can stop by our church to pay and pick up your preferred piece. If you are out of town, we can price shipping the print only or the print with the frame. If interested, email hharvey@stjohnssav.org or call 912-232-1251.

WOMEN'S QUIET DAY, MARCH 29TH

All women of St. John's Church are invited to this year's Quiet Day on **Wednesday, March 29th** beginning at 10 a.m. in the Green-Meldrim House. If you'd like to attend, call the Church office at 912-232-1251 so we may have a headcount for lunch.

NEXT FAITH + FICTION

The next Faith + Fiction is on **Wednesday, March 29th** at 5:30 p.m. in the Green-Meldrim House. They'll discuss *The Death of Ivan Illych* by Leo Tolstoy. All are welcome to join this theologically focused book discussion. The only requirement is to read the book.

The upcoming selections are:

- **Wednesday, April 26:** *Babette's Feast & Sorrow-Acre* by Isak Dinesen
- **Wednesday, May 24:** *Persuasion* by Jane Austen

THE WORD AT WORK

The next session in our lunch series on how different parts of the Bible fit together is **Thursday, March 30th** starting at 12:15 p.m. in Cranmer Hall. Register at StJohnsSav.org/Word. The \$25 fee per session includes a catered lunch by The Dive Savannah. The remaining two sessions are April 13th & 27th.

P.A.C.K. WON'T MEET APRIL 5TH

We wanted to remind our volunteers that we won't be meeting at PACK on **Wednesday, April 5th**. Email emilinebaxter@gmail.com with questions.

EASTER BRASS & EASTER LILIES

Would you like to contribute to the sound of brass or help fill the church with lilies on **Easter Sunday, April 9th**? The 8 a.m. Holy Communion will feature trumpet & organ, and the 9:30 a.m. Family Eucharist and the 11:30 a.m. Sung Eucharists will feature brass music.

To donate towards brass or Easter lilies (\$36 each), forms are at the back of the church, in the Church office, or at StJohnsSav.org/Easter. The list of donors will be published the Sunday after Easter. **Forms are due Wednesday, April 5th**.

NEW & NOTEWORTHY

SATURDAY PALM CROSSES: APRIL 1ST

Join us from 10 a.m. to noon in the Green-Meldrim House mall. We need lots of volunteers (of all ages) to make palm crosses, which we will show you how to make. Children's activities and light refreshments will be provided. All ages are welcome!

PALM SUNDAY FAMILY SERVICE: APRIL 2ND

At 9 a.m. assemble at the Green-Meldrim House steps for the Blessing of Palms and Procession into the church for the 9 a.m. Family Service.

WAY OF THE CROSS: FRIDAY, APRIL 7TH

Parishioners of all ages are encouraged to meet at the arches of the church at 5:30 p.m. on Good Friday for our annual Way of the Cross. The youth and clergy will lead the worshippers in a public witness of the Way of the Cross around Madison Square and will conclude in the Church. All ages welcome!

NEXT SECOND SUNDAY SUPPER, MAY 21ST

Although we won't be holding a supper in April due to Easter, our next supper will be **May 21st** (moved to the third Sunday due to Mother's Day being on the second Sunday). This May supper is being hosted by Coren & Rusty Ross and currently has seats available. If you are interested, call the Church Office at 912-232-1251.

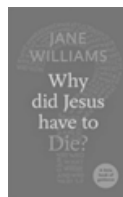
PILGRIMAGE OPPORTUNITY IN ROME

This summer (July 1-8), Alithea Travel – founded by parishioner Jesse Blackwood to embrace the transformative power of travel – is offering an urban excursion that is interwoven with visits to holy sites and monuments of art and history. “Becoming Human” is a journey from the pre-Christian world of the Tiber to the early Christian world of the apostles and church fathers until present day. This is for travelers seeking to experience the sacred and beautiful sites of Rome as personal moments in the journey of what it means to be human and to seek God. For more information, please visit AlitheaTravel.com/category/pilgrimage.

LENTEN READING

Thought-provoking books to read during Lent.

“Why did Jesus have to die?” (FREE)



Anglican theologian and writer Jane Williams's book provides guidance for Christians to examine the deeper and far-reaching significance of Jesus's death. Please take one at the back of the church as you leave today.

Low Anthropology (\$20)



Author and theologian David Zahl explores how our ideas about human nature influence our expectations in friendship, work, marriage, and politics. Copies of this book are available in the Church office for \$20.

THE CHILDREN'S SCHOOL AT ST. JOHN'S

The preschool located on the second floor in Cranmer Hall offers weekly classes ranging from infants to Pre-kindergarten. To learn more about their summer camps (June 5-August 18) and their upcoming Fall/Spring classes or to register, please visit StJohnsPreschool.org.

THE MUSIC AT ST. JOHN'S

Solemn Choral Evensong for Easter Eve
Saturday, April 8th at 4:05 p.m.



Easter Sunday, April 9th

8 a.m. Holy Communion, *featuring trumpet & organ*

9:30 a.m. Family Eucharist, *featuring brass music*

11:30 a.m. Sung Eucharists, *featuring brass music*



Solemn Choral Evensong for Eastertide
Sunday, May 7th at 5:05 p.m.

Followed by a thank you reception for music donors



Choral Mattins for Trinity Sunday
Sunday, June 4th at 11 a.m.

PARISH PAPER ESSAY

PASSION

This year's Lenten art display "Man of Sorrows" has stirred some lively discussion about the theological challenges involved in depicting the invisible deity in the visible humanity of the crucified. Is it the case, what Dr. Justin Coyle in last week's parish paper calls the "undepictable event" of our Lord's passion "demands an undepictable form", in which the invisible is made visible? Or by abandoning figurative representation does such art make the visible invisible? Does art in this case break down under the weight of meaning?

The challenge of depicting the crucified God is not a new one. Depictions of Christ crucified are slow to appear in Christian art, and only slowly do they take center stage. Art naturally focused on what he is *now* – the ascended, exalted Lord, who lives and reigns at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father, and soon to return in majesty to judge the world. There are images of Christ as Pantocrator, "Ruler of all things", the Almighty Lord, whose glorified humanity makes visible his deity. But towards the end of the first millennium, the image of the crucified began to appear in the churches of the east and west, and in the churches of central Italy in life-size or larger depictions, elevated above the tall screen that separated the nave from the choir. At first these images are deliberately paradoxical: we see the post-mortem wound in his ribcage, from which came streams of water and blood, but his eyes are open, he is alert, holds his head upright, and is apparently insensitive to suffering. The image clearly seeks to affirm the truth of both natures of Christ, his passible human nature, capable of suffering; and the impassible divine nature, incapable of suffering. "Apathos epáthen" as Athanasius had said in the 4th century, "without being able to suffer he suffered" is the best one can manage in English. (The words "passion" and "pathos" alike mean "suffering"). It's a reminder of the divine freedom with which Christ submitted to suffering and

death. "Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again" (John 10:17, 18). It's an image of the Christ's triumph on the cross over the powers of evil, world, flesh, and devil: "Sing my tongue the glorious battle, / sing the winning of the fray; now above the cross, the trophy, / Sound the loud triumphal lay: / Tell how Christ, the world's Redeemer, / As a victim won the day".

In the thirteenth century, however, there is a momentous change in the painted crucifixes of central Italy, closely associated with the teaching of St. Francis of Assisi: the suffering Christ is no longer alert and upright, with his closed eyes, his head hangs to one side, his body slumps under the weight of gravity, his flesh takes on the greenish hue of death. At first highly stylized in the Byzantine mode, from Giotto onwards they take an strongly realistic character, both in painting and in sculpture, which lasts well into the 17th century and beyond. The great images of the crucified by Donatello, Masaccio, Fra Angelico, Titian, Tintoretto, Rubens and Rembrandt are all heirs of this 13th century tradition. So familiar, perhaps, is this tradition, that it no longer startles us, that the object of adoration befitting the god at the center of a liturgy conducted with the deepest reverence, should be the image of a dead man's tortured body worthy of our compassion. It bespeaks a god who has identified himself with human misery without reserve, who has made entirely his own what is altogether ours, our sin and death, that he might make entirely ours what is altogether his, even righteousness and life. In this image we are invited to suffer with him, who suffered for us, that we may live with him, who rose for us. "Mercifully grant, that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection".

– GGD

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