



GOOD FRIDAY OFFERING 100

CELEBRATING A CENTURY OF GIFTS.
REJOICING IN 2000 YEARS OF GOOD NEWS.

Lent 2022

Dear Sisters, Brothers, and Siblings in the Lord:

I greet you in the name of our loving, liberating, and life-giving Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

*“Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.”*

I am writing to invite you to celebrate and rejoice in the unselfish, sacrificial, and self-offering love of Jesus Christ by looking to the Good Friday cross. It is that “old rugged cross” that “demands my soul, my life, my all” and shows us “cruciform love” - the way to live authentic Christian lives by practicing the selfless, self-giving way of the cross.

On Good Friday 2022 (April 15) we not only venerate the love that was “so amazing, so divine,” but also commemorate the 100th anniversary—the centenary—of acts of unselfish generosity and kindness by Episcopalians in our Good Friday Offering.

The Good Friday Offering offers us the opportunity to celebrate and rejoice in the hope and opportunity for the very young and the very old, for needy families, students, and many others in the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. For 10 decades we have provided an opportunity for every parish throughout our church to connect with the ministry of love and compassion carried out by our Anglican sisters and brothers throughout the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East.

Your gift has restored sight at the Ras Morbat Eye Clinic in war-torn Yemen, helped children with special needs at The Jerusalem Princess Basma Center, and enabled youth ministry at St. Matthew’s Church, Zebabdeh, in the West Bank, to name but a few of the projects.

The self-giving way of love and generosity makes a difference. That is what becoming a church that looks and acts like Jesus does.

Despite the many COVID-19 trials that we have all faced in the past two years, I am encouraging the people of every parish and institution of our Episcopal Church to participate in this centennial offering. Information, including bulletin covers, inserts, and more, is available online at iam.ec/goodfridayoffering. Any questions about this program may be directed to the Venerable Paul Feheley, our Middle East partnership officer. He can be reached at (212) 716-6222 or pfeheley@episcopalchurch.org.

Thank you for being part of our new and re-formed church, centered on Jesus Christ.

May God bless you and keep you always. I remain

Your brother in Christ,



The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry
Presiding Bishop and Primate
The Episcopal Church

Thank you

In any language, the phrase “thank you” means the same thing: an expression of gratitude for an action that has made a difference. As we celebrate the centenary of the Good Friday Offering this year, gratitude is on the lips and in the hearts of many people whose lives have been changed because of your generosity.

The Anglican Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East recognizes the importance of presence—of following our Lord’s model of unconditionally loving people first. With your gifts, the Good Friday Offering has helped fund the following:

- **The Mission to Seafarers in the United Arab Emirates**, where ships are loaded not only with goods but also sailors and other workers who labor for long hours thousands of miles from home.
- **The Arab Episcopal School in Irbid, Jordan**, which provides a strong educational program for blind students.
- **St. Christopher’s Cathedral in Bahrain**, which focuses on providing food and other care for migrant workers who have lost their jobs and cannot get a flight back to their home countries.
- **Arab Ahli Hospital in Gaza**, a ministry that works tirelessly, despite shortages of medical disposables, medicine, fuel for electrical generators, and food assistance for the poor.
- **And many more important ministries** across the region.

Thank you for the difference you are making through the Good Friday Offering in the lives of a wide diversity of people throughout Jerusalem and the Middle East. “Shukran,” “toda,” thank you, for helping us and our worldwide ministry partners become a church that looks and acts like Jesus.



Invitation to Online Offerings

What was the church doing in the decade you were born? Some of the things we do now we did then. We still sing hymns and spiritual songs, but perhaps the lyrics or tunes are different. We still worship, break bread, and preach the Gospel, but the style and the language may not be the same as in your birth decade. Importantly, we are still becoming a church that looks and acts like Jesus in a world that changes every day.

One thing that remains the same is the Good Friday Offering. This year we are celebrating a century of gifts and rejoicing in 2,000 years of Good News. For 100 years, Episcopalians have generously shared their love, compassion, and financial gifts to support the ministry of the Anglican Communion Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. These gifts have made an astounding difference in the lives of many people in the homeland of Jesus and beyond.

To celebrate this wonderful milestone of 100 years, we invite you to follow along with us through the 10 weeks leading up to Good Friday. We will mark those

hundred years through 10 blog posts—a decade of decades highlighting the work and ministry of the Good Friday Offering. We will start on Feb. 6, highlighting 1922-1931; each subsequent week, we will move forward with the next 10-year period, presenting the growth and movement of this ministry of kindness and love. Follow each decade to see what the Good Friday offering looked like and was doing to share Jesus' Way of Love in the region at that time.

The Good Friday Offering isn't only about where we've been—it's also about where we are going with your help. We invite you to make an offering online at iam.ec/goodfridayoffering. We also have a variety of resources and information, for use at your congregation, school, or ministry, including bulletin covers, inserts, and more. You can give and find those resources online at iam.ec/goodfridayoffering. For any questions, please reach out to the Venerable Paul Feheley, our Middle East partnership officer, at (212) 716-6222 or pfeheley@episcopalchurch.org.

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In this time of exceptional circumstances, please make a gift to the Good Friday Offering in one of the following ways:

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