

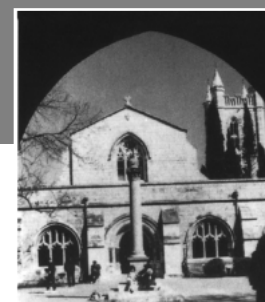
"At present . . . I am going to Jerusalem with aid for the saints . . ."
—Romans 15:25

Every year on Good Friday, pilgrims from all over the world gather to walk along the Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem. Some carry a cross, to understand better the nature of the burden that Jesus bore. Others accompany them, as witnesses, as penitents, as believers. By dying on the cross at Calvary, Jesus delivered us from sin and despair.

For 150 years, the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East has borne, in a special way, the responsibility of sharing the cross of Jesus.

By helping to maintain the Christian witness in the Holy Land, by serving all of God's people there in a variety of ministries throughout four dioceses, by proclaiming the gospel and promoting justice, peace and love, the church serves us all.

Since 1922, Episcopalians here have supported the ministries of the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East through the *Good Friday Offering*. It is vital that we continue to share in this burden, and not let our brothers and sisters in Jerusalem carry the cross alone.



CARRYING THE CROSS OF JESUS

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AND THE MIDDLE EAST

THE GOOD FRIDAY OFFERING

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