

GOOD FRIDAY

THE SOLEMN LITURGY

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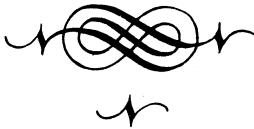
IV. HOLY COMMUNION

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Please stand when the Sacred Ministers enter in silence, and kneel when they prostrate themselves. Silence is kept. Please stand as the Sacred Ministers rise.

COLLECT

Let us pray.

Almighty God, we beseech thee graciously to behold this thy family for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed and given up into the hands of wicked men and to suffer death upon the cross; who now liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever.

℟. **Amen.**

Please sit.

I. THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 52.13-53.12

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

Behold, my servant shall deal prudently, he shall be exalted and extolled, and be very high. As many were astonished at thee; his visage was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men: So shall he sprinkle many nations; the kings shall shut their mouths at him: for that which had not been told them shall they see; and that which they had not heard shall they consider. Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed? For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him. He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; 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 hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth. He was taken

from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken. And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth. Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

This is the word of the Lord.

℟. **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL *Domine exaudi*

Psalm 102

Hear my prayer, O LORD: and let my crying come unto thee. Hide not thy face from me in the time of my trouble: incline thine ear unto me when I call; O hear me and that right soon. For my days are consumed away like smoke: and my bones are burnt up as it were a firebrand. My heart is smitten down, and withered like grass: so that I forget to eat my bread. Thou shalt arise, O LORD, and have mercy upon Sion: for it is time that thou have mercy upon her, yea, the time is come.

EPISTLE

Hebrews 4.14-16; 5.7-9

A reading from the Epistle to the Hebrews.

Brethren: Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared; though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; and being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him.

This is the word of the Lord.

℟. **Thanks be to God.**

TRACT *Christus factus est*

Philippians 2

Christ became obedient for our sakes unto death: even the death of the Cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him: and given him a Name which is above every name.

Please stand for

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
ACCORDING TO ST JOHN

John 18.1-19.42

Please kneel and pause in silence after the words: '...and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.'

II. THE SOLEMN INTERCESSIONS

Please stand when the Celebrant stands

I. FOR THE CHURCH

Let us pray, dearly beloved, for the holy Church of God, that our God and Lord be pleased to give her peace, to guard and to unite her throughout the world; and to grant that, leading our life in tranquility and quietness, we may glorify God the Father almighty.

Let us bow the knee. (*All kneel on one knee and pause in silence.*)

Arise. (*All stand.*)

Almighty and ever-living God, who in Christ hast revealed thy glory unto all nations: watch over the works of thy mercy that thy Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in confessing thy name. Through Christ our Lord. ℟. **Amen.**

II. FOR THE POPE

Let us pray for the holy father, Pope *N.*, that our God and Lord, who chose him for the Order of Bishops, may keep him safe and unharmed for the Lord's holy church.

Let us bow the knee. (*All kneel on one knee and pause in silence.*)

Arise. (*All stand.*)

Almighty and ever-living God, by whose decree all things are founded: look with favour on our prayers and in thy kindness protect the Pope thou hast chosen, that, under him, the Christian people whom thou governest may grow in merit by reason of their faith. Through Christ our Lord. *R.* **Amen.**

III. FOR THE CLERGY AND LAITY OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for our bishop, *N.*, for all Bishops, Priests and Deacons of the Church; and for all the faithful people.

Let us bow the knee. (*All kneel on one knee and pause in silence.*)

Arise. (*All stand.*)

Almighty and ever-living God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the church is sanctified and governed: hear our humble prayer for thy ministers, that, by the gift of thy grace, they may all serve thee faithfully. Through Christ our Lord. *R.* **Amen.**

IV. FOR THOSE PREPARING FOR BAPTISM

Let us pray also for those [among us] preparing for baptism, that our God and Lord may open the ears of their inmost hearts and unlock the gates of his mercy, that, having received forgiveness of all their sins through the waters of rebirth, they, too, may be one with Christ Jesus our Lord.

Let us bow the knee. (*All kneel on one knee and pause in silence.*)

Arise. (*All stand.*)

Almighty and ever-living God, who dost make thy Church ever fruitful with new offspring: increase the faith and understanding of those to be baptised, that reborn in the font of Baptism, they may be added to the number of thine adopted children. Through Christ our Lord. *R.* **Amen.**

V. FOR THE UNITY OF CHRISTIANS

Let us pray for all our brethren who believe in Christ, that our God and Lord may be pleased, as they live the truth, to gather them together and keep them in his one Church.

Let us bow the knee. (*All kneel on one knee and pause in silence.*)

Arise. (*All stand.*)

Almighty and ever-living God, who dost gather what is scattered and keep together what thou hast gathered: look kindly on the flock of thy Son, that those whom one Baptism has consecrated may be joined together by integrity of faith and united in the bond of charity. Through Christ our Lord. *R.* **Amen.**

VI. FOR THE JEWISH PEOPLE

Let us pray also for the Jewish people, to whom the Lord our God spoke first, that he may grant them to advance in love of his name and in faithfulness to his covenant.

Let us bow the knee. *(All kneel on one knee and pause in silence.)*

Arise. *(All stand.)*

Almighty and ever-living God, who didst bestow thy promises on Abraham and his posterity: graciously hear the prayers of thy Church; that the people thou didst first make thine own may attain the fullness of redemption. Through Christ our Lord. *R.* **Amen.**

VII. FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT BELIEVE IN CHRIST

Let us pray also for those who do not believe in Christ, that enlightened by the Holy Spirit they, too, may enter on the way of salvation.

Let us bow the knee. *(All kneel on one knee and pause in silence.)*

Arise. *(All stand.)*

Almighty and ever-living God, grant unto those who do not confess Christ that, by walking before thee in sincerity of heart, they may find the truth; and that we ourselves, being constant in mutual love and striving to understand more fully the mystery of thy life, may be made more perfect witnesses to thy love in the world. Through Christ our Lord. *R.* **Amen.**

VIII. FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT BELIEVE IN GOD

Let us pray for those who do not acknowledge God; that, following what is right in sincerity of heart, they may find the way to God himself.

Let us bow the knee. *(All kneel on one knee and pause in silence.)*

Arise. *(All stand.)*

Almighty and ever-living God, who hast created mankind to seek thee by desiring thee, and by finding thee to come to rest: grant, we beseech thee, that, despite every harmful obstacle, all may recognise the signs of thy fatherly love and the witness of the good works done by those who believe in thee, and so in gladness confess thee, the one true God and Father of the human race. Through Christ our Lord. *℟*: **Amen.**

IX. FOR ALL THOSE IN PUBLIC OFFICE

Let us pray also for those who serve us in public office, that our God and Lord may direct their minds and hearts according to his will, for the true peace and freedom of all.

Let us bow the knee. (*All kneel on one knee and pause in silence.*)

Arise. (*All stand.*)

Almighty and ever-living God, in whose hand lie all human hearts and the rights of peoples, look with favour, we beseech thee, on those who govern with authority over us: that throughout the whole world the prosperity of peoples, the assurance of peace, and freedom of religion may, through thy gift, be made secure. Through Christ our Lord. *℟*: **Amen.**

X. FOR THOSE IN TRIBULATION

Let us pray, dearly beloved, to God, the Father almighty, that he may cleanse the world of all errors, banish disease, drive out hunger, unlock prisons and loosen fetters, granting to travellers safety, to pilgrims return, health to the sick, and salvation to the dying.

Let us bow the knee. (*All kneel on one knee and pause in silence.*)

Arise. (*All stand.*)

Almighty and ever-living God, comfort of mourners, strength of all who toil: may the prayers of those who cry out in any tribulation come before thee; that all may rejoice because in the hour of need thy mercy was at hand. Through Christ our Lord. *℟*: **Amen.**

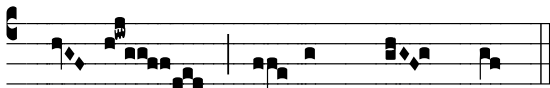
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III. THE VENERATION OF THE CROSS



The Cross to be used for adoration is brought into the midst of the congregation from the back and the acclamation is sung at three stations.

Behold the Wood of the Cross whereon was hung the world's salvation.



O come, let us wor - ship.

All kneel on one knee and pause in silence after each acclamation.

All are invited to come forward to kiss the wood of the cross in humble thanksgiving for the offering of Jesus' life.

ANTIPHON *Crucem tuam*

Psalm 67

We venerate thy Cross, O Lord, and praise and glorify thy holy Resurrection: for by virtue of thy Cross joy hath come to the whole world. God be merciful unto us, and bless us: and shew us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us.

THE SOLEMN REPROACHES

O my people, what have I done unto thee? Or wherein have I wearied thee? Testify against me. Because I brought thee forth from the land of Egypt thou hast prepared a cross for thy Saviour.

Hagios O Theos. Holy God

Hagios ischyros. Holy, mighty.

Hagios athanatos eleison imas. Holy and immortal have mercy upon us.

Because I led thee through the desert for forty years and fed thee with manna and brought thee into a land exceeding good, thou hast prepared a cross for thy Saviour.

Hagios O Theos

What more could I have done that I have not done? I indeed did plant thee
O my vineyard with exceeding fair fruit and thou art become very bitter
unto me. For vinegar mingled with gall thou gavest me when thirsty and
hast pierced with a spear the side of thy Saviour.

Hagios O Theos

CRUX FIDELIS

Crux fidelis, inter omnes arbor una nobilis: nulla silva talem profert,
fronde, flore, germine. Dulce lignum, dulces clavos, dulce pondus
sustinet.

*Faithful cross! above all other, one and only noble tree! None in foliage, none in
blossom, none in fruit thy peer may be. Sweetest wood and sweetest iron!
Sweetest weight is hung on thee.*

When all have venerated the cross, it is placed on the High Altar.

Please kneel as the Blessed Sacrament is brought from the Altar of Repose.

ANTIPHONS

Adoramus te

We adore thee, O Christ, and we bless thee: for by thy holy cross thou
didst redeem the world.

Per lignum

Through a tree we were brought to bondage, through the holy cross were
we brought to freedom; the fruit of the tree betrayed us, but the Son of
God has redeemed us.

Salvator mundi

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.

IV. HOLY COMMUNION



As our Saviour Christ hath commanded and taught us we are bold to say.

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.

Deliver us, O Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day. In thy mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever.
Amen.**

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Behold the Lamb of God. Behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.

**℟. Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof,
but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.**

Please go forward to receive Holy Communion, which is received in one kind only, kneeling at the Communion rail.

COMMUNION *Deus, Deus meus*

Psalm 22

My God, my God, look upon me; why hast thou forsaken me: and art so far from my health and from the words of my complaint.

COMMUNION MOTET

After Holy Communion silence is kept.

Please stand for

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYERS

Let us pray.

Most merciful God, who, by the death and resurrection of thy Son, hast delivered and saved mankind: grant that by faith in him who did suffer on the cross, we may triumph in the power of his victory; through the same thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

℟. **Amen.**

We beseech thee, O Lord, that thine abundant blessing may be upon thy people, who have had the Passion and Death of thy Son in devout remembrance: that they may receive thy pardon and the gift of thy comfort; and that they may increase in faith and in the assurance of their eternal salvation. Through the same, thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

℟. **Amen.**

All depart in silence.

