

GOOD FRIDAY

March 29, 2024 - 7:00 p.m.

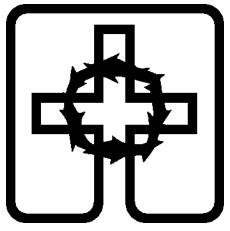
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"Come, Celebrate with Us"

GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY



Seen as part of the larger celebration of the mystery of salvation. It is appropriate for Good Friday to be an austere time of reflection and intercession, as well as of the adoration of Christ, our sacrificial lamb. However, the note of austerity does not preclude the note of triumph. The congregation gathers to *celebrate* our Lord's sacrifice on the cross.

The logic of the continuing celebration which began on Maundy Thursday suggests that it is not appropriate to celebrate the Holy Communion; its note of triumph is better reserved for Easter.

The ministers enter in silence and go to their places.

Stand

P: Almighty God, we ask you to look with mercy on your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and to be given over to the hands of sinners and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

C: Amen

Sit

THE LESSON

Isaiah 52: 13 – 53:12

Silence for prayer and meditation



Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–1676, based on Arnulf of Louvain, d. 1250; tr. composite Music: HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN, German melody, c. 1500; adapt. Hans Leo Hassler, 1564–1612; arr. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685–1750 **THE PASSION ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN**John 18:1 – 19:42



SERMON

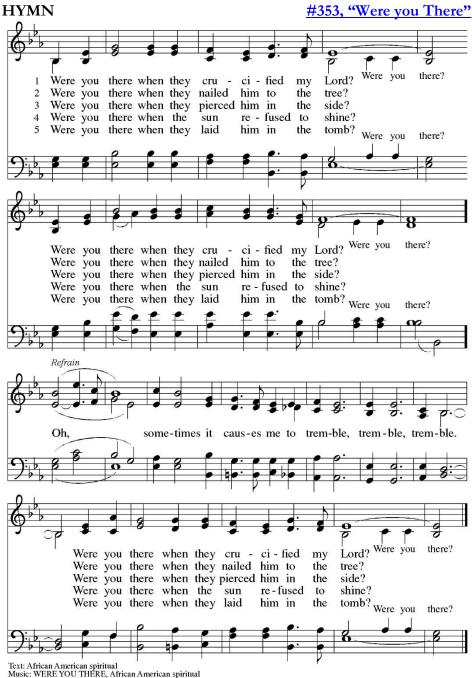
"HE NEVER SAID A MUMBALIN' WORD" Rev. Richard Mueller



Music: SUFFERER, African American spiritual

While it is true that as Jesus suffered the ultimate cruelty of his death and dying on the cross he did not mumble or complain, the various Gospel accounts record for us seven very strong statements attested to Jesus as he took on all the forces of evil and death itself to secure our eternal salvation. He forgave his executioners, promised paradise to one who was executed next to him, provided care for his mother and the disciple he loved, showed true humanity by being thirsty, trusted completely in the everlasting hands of his heavenly father and declared an end to the work he had come to do. "It is finished!" Indeed!

A GOOD FRIDAY MEDITATION "THE SEVEN LAST WORDS"



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Sit

THE BIDDING PRAYER

A: Let us pray, brothers and sisters, for the holy Church of God throughout the world, that God the almighty Father guide it and gather it together, so that we may worship him in peace and tranquility.

Silent prayer.

P: Almighty and eternal God, you have shown your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ. Guide the work of the Church. Help it to persevere in faith, proclaim your name, and bring salvation to people everywhere. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

A: Let us pray for Elizabeth and Kevin, our Bishops, for our pastors and other ministers, for all servants of the Church, and for all people of God.

Silent prayer.

P: Almighty and eternal God, your Spirit guides the Church and makes it holy. Strengthen and uphold our pastors and our leaders; keep them in health and safety for the good of the Church, and help each of us to do faithfully the work to which you have called us. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

A: Let us pray for those preparing for Baptism, that God make them responsive to his love, and give them new life in Jesus Christ.

Silent prayer.

P: Almighty and eternal God, you continually bless the Church with new members. Increase the faith and understanding of those preparing for Baptism. Give them a new birth and you children, and keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

A: Let us pray for all our brothers and sisters who share our faith in Jesus Christ, that God may gather and keep together in one Church all those who know Christ as Lord.

Silent prayer.

P: Almighty and eternal God, you give your Church its unity. Look with favor on all who follow Jesus your Son. We are all consecrated to you by our Baptism; make us one in the fullness of faith, and keep us one in the

fullness of faith, and keep us one in the fellowship of love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

A: Let us pray for the Jewish people, the first to hear the Word of God, that they may receive the fulfillment of the covenant's promises.

Silent prayer.

P: Almighty and eternal God, long ago you gave your promise to Abraham and his posterity. Hear the prayers of your Church that the people you first make your own may arrive with us at the fullness of redemption. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

A: Let us pray for those who do not believe in Christ, that the light of the Holy Spirit may show them the way of salvation.

Silent prayer.

P: Almighty and eternal God, enable those who do not acknowledge Christ to receive the truth of the Gospel. Help us, your people, to grow in love for one another, to grasp more fully the mystery of your Godhead, and so to become more perfect witnesses of your love in the sight of all people. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

A: Let us pray for those who do not believe in God, that they may find him who is the author and goal of our existence.

Silent prayer.

P: Almighty and eternal God, you created humanity so that all might long to know you and have peace in you. Grant that, in spite of the hurtful things that stand in their way, they may all recognize in the lives of Christians the tokens of your love and mercy, and gladly acknowledge you as the one true God and Father of us all. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

A: Let us pray for those who serve in public office, that God may guide their minds and hearts, so that all of us may live in true peace and freedom.

Silent prayer.

P: Almighty and eternal God, you are the champion of the poor and oppressed. In your goodness, watch over those in authority, so that people everywhere may enjoy justice, peace, freedom, and a share in the goodness of your creation. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

A: Let us pray that God, the almighty and merciful Father, may heal the sick, comfort the dying, give safety to travelers, free those unjustly deprived of liberty, and rid the world of falsehood, hunger, and disease.

Silent prayer.

P: Almighty and eternal God, you give strength to the weary and new courage to those who have lost heart. Hear the prayers of all who call on you in any trouble, that they may have the joy of receiving your help in their need. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

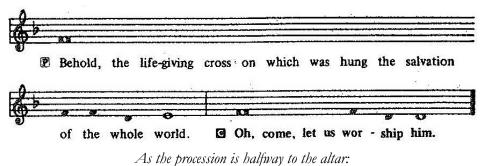
A: Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask.

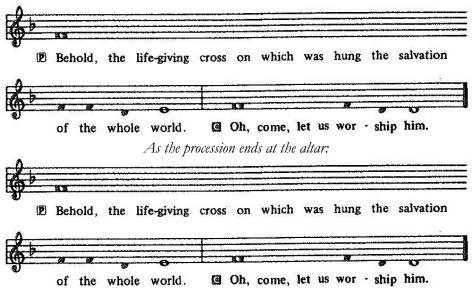
C: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Stand

If it was not placed before the service began, a rough-hewn cross may be carried in procession through the church and placed in front of the altar.

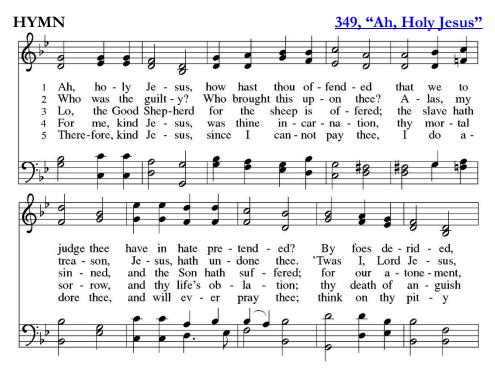
The following versicle and response are sung or said, first as the procession begins, again as the procession is half way to the altar, the third time as the procession ends at the altar. When there is no procession, they are simply repeated in sequence.

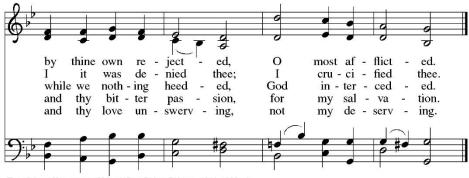




Silence is kept for meditation on the mystery of the crucified Savior, the mystery of redemption.

Where there are no facilities for kneeling, the congregation remains standing during the silence and then sits for the hymn which follows.





Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844–1930, alt. Music: HERZLIEBSTER JESU, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

Stand



- 6 Faithful cross, true sign of triumph, be for all the noblest tree; none in foliage, none in blossom, none in fruit your equal be; symbol of the world's redemption, for your burden makes us free.
- 7 Unto God be praise and glory; to the Father and the Son, to the eternal Spirit honor now and evermore be done; praise and glory in the highest, while the timeless ages run.

Text: Venantius Honorius Fortunatus, 530–609; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt. Music: FORTUNATUS NEW, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929 Music © 1967 Concordia Publishing House.

P: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

C: By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

The ministers leave in silence. Worshipers may remain for prayer and meditation.

The omission of benedictions at the end of the liturgies of both Maundy Thursday and Good Friday indicate their continuity with each other and with the Vigil of Easter.

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