

GOOD FRIDAY

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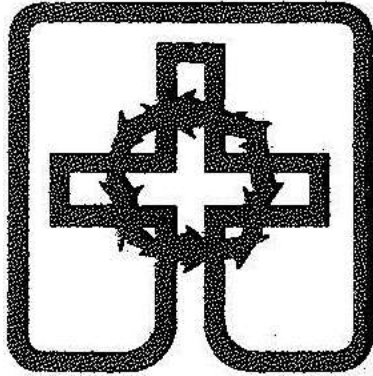
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“Come, Celebrate with Us”

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

HYMN

#351, "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"



1 O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down,
 2 How pale thou art with an - guish, with sore a - buse and scorn;
 3 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,
 4 Lord, be my con - so - la - tion; shield me when I must die;



now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;
 how does thy face now lan - guish, which once was bright as morn!
 for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end?
 re - mind me of thy pas - sion when my last hour draws nigh.



O sa - cred head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine!
 Thy grief and bit - ter pas - sion were all for sin - ners' gain;
 Oh, make me thine for - ev - er, and should I faint - ing be,
 These eyes, new faith re - ceiv - ing, from thee shall nev - er move;



Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine,
 mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain.
 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.
 for all who die be - liev - ing die safe - ly in thy love.

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

THE PASSION ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN

John 18:1 – 19:42

HYMN

#357, "Lamb of God, Pure and Sinless"



Lamb of God, pure and sin - less, once on the cross an of - f'ring,



pa - tient, low - ly, guilt - less, for - sak - en in your suf - f'ring:



from sin's grasp you have torn us, from gloom to hope have borne us.



- 1 Grant us your mer - cy, O Je - sus.
- 2 Grant us your mer - cy, O Je - sus.
- 3 Your peace be with us, O Je - sus. A - men.

Text: Nikolaus Decius, 1485-1550; tr. composite
Music: O LAMM GOTTES, UNSCHULDIG, Nikolaus Decius
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SERMON

Rev. Richard Mueller

"He never said a mumbalin' word."

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!

You can listen to a rendition of this Hymn, # 350 in ELW, "[They Crucified My Lord](#)".

The litany of the Seven Last Words is also included for your meditation.

Litanies

For Good Friday: The Seven Last Words

- Leader:** From the cross Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing" (Luke 23:34).
- People:** Lord Jesus, we do know what we are doing. We are hurting you as much by the good we fail to do as by the evil we do. We need to draw strength and courage from you, our dying Savior, to do what we ought to do, to be what you want us to be.
- Leader:** From the cross Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise" (Luke 23:43).
- People:** Lord Jesus, we thank you for welcoming true penitence whenever it is offered. That condemned man dying next to you could no longer make amends. But, thanks to your grace, he was able to look forward to rejoining you in the Father's House.
- Leader:** From the cross Jesus said, "Woman, here is your son." and again "Here is your mother" (John 19:26-27).
- People:** Lord Jesus, your mother loved you but did not understand you. When she feared for your sanity, she was wrong. But when she feared for your life, she was right. You loved her as you loved John, your trusted disciple. You did not abandon them. You gave them to one another as family.
- Leader:** From the cross the Sin-Bearer asked, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Mark 15:34, Psalm 22:1)
- People:** Were you able to go on, Jesus? Were you able to voice the Psalmist's long lament and move on with him to where he finds his faith restored? Or did your strength fail you at last, your voice a mere whisper, your agony beyond endurance?
- Leader:** From the cross Jesus said, "I am thirsty" (John 19:28).
- People:** Your end was near, Lord Jesus, your martyred body was claiming its rights. You were parched. A stranger, a Roman, gave you what comfort he could – a sponge dipped in sour wine.
- Leader:** From the cross Jesus said, "It is finished" (John 19:30).
- People:** What did you mean, Lord Jesus? That your life was finished? It was, surely. But could you have meant that your work was finished, that you had accomplished your mission? Did you know, with your dying breath, that your Father had not forsaken you, that the crown of life awaited you?
- Leader:** From the cross Jesus said at last, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit" (Luke 23:46).
- People:** God had a journey in mind for you, Lord Jesus. Freed from the shackles of your bruised body, your spirit received and obeyed your Father's command to visit the realm of the dead, to be one of them – for three days.
- Leader:** "For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom,
People: but we proclaim Christ crucified,
Leader: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles,
People: but to those who are called, of every race and nation,
Leader: Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God.
People: For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength" (I Corinthians 1:22-25, adapted). Amen.

HYMN

#353, "Were you There"



1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
 3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
 4 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
 5 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?



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Refrain



Oh, some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Text: African American spiritual
 Music: WERE YOU THERE, African American spiritual

Kneel/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 _____ and _____, 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

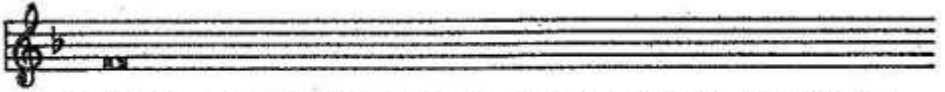
A Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask.

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.

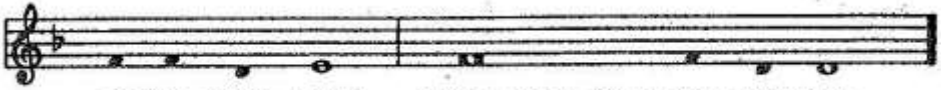
Stand

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.

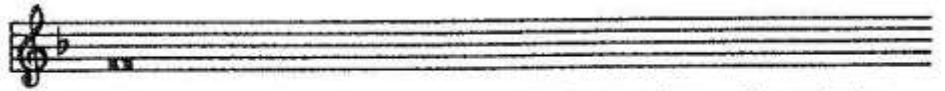


☐ Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation

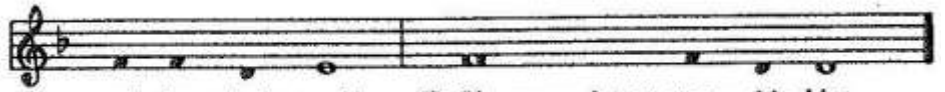


of the whole world. ☑ Oh, come, let us wor - ship him.

As the procession is halfway to the altar:



☐ Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation



of the whole world. ☑ Oh, come, let us wor - ship him.

As the procession end at the altar:



☐ Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation



of the whole world. ☑ Oh, come, let us wor - ship him.

Kneel

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.

HYMN

#349, "Ah, Holy Jesus"



1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed that we to
2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my
3 Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath
4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal
5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a -



judge thee have in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,
trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,
sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for our a - tone - ment,
sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of an - guish
dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee; think on thy pit - y



by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.
I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.
while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed.
and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.
and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

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

Stand

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Sing, My Tongue

1 Sing, my tongue, the glo - rious bat - tle; tell the tri - umph
 2 God in mer - cy saw us fall - en, sunk in shame and
 3 Tell how, when at length the full - ness of the ap - point - ed
 4 Thir - ty years a - mong us dwell - ing, Je - sus went from

far and wide; tell a - loud the won - drous sto - ry
 mis - er - y, felled to death in E - den's gar - den,
 time was come, Christ, the Word, was born of wom - an,
 Naz - a - reth, des - tined, ded - i - cat - ed, will - ing,

of the cross, the Cru - ci - fied; tell how Christ, the
 where in pride we claimed the tree; then an - oth - er
 left for us the heav'n - ly home, blazed the path of
 did his work, and met his death; like a lamb he

world's re - deem - er, van - quished death the day he died.
 tree was cho - sen, which the world from death would free.
 true o - be - dience, shone as light a - midst the gloom.
 hum - bly yield - ed on the cross his dy - ing breath.

Stanzas 5-7 are found at #355

Text: Venantius Honorius Fortunatus, 530-609; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

Music: Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929

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Kneel

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.