

The Liturgy of Good Friday 2024

The ministers return in silence.

All kneel for a time of silent prayer.

The Collect is said:

Almighty Father, look with mercy on this your family for which our Lord Jesus Christ was content to be betrayed and given up into the hands of sinners and to suffer death upon the cross; who is alive and glorified with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

We listen for God's Word

We sit

The choir sings ***Psalm 22.1-18***

Reading: Hebrews 10.16-25

The Holy Spirit testifies to us, for after saying, 'This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds', he also adds, 'I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no

more.' Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful.

And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Silence is kept.

*We remain seated as cantors
and the choir sing,*

The Passion Gospel John 19.1-37

We proclaim the Cross

The priest says

The cross of Christ.

**The cross on which the Saviour of
the world was hung.**

*The ministers venerate the cross.
All in the congregation, who so wish,
may follow on.*

*The choir sings **The Reproaches**
in a setting by Damian Lundy,
arranged by Christopher Walker*

*O my people,
what have I done to you?
How have I hurt you? Answer me.*

I led you out of Egypt;
from slavery I set you free.
I brought you into the land of
promise;
you have prepared a cross for me.
O my people...

I led you as a shepherd,
I brought you safely through the sea
fed you with manna in the desert;
you have prepared a cross for me.
O my people...

I fought for you in battles,
I won you strength and victory,
gave you a royal crown and sceptre;
you have prepared a cross for me.
O my people...

I planted you, my vineyard,
and cared for you most tenderly,
looked for abundant fruit,
and found none,
only the cross you made for me.
O my people...

Then listen to my pleading,
and do not turn away from me.
You are my people;
will you reject me?
For you I suffer bitterly.
O my people...

Silence is kept.

Acclamations

We adore you, O Christ,
and we bless you,
**because by your holy cross you
have redeemed the world.**

This is the wood of the cross,
on which hung
the Saviour of the world.

Come, let us worship.

O Saviour of the world, who by your
cross and precious blood have
redeemed us,
**save us and help us,
we humbly pray.**

We sing this hymn,

**My song is love unknown,
my Saviour's love to me;
love to the loveless shown,
That they might lovely be.**

**O who am I,
that for my sake
my Lord should take
frail flesh and die?**

**He came from his blest throne
salvation to bestow;
but men made strange,
and none the longed-for
Christ would know.
But O, my Friend,
my Friend indeed,
who at my need his life did spend!**

**Sometimes they strew his way,
and his sweet praises sing;
resounding all the day
hosannas to their King.
Then 'Crucify!'
is all their breath,
and for his death
they thirst and cry.**

**They rise, and needs will have
my dear Lord made away;
a murderer they save,
the Prince of Life they slay.
Yet cheerful he
to suffering goes,
that he his foes
from thence might free.**

**Here might I stay and sing:
no story so divine;
never was love, dear King,
never was grief like thine!
This is my Friend,
in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend.**

Samuel Crosman (1624-83)

Prayers of Intercession

We kneel or sit to pray,

God sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Therefore we pray to our heavenly Father for people everywhere according to their needs.

Let us pray for the Church of God throughout the world: for unity in faith, in witness and in service, for bishops and other ministers, and those whom they serve, for Steven our bishop, and the people of this diocese, for all Christians in this place, for those to be baptized, for those who are mocked and persecuted for their faith, that God will confirm his Church in faith, increase it in love, and preserve it in peace.

Silence is kept.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the
Church is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all
your faithful people, that in their
vocation and ministry they may serve
you in holiness and truth to the glory
of your name; through our Lord and
Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Let us pray for the nations of the
world and their leaders: for Charles
our King and the Parliaments of this
land, for those who administer the
law and all who serve in public office,
for all who strive for justice and
reconciliation, that by God's help the
world may live in peace and freedom.

Silence is kept.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Most gracious God and Father, whose
will is our peace, turn our hearts and
the hearts of all to yourself, that by
the power of your Spirit the peace
which is founded on justice may be
established throughout the world.

Amen.

Let us pray for those who do not
believe the gospel of Christ: for those
who have not heard the message of
salvation, for all who have lost faith,
for the contemptuous and scornful,
for those who are enemies of Christ

and persecute those who follow him,
for all who deny the faith of Christ
crucified, that God will open their
hearts to the truth and lead them to
faith and obedience.

Silence is kept.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Merciful God, creator of all the people
of the earth, have compassion on all
who do not know you, and by the
preaching of your gospel with grace
and power, gather them into the one
fold of the one Shepherd; Christ our
Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for all those who suffer:
for those who are deprived and
oppressed, for all who are sick,
for those in darkness, in doubt and in
despair, in loneliness and in fear,
for prisoners, captives and refugees,
for the victims of false accusations
and violence, for all at the point of
death and those who watch beside
them, that God in his mercy will
sustain them with the knowledge of
his love.

Silence is kept.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Almighty and everlasting God, the comfort of the sad, the strength of those who suffer: hear the prayers of your children who cry out of any trouble, and to every distressed soul grant mercy, relief and refreshment, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us commend ourselves and all God's children to his unfailing love, and pray for the grace of a holy life, that, with all who have died in the peace of Christ, we may come to the fullness of eternal life and the joy of the resurrection.

Silence is kept.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light, look favourably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery, and by the tranquil operation of your perpetual providence carry out the work of our salvation: and let the whole world feel and see that things which were cast down are being raised up and things which had grown old are being made new and that all things are returning to perfection through him from whom they took their origin, even Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

We stand to sing,

**O sacred head, sore wounded,
defiled and put to scorn;
O kingly head, surrounded
with mocking crown of thorn:
what sorrow mars thy grandeur?
Can death thy bloom deflower?
O countenance whose splendour
the hosts of heaven adore.**

**In thy most bitter passion
my heart to share doth cry,
with thee for my salvation
upon the cross to die.
Ah, keep my heart thus moved
to stand thy cross beneath,
to mourn thee, well-beloved,
yet thank thee for thy death.**

**My days are few, O fail not,
with thine immortal power,
to hold me that I quail not
in death's most fearful hour:
That I may fight befriended,
and see in my last strife
to me thine arms extended
upon the cross of life.**

*Paul Gerhart (1607-76) from Latin
tr. Robert Bridges (1844-1930)*

The Lord's Prayer

Standing at the foot of the Cross, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive
those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Giving of Communion

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*The people receive the communion.
Those who do not wish to receive are
welcome at the Altar for a blessing.*

The choir sings:

O Vos Omnes J.L. de Victoria

*O vos omnes
qui transitis per viam,
attendite, et videte si est dolor similis
sicut dolor meus.
Attendite, universi populi,
et videte dolorem meum, si est dolor
similis sicut dolor meus.*

Is it nothing to you,
all ye that pass by?
Behold, and see if there be any
sorrow like unto my sorrow.
Behold, all ye people,
and see my sorrow, if there be any
sorrow like unto my sorrow.

Lamentations 1.12

The Conclusion

Silence is kept.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, set your passion, cross and death between your judgement and our souls, now and in the hour of our death. Grant mercy and grace to the living, rest to the departed, to your Church peace and concord and to us sinners forgiveness, and everlasting life and glory; for, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you are alive and reign, God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

We depart in silence.

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