# Holy Communion: Tuesday of Holy Week

Pieta by Fenwick Lawson (1981)

The Lord be with you; and also with you.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **Prayers of Penitence**

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After the Summary of the Law, this is said: Amen. Lord, have mercy.

An introduction is said.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

The Absolution is pronounced.

# The Collect prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 



## Psalm 71.1-14

In you, O Lord, do I seek refuge; • let me never be put to shame.

In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; • incline your ear to me and save me.

Be for me a stronghold to which I may ever resort; • send out to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, • from the grasp of the evildoer and the oppressor.

For you are my hope, O Lord God, ◆ my confidence, even from my youth.

Upon you have I leaned from my birth, when you drew me from my mother's womb; • my praise shall be always of you.

I have become a portent to many, • but you are my refuge and my strength.

Let my mouth be full of your praise • and your glory all the day long.

Do not cast me away in the time of old age; • forsake me not when my strength fails.

For my enemies are talking against me, • and those who lie in wait for my life take counsel together.

They say, 'God has forsaken him; pursue him and take him, • because there is none to deliver him.'

O God, be not far from me; • come quickly to help me, O my God.

Let those who are against me be put to shame and disgrace; • let those who seek to do me evil be covered with scorn and reproach.

But as for me I will hope continually • and will praise you more and more.

## Gospel: John 12.20-26

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John; Glory to you, O Lord.

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip

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went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

## Meditation

#### Silence is kept for prayer

#### The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you and also with you.

## Eucharist

The Lord is here. God's Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give thanks and praise.

The priest praises God.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The priest recalls the Last Supper.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus: Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life: Lord Jesus, come in glory.

*The priest continues ending with* ...forever and ever. **Amen.** 

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.

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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.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us. Jesus, redeemer of the world, give us your peace.

# Prayers after Communion

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.** 

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

In the shadow of a manger, by a candles dancing flame, tender Mary holds her baby, as she breathes his holy name. Jesus rest your weary head, Jesus close your weeping eyes. Mary sings, 'Lully, lulay; peace be yours, my love, this night.'

In the shadow of the temple, in a place so far from home, Mary sees her child of wonder, and she marvels how he's grown. Jesus rest your weary head; Jesus think on gentle things. In her loving arms she holds him; 'Peace be yours, my love, this night.'

In the shadow of Golgotha, underneath a darkened sky, Mary gently cradles Jesus. Through her tears she says goodbye. Jesus rest your weary head. Here on earth your work is done. In her pain and hope, she whispers, 'Peace be yours, my love, this night.'

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# The Blessing and Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. In the name of Christ. Amen.