

The Good Friday Liturgy



The Celebration of the Lord's Passion

*We gather in silence.
All kneel for a time of silent prayer.
The Collect is prayed*



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.



The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

At the end the reader says

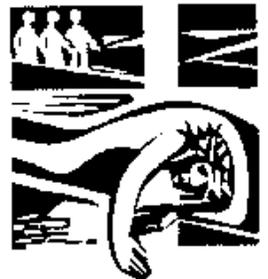
This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

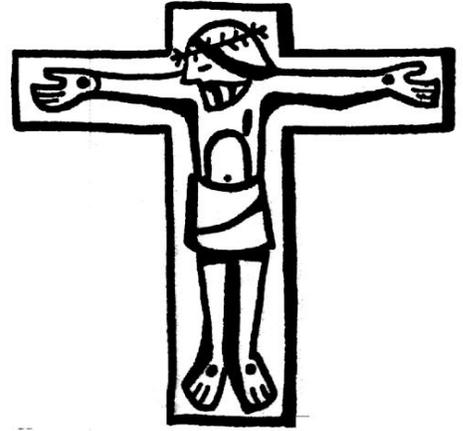
Silence is kept.

Psalm 22 (said antiphonally)

1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? *
and are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress?
2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; *
by night as well, but I find no rest.



3 Yet you are the Holy One, *
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
4 Our forefathers put their trust in you; *
they trusted, and you delivered them.
5 They cried out to you and were delivered; *
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.
6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man, *
scorned by all and despised by the people.
7 All who see me laugh me to scorn; *
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,
8 “He trusted in the LORD; let him deliver him; *
let him rescue him, if he delights in him.”
9 Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, *
and kept me safe upon my mother’s breast.
10 I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; *
you were my God when I was still in my mother’s womb.
11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near, *
and there is none to help.
12 Many young bulls encircle me; *
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.
13 They open wide their jaws at me, *
like a ravening and a roaring lion.
14 I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint; *
my heart within my breast is melting wax.
15 My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd; my tongue sticks to the roof of my
mouth; * and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.
16 Packs of dogs close me in, and gangs of evildoers circle around me; *
they pierce my hands and my feet; I can count all my bones.
17 They stare and gloat over me; * they divide my garments among them;
they cast lots for my clothing.
18 Be not far away, O LORD; *
you are my strength; hasten to help me.
19 Save me from the sword, *
my life from the power of the dog.
20 Save me from the lion’s mouth, *
my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.



Second Reading

At the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Silence is kept.

We **STAND** for the hymn and for the Passion Gospel

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John



- Evangelist* When Jesus had spoken these words, he went forth with his disciples across the Kidron valley, where there was a garden which he and his disciples entered. Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place; for Jesus often met there with his disciples. So Judas, procuring a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons. Then Jesus, knowing all that was to befall him, came forward and said to them:
- Jesus* Whom do you seek?
ALL **Jesus of Nazareth.**
- Jesus* I am he.
- Evangelist* Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. When he said to them, 'I am he', they drew back and fell to the ground. Again he asked them:
- Jesus* Whom do you seek?
ALL **Jesus of Nazareth.**
- Jesus* I told you that I am he; so, if you seek me, let these men go.
- Evangelist* This was to fulfil the word which he had spoken, 'Of those whom you gave me I lost not one'. Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's slave and cut off his right ear. The slave's name was Malchus. Jesus said to Peter:
- Jesus* Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup which the Father has given me?
- Evangelist* So the band of soldiers and their captain and the officers of the Jews seized Jesus and bound him. First they led him to Annas; for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. It was Caiaphas who had given counsel to the Jews that it was expedient that one man should die for the people. Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another

disciple. As this disciple was known to the high priest, he entered the court of the high priest along with Jesus, while Peter stood outside at the door. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the maid who kept the door, and brought Peter in. The maid who kept the door said to Peter:

Maid Are you not also one of this man's disciples?

Peter I am not.

Evangelist Now the servants and officers had made a charcoal fire, because it was cold, and they were standing and warming themselves; Peter also was with them, standing and warming himself. The high priest then questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching. Jesus answered:

Jesus I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all Jews come together; I have said nothing secretly. Why do you ask me? Ask those who have heard me, what I said to them; they know what I said.

Evangelist When he had said this, one of the officers standing by struck Jesus with his hand, saying:

Officer Is that how you answer the high priest?

Jesus If I have spoken wrongly, bear witness to the wrong; but if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?

Evangelist Annas then sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest. Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They said to him:

ALL **Are you not also one of his disciples?**

Peter I am not.

Evangelist One of the servants of the high priest, a kinsman of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, said:

Servant Did I not see you in the garden with him?

Evangelist Peter again denied it; and at once the cock crowed.

Then they led Jesus from the house of Caiaphas to the praetorium. It was early. They themselves did not enter the praetorium, so that they might not be defiled, but might eat the passover. So Pilate went out to them and said:

Pilate What accusation do you bring against this man?

ALL (Priests) **If this man were not an evildoer, we would not have handed him over.**

Pilate Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law.

ALL (Priests) **It is not lawful for us to put any man to death.**

Evangelist This was to fulfil the word which Jesus had spoken to show by what death he was to die. Pilate entered the praetorium again and called Jesus and said to him:

Pilate Are you the King of the Jews?

Jesus Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?

Pilate Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me; what have you done?

Jesus My kingship is not of this world; if my kingship were of this world, my servants would fight, that I might not be handed over to the Jews; but my kingship is not from the world.

Pilate So you are a king?

Jesus You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth. Every one who is of the truth hears my voice.

Pilate What is truth?

Evangelist After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again, and told them:

Pilate I find no crime in him. But you have a custom that I should release one man for you at the Passover; will you have me release for you the King of the Jews?

ALL (Priests) Not this man, but Barabbas!

Evangelist Now Barabbas was a robber.
Then Pilate took Jesus and scourged him. And the soldiers plaited a crown of thorns, and put it on his head, and arrayed him in a purple robe; they came up to him, saying:

ALL Hail, King of the Jews!

Evangelist Pilate went out again, and said to the Jews:

Pilate Behold, I am bringing him out to you, that you may know that I find no crime in him.

Evangelist So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe.

Pilate Here is the man!

Evangelist When the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out:

ALL Crucify him! Crucify him!

Pilate Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no crime in him.

ALL We have a law, and by that law he ought to die, because he has made himself the Son of God.

Evangelist When Pilate heard these words, he was the more afraid; he entered the praetorium again and said to Jesus:

Pilate Where are you from?

Evangelist But Jesus gave no answer.

Pilate You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?

Jesus You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore he who delivered me to you has the greater sin.

Evangelist Upon this Pilate sought to release him, but the Jews cried out:

ALL If you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend; every one who makes himself a king sets himself against Caesar.

Evangelist When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Pavement, and in Hebrew, Gabbatha. Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; it was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews:

Pilate Here is your King!

ALL Away with him, away with him, crucify him!

Pilate Shall I crucify your King?

ALL We have no king but Caesar.

Evangelist Then he handed Jesus over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus, and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called The Skull, which is called in Hebrew Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. Pilate also wrote a title and put it on the cross; it read, 'Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews'. Many of the Jews read this title, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. The chief priests of the Jews then said to Pilate:

ALL Do not write, 'The King of the Jews', but, 'This man said, "I am the King of the Jews"'.

Pilate What I have written, I have written.

Evangelist When the soldiers had crucified Jesus they took his garments and made four parts, one for each soldier. But his tunic was without seam, woven from top to bottom; so they said to one another:

ALL Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be.

Evangelist This was to fulfil the scripture, 'They parted my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots'. So the soldiers did this. Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing near, he said to his mother:

Jesus Woman, behold your son.

Evangelist Then he said to the disciple:

Jesus Behold your mother.

Evangelist And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home. After this Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfil the scripture):

Jesus I thirst.

Evangelist A bowl full of vinegar stood there; so they put a sponge full of the vinegar on hyssop and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the vinegar, he said:



Jesus

It is finished.

Evangelist

And he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. Since it was the day of Preparation, in order to prevent the bodies from remaining on the cross on the sabbath (for that sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him; but when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. He who saw it has borne witness - his testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth - that you also may believe. For these things took place that the scripture might be fulfilled, 'Not a bone of him shall be broken'. And again another scripture says, 'They shall look on him whom they have pierced.'

After this Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly, for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him leave. So he came and took away his body. Nicodemus also, who had at first come to him by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds' weight. They took the body of Jesus, and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb where no one had ever been laid. So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, as the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

This is the Passion of the Lord.

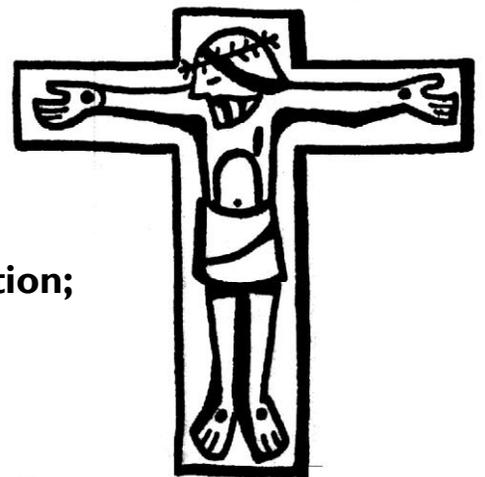
Silence is kept. We sing a hymn

At the Foot of the Cross

We glory in your cross, O Lord,
**and praise you for your mighty resurrection;
for by virtue of your cross
joy has come into our world.**

God be gracious to us and bless us:
and make his face shine upon us,

**Let your ways be made known on earth:
your liberating power among all nations.**



Let the peoples praise you, O God: let all the peoples praise you.

**We glory in your cross, O Lord,
and praise you for your mighty resurrection;
for by virtue of your cross
joy has come into our world.**

We sing a hymn

Intercession

*The president introduces the prayers
At the end*

Merciful Father,
All **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

We sing a hymn

We remain in silent prayer

Conclusion



The Lord's Prayer

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection
of your Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved humankind:
grant that by faith in him
who suffered on the cross,
we may triumph in the power
of his victory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The minister departs in silence.