

Friday of the Passion of the Lord
(Good Friday)
April 7, 2023

(Enter in Silence)

(Presider enters and prostrates before the altar)

Prayer

Remember your mercies, O Lord, and with your eternal protection sanctify your servants, for whom Christ your Son, by the shedding of his Blood, established the Paschal Mystery. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

OR

O God, who by the Passion of Christ your Son, our Lord, abolished the death inherited from ancient sin by every succeeding generation, grant that just as, being conformed to him, we have borne by the law of nature the image of the man of earth, so by the sanctification of grace we may bear the image of the Man of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

First Part: The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Isaiah 52:13-53:12

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

See, you, my servant, shall prosper, You shall be raised high and greatly exalted, even as many were amazed – so marred was your look beyond human semblance, and your appearance beyond that of human flesh – so shall you startle many nations, because of you rulers shall stand speechless; for those who have not been told shall see, and those who have not heard shall ponder it.

Who would believe what we have heard? To whom has the arm of God been revealed? For you, my servant, grew up before me like a young sapling, like a shoot from the parched earth; you had no stately bearing to make us look at you, nor appearance that would attract us to you. You were spurned and avoided by your own people; one who suffered, accustomed to infirmity, one of those from whom people hide their faces, spurned, and held in no esteem.

Yet it was our infirmities that you bore, our sufferings that you endured, while we thought of you as stricken, as one smitten by God and afflicted. But you were pierced for our offenses, crushed for our sins; upon you was the chastisement that makes us whole, by your stripes we were healed.

We had all gone astray like sheep, each following our own way; but the Most High laid upon you the guilt of us all.

Though you were harshly treated, you submitted And opened not your mouth;
Like a lamb led to the slaughter, Or a sheep before the shearers,
You were silent and opened not your mouth. Oppressed and condemned you were taken away;
And who would have thought any more of your destiny? When you were cut off from the land of the living,
And smitten for the sin of the people, A grave was assigned you among the wicked

And a burial place with evildoers, Though you had done no wrong, Nor spoken any falsehood.
Yet the Most High was pleased to crush you in infirmity.

If you give your life as an offering for sin, You shall see your descendants in a long life,
And the will of the Most High shall be accomplished through you.

Because of your affliction, you shall see the light in fullness of days; through your suffering,
you, my servant, shall justify many, and their guilt you shall bear.

Therefore, I will give you a portion among the great, and you shall divide the spoils with the
mighty, because you surrendered yourself to death and were counted among the wicked;
and you shall take away the sins of many, and win pardon for their offenses.

The word of our God.

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Refrain

Father, I put my life in your hands.

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

In our justice rescue me, oh my faithful Lord, in your hands, I commend my spirit. **Refrain**

For all my foes reproach me; all my friends are not put to flight.

I am forgotten, like the unremembered dead, like a dish that now is broken. **Refrain**

I place my trust in you, Lord; in your hands is my destiny.

Let your face shine upon your servant, Lord, in your hands I will place my life. **Refrain**

Second Reading Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Sisters and brothers, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens,
Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession.

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who
has similarly been tested in every way, yet without sin.

So let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely
help.

In the days when Christ was in the flesh, he offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and
tears to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence.

Although Christ was the Chosen One, he learned obedience from what he suffered; and when he
was made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him.

The Word of our God.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory, we glory in the Cross of Christ.
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Our freedom, our triumph in the cross of Christ
Our longing, our justice, in the cross of Christ.

Glory, we glory in the Cross of Christ.

Gospel Luke 22-23

The Lord be with you.
And with your Spirit.
The Passion of the Lord according to Luke
Glory to you, O Lord.

(The Passion is on a separate paper)

Sung parts: (tune of “O Sacred Head Surrounded”)

V1: We sing the Savior’s glory, God’s triumph far and wide.
The cross becomes our glory, God’s mighty throne of grace.
V2: And God’s great love and mercy, shall every death embrace.
The cross becomes our glory, God’s mighty throne of grace.
V3: We tell the wondrous story, how on a cross He died.
The cross becomes our glory, God’s mighty throne of grace.

The Good News of Salvation
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily (take a moment to reflect on the readings - what word or phrase stood out to you?)

The Solemn Intercessions

I. For Holy Church

Cantor

*Let us pray dear friends, that the Church may persevere in faith
As a light to all the nations to God’s glory.
May all people who take refuge in the cross of Jesus Christ the Savior
Live in fellowship and true charity and in truth.*

All

In your love we hope in the cross. Amen.

Prayer in silence. Then the Priest says:
Almighty ever-living God,
who in Christ revealed your glory to all the nations,
watch over the works of your mercy,
that your Church, spread throughout all the world,
may persevere with steadfast faith in confessing your name.
Look kindly on the flock of your Son,

that those whom one Baptism has consecrated
may be joined together by integrity of faith
and united in the bond of charity.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

II. For the Pope

Cantor

*For our Pope Francis, for the bishops, religious and the laity
All who minister in the church for all God's people.
Use these lives of dedication, give them wisdom and steep them in your grace
So that we might form a communion pleasing to you.*

All

In your love we hope, in the cross. Amen.

Prayer in silence. Then the Priest says:

Almighty ever-living God,
by whose decree all things are founded,
look with favor on our prayers
and in your kindness protect the Pope chosen for us,
that, under him, the Christian people,
governed by you their maker,
may grow in merit by reason of their faith.
Hear our humble prayer for your ministers,
for all Bishops, Priests, and Priests of the Church
and for the whole of the faithful people.
that, by the gift of your grace,
all may serve you faithfully.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

III. For those whose beliefs are different from our own; For the Jewish people

Cantor:

*Let us pray for those whose beliefs are different from our own
May all find the source who is God and God alone.
O one God of all diversity, many are the paths which lead to you
For you are the way, and the journey's end. Call us all.
For the Jewish people whom you love, and for others who may not know your name.
Dwell within each heart, you who are the truth and the life.*

All

Sisters, brothers, all in your love. Amen.

Prayer in silence. Then the Priest says:

Almighty ever-living God,
who bestowed your promises on Abraham and his descendants,
hear graciously the prayers of your Church,
that the people you first made your own
may attain the fullness of redemption.
Grant to those who do not confess Christ
that, by walking before you with a sincere heart,

they may find the truth
and that we ourselves, being constant in mutual love
and striving to understand more fully the mystery of your life,
may be made more perfect witnesses to your love in the world.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

IV. For those in tribulation (ONE)

Cantor

*For more equity in the distribution of resources,
So that peace descends, and there be no one in need.
May we see your face in everyone, loving God, hear your children cry out
In Ukraine, in Afghanistan, in Syria, in Africa, at our borders, in our neighborhood
And everywhere your cross is carried today.*

All

Sisters, brothers, all in your love. Amen.

Prayer in silence. Then the Priest says:

Almighty ever-living God,
comfort of mourners, strength of all who toil,
may the prayers of those who cry out in any tribulation
come before you,
that all may rejoice,
because in their hour of need
your mercy was at hand.
Look with favor, we pray,
on those who govern with authority over us,
that throughout the whole world,
the prosperity of peoples,
the assurance of peace,
and freedom of religion
may through your gift be made secure.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

V. For those in tribulation

Cantor

*Let all creatures pray for the restoration of God's garden
Which humanity in its greed and haste defiles.
O creator God we mourn with you the destruction of habitat and life
May your children heal your earth tenderly as your Lord would do.*

All

Come, renew the face of the earth. Amen.

Prayer in silence. Then the Priest says:

Almighty ever-living God,
who created all people
to seek you always by desiring you
and, by finding you, come to rest,
grant, we pray,

that, despite every harmful obstacle,
all may recognize the signs of your fatherly love
and the witness of the good works
done by those who believe in you,
and so in gladness confess you,
the one true God and Father of our human race.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Second Part: The Adoration of the Holy Cross

Procession of the Cross

This is the wood of the cross, on which is hung the salvation of the world.
Come, let us worship. (sung three times)

The Veneration of the Holy Cross

(Father holds the Cross in front of the Altar. Each person come to venerate the cross, please do not kiss)

Behold the Wood (BB 28, p 110)

Refrain

Behold, behold the wood of the cross, on which is hung our salvation. O come, let us adore.

Unless a grain of wheat shall fall upon the ground and die,
It shall remain but a single grain and not give life. **Refrain**

And when my hour of glory comes as all was meant to be,
you shall see me lifted up upon a tree. **Refrain**

For there can be no greater love shown upon this land
than in the one who came to die that we might live. **Refrain**

Holy Darkness (BB 474)

Refrain

Holy darkness, blessed night, heaven's answer hidden from our sight.
As we await you, O God of silence, we embrace your holy night.

I have tried you in fires of affliction; I have taught your soul to grieve.
In the barren soil of your loneliness, there I will plant my seed. **Refrain**

In your deepest hour of darkness I will give you wealth untold.
When the silence stills your spirit, will my riches fill your soul. **Refrain**

Third Part: Holy Communion

Our Father

At the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

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.

Deliver us Lord we pray from every evil, and grant us peace in our days that by the help of your mercy we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Holy Communion

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

Communion Hymn: Behold the Lamb of God (B149)

1. Behold the Lamb of God, Behold the Lamb of God,
who carries our burden, who knows our pain,
who bears the sins of the world.

Refrain:

Behold the Lamb of God, Behold the Lamb of God,
Jesus, Jesus is the Lamb of God.

2. Surely he has borne our grief
and carried the sorrows of us all.
Struck down in our stead, rejected and scorned,
and by his wounds we are healed.

Refrain

3. Father, forgive them; they do not understand.
They do not understand what they do.

Refrain

4. The kingdom of this world
has become the kingdom of Christ,
and he shall reign for endless days.
Worthy is the Lamb.

Refrain

Prayer after Communion:

Let us pray:

Almighty ever-living God, who have restored us to life, by the blessed Death and Resurrection of your Christ, preserve in us the work of your mercy, that, by partaking of this mystery, we may have a life unceasingly devoted to you. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Dismissal

May abundant blessing, O Lord, we pray, descend upon your people, who have honored the Death of your Son in the hope of their resurrection: may pardon come, comfort be given, holy faith increase, and everlasting redemption be made secure. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

All depart in Silence.