

Good Friday

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On this day the ministers enter in silence.

All then kneel for silent prayer.

The Celebrant rises and prays

All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned every one to his own way,

People **And the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.**

The Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A Reading from Genesis 22:1-18

Psalm 22:1-21

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A Reading from Hebrews 10:1-25

The Passion Gospel is announced in the following manner

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted.

John 18:1-19:37 or 19:1-37

The congregation may be seated for the first part of the Passion. At the verse which mentions the arrival at Golgotha (John 19:17) all stand.

The Sermon

The Solemn Collects

All standing, the Celebrant or Deacon says

Dear People of God: Our heavenly Father sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved; that all who believe in him might be delivered from the power of sin and death, and become heirs with him of everlasting life.

We pray, therefore, for people everywhere according to their needs.

The biddings may be read by a Deacon or other person appointed. The Celebrant says the Collects.

Let us pray for the holy Church throughout the world: that the Lord our God may preserve her in unity, peace, and safety, bringing into divine subjection all powers and principalities; and that he may grant us to dwell in such peace and tranquility that we may show forth the glory of God.

Silence

Almighty Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church. Fill it with all truth, in all truth with all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son our Savior. *Amen.*

Let us pray for *N.* our Bishop and for *N.* our Archbishop: that the Lord our God, who has appointed them to this office, may preserve them in health and safety for the governance of God's holy people.

Silence

Almighty and everlasting God, whose judgment upholds all things both in heaven and on earth: as you have appointed these your servants to be our bishops, so also defend them by your mercy against all adversities; that we, acknowledging you as the great Shepherd and Overseer of our souls, may so prosper by their care that we may bring forth the fruit of righteousness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us pray for all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons; and for all God's holy People.

Silence

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Let us pray for *N.* our *President/Prime Minister/Sovereign*, and for all in Civil Authority; that they, knowing whose ministers they are, may above all things seek God's honor and glory: and that we, remembering whose authority they bear, may faithfully and obediently honor them in accordance with your holy Word.

Silence

Almighty God, whose kingdom is everlasting and whose power is infinite: We commend our nation to your merciful care, that being guided by your Providence, we may dwell secure in your peace. Grant to our *President/Prime Minister/Sovereign*, and to all in authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do your will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness; and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve this people in your fear; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us pray for those who are preparing for Holy Baptism: that the Lord our God may open their hearts to his grace and mercy; that by the washing of regeneration they may obtain the remission of all their sins, and be found faithful servants of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Silence

Almighty and everlasting God, you multiply your Church in every generation: Grant the gifts of faith and understanding to those being instructed in your holy Word; that being washed in the waters of baptism, they may be born again and numbered among your adopted children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us pray to God the Father Almighty, that he would cleanse the world from all evil; deliver it from pestilence and famine; set free those who are in captivity; restore the sick to health; and bring those who travel to a haven of safety.

Silence

Gracious God, the comfort of all who sorrow, the strength of all who suffer: Let the cry of those in misery and need come to you, that they may find your mercy present with them in all their afflictions; and give us, we pray, the strength to serve them for the sake of him who suffered for us, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us pray for all who are in heresy or schism: that the Lord our God may deliver them from all false doctrines, and restore them to the faith and unity of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

Silence

O God of truth and love, who desires not the death of sinners but rather that they should turn from their wickedness and live: Look with mercy on those who are deceived by the lies of the world, the flesh, and the devil; that the hearts of those who have gone astray may be restored to wisdom and return to the way of truth in the unity of your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us pray for the Jewish people: that the Lord our God may look graciously upon them and that they may come to full knowledge of Jesus as Messiah and Lord of all.

Silence

Almighty and everlasting God, you established your covenant with Abraham and his seed: Hear the prayers of your Church, that the chosen people through whom you brought salvation to the world may also share in the fullness of redemption, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us pray for all those who do not believe in Christ, that the light of the Holy Spirit may fill them and bring them into the way of salvation.

Silence

Merciful God, creator of all the peoples of the earth and lover of souls: Have compassion on all who do not know you as you are revealed in your Son Jesus Christ; let your Gospel be preached with grace and power to those who have not heard it; turn the hearts of those who resist it; and bring home to your fold those who have gone astray; that there may be one flock under one Shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us commit ourselves to our God, and pray for the grace of a holy life, that, with all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to God alone, we may be accounted worthy to enter into the fullness of the joy of our Lord, and receive the crown of life in the day of resurrection.

Silence

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know 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 being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Appropriate devotions may follow, which may include any or all of the following. If desired, the liturgy may end here with the singing of a hymn or anthem, the Lord's Prayer, and the concluding prayer.

Devotion before the Cross

A wooden cross may now be brought into the church and placed in the sight of the people. The following antiphon may be said three times, as the cross is being uncovered.

Behold the Wood of the Cross, on which was hung the world's Salvation.

Response. O come, let us adore him.

The following or other suitable antihems may be said.

Invitation to come forward and hammer a nail in the cross

Were You There

Hymn 109

Were you there when they crucified my Lord
Were you there when they crucified my Lord
O sometimes it causes me to tremble tremble tremble
Were you there when they crucified my Lord

Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree

O sometimes it causes me to tremble tremble tremble
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree

Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb
O sometimes it causes me to tremble tremble tremble
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb

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The Reproaches

O my people, O my Church,
What have I done to you,
or in what have I offended you?

Testify against me.

I led you forth from the land of Egypt,
and delivered you by the waters of baptism,
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

*Response. Holy God, Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal one, have mercy upon us.*

I led you through the desert forty years,
and fed you with manna.
I brought you through tribulation and penitence,
and gave you my body, the bread of heaven,
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

*Response. Holy God, Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal one, have mercy upon us.*

What more could I have done for you
that I have not done?
I planted you, my chosen and fairest vineyard,
I made you the branches of my vine;
but when I was thirsty, you gave me vinegar to drink,
and pierced with a spear the side of your Savior.

*Response. Holy God, Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal one, have mercy upon us.*

I went before you in a pillar of cloud,
and you have led me to the judgment hall of Pilate.
I scourged your enemies and brought you
to a land of freedom,
but you have scourged, mocked, and beaten me.
I gave you the water of salvation from the rock,
but you have given me gall and left me to thirst.

*Response. Holy God, Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal one, have mercy upon us.*

I gave you a royal scepter,
and bestowed the keys to the kingdom,
but you have given me a crown of thorns.
I raised you on high with great power,
but you have hanged me on the cross.

*Response. Holy God, Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal one, have mercy upon us.*

Anthem 1

We glory in your cross, O Lord,

*Response. and praise and glorify your holy resurrection;
for by virtue of your cross
joy has come to the whole world.*

May God be merciful to us and bless us,
show us the light of his countenance, and come to us.

*Response. Let your ways be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.*

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

*Response. We glory in your cross, O Lord,
and praise and glorify your holy resurrection;
for by virtue of your cross
joy has come to the whole world.*

Anthem 2

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,

Response. because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

If we have died with him, we shall also live with him;
if we endure, we shall also reign with him.

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

O Sacred Head

Hymn # 112

By: Bernard of Clairvaux Trans. By: Robert Bridges Tune: Hans Leo Hassler

1 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 deflow'r?
O countenance whose splendor, The hosts of heav'n adore!

2 Thy beauty, long desired, Hath vanished from our sight:
Thy pow'r is all expired, And quenched the light of light.
Ah me! for whom thou diest, Hide not so far thy grace:
Show me, O Love most highest, The brightness of thy face.

3 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.

4 My days are few, O fail not, With thine immortal pow'r,
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.

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Concluding Prayer

The service always concludes with the following prayer. No blessing or dismissal is added.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, we pray you to set your passion, cross, and death between your judgment and our souls, now and in the hour of our death. Give mercy and grace to the living; peace and rest to the dead; to your holy Church unity and concord; and to us sinners everlasting life and glory; for with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.