

The Liturgy of Good Friday



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THE GATHERING

THE COLLECT FOR GOOD FRIDAY - *The Collect is said after a short period of silence*

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**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING – *Isaiah 52.13 – 53.12 read by a member of the congregation*

- ¹³ See, my servant shall prosper;
he shall be exalted and lifted up,
and shall be very high.
- ¹⁴ Just as there were many who were astonished at him
—so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance,
and his form beyond that of mortals—
- ¹⁵ so he shall startle many nations;
kings shall shut their mouths because of him;
for that which had not been told them they shall see,
and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate.

Who has believed what we have heard?

And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

- ² For he grew up before him like a young plant,
and like a root out of dry ground;
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.
- ³ He was despised and rejected by others;
a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity;
and as one from whom others hide their faces
he was despised, and we held him of no account.

⁴ Surely he has borne our infirmities
and carried our diseases;
yet we accounted him stricken,
struck down by God, and afflicted.

⁵ But he was wounded for our transgressions,
crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,
and by his bruises we are healed.

⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have all turned to our own way,
and the Lord has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

⁷ He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.

⁸ By a perversion of justice he was taken away.
Who could have imagined his future?
For he was cut off from the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people.

⁹ They made his grave with the wicked
and his tomb with the rich,
although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰ Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain.
When you make his life an offering for sin,
he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;
through him the will of the Lord shall prosper.

¹¹ Out of his anguish he shall see light;
he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.
The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.

¹² Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;
because he poured out himself to death,
and was numbered with the transgressors;

yet he bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors.

This is the word of the Lord,

All Thanks be to God

THE PSALMODY – *Psalm 22*

- 1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me, ♦
and are so far from my salvation, from the words of my distress?
- 2 **O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; ♦
and by night also, but I find no rest.**
- 3 Yet you are the Holy One, ♦
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
- 4 **Our forebears trusted in you; ♦
they trusted, and you delivered them.**
- 5 They cried out to you and were delivered; ♦
they put their trust in you and were not confounded.
- 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 deliver him, if he delights in him.’**
- 9 But it is you that took me out of the womb ♦
and laid me safe upon my mother’s breast.
- 10 **On you was I cast ever since I was born; ♦
you are my God even from my mother’s womb.**
- 11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near at hand ♦
and there is none to help.
- 12 **Mighty oxen come around me; ♦
fat bulls of Bashan close me in on every side.**
- 13 They gape upon me with their mouths, ♦
as it were a ramping and a roaring lion.

- 14 **I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint; ♦
my heart has become like wax melting in the depths of my body.**
- 15 My mouth is dried up like a potsherd; my tongue cleaves to my gums; ♦
you have laid me in the dust of death.
- 16 **For the hounds are all about me, the pack of evildoers close in on me; ♦
they pierce my hands and my feet.**
- 17 I can count all my bones; ♦
they stand staring and looking upon me.
- 18 **They divide my garments among them; ♦
they cast lots for my clothing.**
- 19 Be not far from me, O Lord; ♦
you are my strength; hasten to help me.
- 20 **Deliver my soul from the sword, ♦
my poor life from the power of the dog.**
- 21 Save me from the lion's mouth, from the horns of wild oxen. ♦
You have answered me!
- 22 **I will tell of your name to my people; ♦
in the midst of the congregation will I praise you.**
- 23 Praise the Lord, you that fear him; ♦
O seed of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, O seed of Israel.
- 24 **For he has not despised nor abhorred the suffering of the poor;
neither has he hidden his face from them; ♦
but when they cried to him he heard them.**
- 25 From you comes my praise in the great congregation; ♦
I will perform my vows in the presence of those that fear you.
- 26 **The poor shall eat and be satisfied; ♦
those who seek the Lord shall praise him; their hearts shall live for
ever.**
- 27 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, ♦
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 28 **For the kingdom is the Lord's ♦
and he rules over the nations.**
- 29 How can those who sleep in the earth bow down in worship, ♦
or those who go down to the dust kneel before him?

- 30 **He has saved my life for himself; my descendants shall serve him; ♦
this shall be told of the Lord for generations to come.**
- 31 They shall come and make known his salvation, to a people yet unborn, ♦
declaring that he, the Lord, has done it.

THE SECOND READING – *Hebrews 10.16–25, read by the subdeacon*

¹⁶ ‘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’,

¹⁷ he also adds,

‘I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.’

¹⁸ 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, ²⁰ by the new and living way that he opened for us
through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹ and since we have a great
priest over the house of God, ²² 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. ²³ Let us hold fast to the
confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is
faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and
good deeds, ²⁵ 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,

All Thanks be to God

THE PASSION NARRATIVE ACCORDING TO ST JOHN – *will be sung by the choir
to a setting by Tomás Luis de Victoria*

THE HOMILY

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & SOLEMN COLLECTS

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 Sarah and Emma, our bishops, 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. Lord, hear us.

All 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. Lord, hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

Most gracious God and Father, in 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; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us pray for God's ancient people, the Jews, the first to hear his word:

for greater understanding between Christian and Jew,
for the removal of our blindness and bitterness of heart,
that God will grant us grace to be faithful to his covenant and to grow in the love of his name. Lord, hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

Lord God of Abraham, bless the children of your covenant, both Jew and Christian; take from us all blindness and bitterness of heart, and hasten the coming of your kingdom, when the Gentiles shall be gathered in, all Israel shall be saved, and we shall dwell together in mutual love and peace under the one God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. 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.
Lord, hear us.

All 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.
Lord, hear us.

All 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.

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. Lord, hear us.

All 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 VENERATION OF THE CROSS

A wooden cross is brought into the church and placed in the sight of the people.

As the cross is carried in, the procession stops three times and the following responses are said

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

All Come, let us adore him.

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

All 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.

All Come, let us adore him.

O Saviour of the world, who by your cross and precious blood have redeemed us,

All save us and help us, we humbly pray.

All are invited to come forward and venerate the Cross. During this time, 'Crux Fidelis' is sung by the choir.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

All 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. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever.

Amen.

GIVING OF COMMUNION

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

During the distribution of Holy Communion in one kind, the choir will sing 'Were You There', to a setting by Bob Chilcott

CONCLUSION

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

DISMISSAL GOSPEL

³⁸Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body. ³⁹Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. ⁴⁰They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in

linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. ⁴¹Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. ⁴²And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

All members of the congregation leave the church and disperse in strict silence

