

GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY

The services over 'The Great Three Days' or Triduum, contain some of the most ancient texts that our church has and rehearses some of the deepest and most fundamental Christian memories. The Good Friday liturgy contains two fundamental items, meditation through words and music and the veneration of the cross. There can be no adequate way of recalling the being dead of the Son of God, other than silence and desolation. But within the silence there grows a sense of peace and completion as we move through Saturday to the excitement of Easter Day.

*Please join in with the prayers and responses in **bold print***

The service begins in silence.

Priest: All loving God
Look with mercy on this your scattered and dispersed family,
for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed
and to be 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.

All **Amen.**

The Passion Gospel according to John (John 18.1 – 19.42)

Psalm 22

- 1** My God, my God, why have you forsaken me:
why are you so far from helping me
and from the words of my groaning?
- 2** **My God, I cry to you by day, but you do not answer:
and by night also I take no rest.**
- 3** But you continue holy:
you that are the praise of Israel.
- 4** **In you our forebears trusted:
they trusted, and you delivered them;**
- 5** To you they cried and they were saved:
they put their trust in you and were not confounded.
- 6** **But as for me, I am a worm and no man:
the scorn of all and despised by the people.**
- 7** Those that see me laugh me to scorn:
they shoot out their lips at me
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 you are he that took me out of the womb:
that brought me to lie at peace on my mother's breast.
- 10** **On you have I been cast since my birth:
you are my God, even from my mother's womb.**
- 11** O go not from me, for trouble is hard at hand:
and there is none to help.
- 12** **Many oxen surround me:
fat bulls of Bashan close me in on every side.**

13 They gape wide their mouths at me:
like lions that roar and rend.

**14 I am poured out like water,
and all my bones are out of joint:
my heart within my breast is like melting wax.**

15 My mouth is dried up like a potsherd:
and my tongue clings to my gums.

**16 My hands and my feet are withered:
and you lay me in the dust of death.**

17 For many dogs are come about me:
and a band of evildoers hem me in.

**18 I can count all my bones:
they stand staring and gazing upon me.**

19 They part my garments among them:
and cast lots for my clothing.

**20 O Lord, do not stand far off:
you are my helper, hasten to my aid.**

21 Deliver my body from the sword:
my life from the power of the dogs;

**22 O save me from the lion's mouth:
and my afflicted soul from the horns of the wild oxen.**

23 I will tell of your name to my companions:
in the midst of the congregation will I praise you.

**24 O praise the Lord, all you that fear him:
hold him in honour, O seed of Jacob,
and let the seed of Israel stand in awe of him.**

25 For he has not despised nor abhorred
the poor man in his misery:
nor did he hide his face from him,
but heard him when he cried.

**26 From you springs my praise in the great congregation:
I will pay my vows in the sight of all that fear you;**

27 The meek shall eat of the sacrifice and be satisfied:
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him—
may their hearts rejoice for ever!

**28 Let all the ends of the earth remember
and turn to the Lord:
and let all the families of the nations worship before him.**

29 For the kingdom is the Lord's:
and he shall be ruler over the nations.

**30 How can those who sleep in the earth do him homage:
or those that descend to the dust bow down before him?**

31 But he has saved my life for himself:
and my posterity shall serve him.

**32 This shall be told of my Lord to a future generation:
and his righteousness declared to a people yet unborn,
that he has done it.**

The Sermon

*When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.*

*Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
save in the death of Christ my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.*

*See from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down;
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?*

*Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small:
love so amazing, so divine
demands my soul, my life, my all.*

The Proclamation of the Cross

The cross of Christ.

All The cross on which the Saviour of the world was hung.

INTERCESSIONS

*The response to: Lord, in your mercy, is **hear our prayer***

Following these intercessions we contemplate the cross

*Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
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Oh, 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?
Oh, 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?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?*

*When his time was over,
the palms lay where they fell.
As they ate together, he told his friends farewell.
Jesus, though you cried out for some other end,
love could only choose a cross
when our life began again.*

*There was one who asked you,
"Remember me this day."
Jesus, when I'm dying, remember me that way.
When my life is over, be with me, my friend,
like the thief upon the cross
when our life began again.*

Priest Standing at the foot of the cross,
as our Saviour has taught us, so we pray.

All **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.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
Now and for ever. Amen.**

Prayer

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**

*We all depart in silence today as we await the conclusion of the liturgy on Easter morning.
The Church remains liturgically silent until Easter morning.*

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