



The Liturgy of the Passion
Good Friday

The Gathering

Servers and clergy enter in silence. All kneel for a time of silent prayer.

The Collect

All stand as the president prays

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.

All **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Please sit. There is no introduction or response to the readings.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 52.13 – 53.12

Psalmody
Psalm 22.1-11

The choir sings

*My God, my God, look upon me; why hast thou forsaken me:
and art so far from my health, and from the words of my complaint?*

*O my God, I cry in the day-time, but thou hearest not:
and in the night-season also I take no rest.*

And thou continuest holy: O thou worship of Israel.

Our fathers hoped in thee: they trusted in thee, and thou didst deliver them.

*They called upon thee, and were holpen
they put their trust in thee, and were not confounded.*

*But as for me, I am a worm, and no man:
a very scorn of men, and the out-cast of the people.*

*All they that see me laugh me to scorn:
they shoot out their lips, and shake their heads, saying,*

He trusted in God, that he would deliver him:

let him deliver him, if he will have him.

But thou art he that took me out of my mother's womb:

thou wast my hope, when I hanged yet upon my mother's breasts.

I have been left unto thee ever since I was born:

thou art my God even from my mother's womb.

O go not from me, for trouble is hard at hand: and there is none to help me.

New Testament Reading
Hebrews 4.14-16; 5.7-9

Gradual Hymn

Please stand.

The Passion according to St John

Tomas Luis de Victoria

Please remain standing for the Passion Gospel. The Gospel is long, so please do sit if you need to. After the Gospel, silence is kept.

Prayers of Intercession

Please kneel or sit. The president introduces the prayers

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.

A minister continues with these biddings, the president praying the collect at the end of each section.

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 our own bishops, and the people of this diocese,
for all Christians in this place,
for those to be baptized and confirmed,
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.

Silence is kept.

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.

All **Amen.**

Let us pray for the nations of the world and their leaders:
for Elizabeth our Queen and the Parliaments of this land,
for the leader of all the nations
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.

Silence is kept.

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.

All **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.

Silence is kept.

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.

All **Amen.**

Let us pray for those who follow other faiths and creeds –
for those who seek God within their own culture and tradition;
for those who have not heard the message of salvation;
for those whom we have hurt in the name of Christ,
and for all who have misunderstood and hurt Christians;
for those who have lost their faith;
and for enemies of Christ who persecute his followers –
that God will open all hearts to truth,
and lead us to the knowledge of his love.

Silence is kept.

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.

All **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.

Silence is kept.

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.

All **Amen.**

The president concludes the prayer

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.

All **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Cross

The president moves to the foot of the cross and says

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

All **Come, let us worship.**

*Please come forward to stand or kneel briefly before the cross
or to make some other act of reverence.*

*Ancient Jewish custom places a stone on a grave as an act of solidarity.
You are invited to place one of the stones provided at the foot of the cross.*

Choir Behold the wood of the Cross,
whereon was hung the Saviour of the world.
O come, let us worship.

The Reproaches *Sanders*

Choir O my people, what have I done to you?
How have I offended you? Answer me!

I led you out of Egypt, from slavery to freedom,
but you led your Saviour to the cross.

O my people, what have I done to you?
How have I offended you? Answer me!

*Holy is God! Holy and strong!
Holy immortal One, have mercy on us.*

For forty years I led you safely through the desert.
I fed you with manna from heaven,
and brought you to a land of plenty:
but you led your Saviour to the cross.

Holy is God

What more could I have done for you?
I planted you as my fairest vine,
But you yielded only bitterness:
When I was thirsty you gave me vinegar to drink,
and you pierced your Saviour's side with a lance.

Holy is God

I opened the sea before you,
but you opened my side with a spear.
I led you on your way in a pillar of cloud,
but you led me to Pilate's court.

O my people

I bore you up with manna in the desert,
but you struck me down and scourged me.
I gave you saving water from the rock,
but you gave me gall and vinegar to drink.

O my people

I gave you a royal sceptre,
but you gave me a crown of thorns.
I raised you to the height of majesty,
but you have raised me high on a cross.

*O my people, what have I done to you?
How have I offended you? Answer me!*

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Hymn

*during which a small table is placed at the foot of the cross.
The Blessed Sacrament is brought from the altar of repose.*

Choir Faithful Cross! above all other,
One and only noble tree!
None in foliage, none in blossom,
None in fruit thy peer may be;
Sweetest wood and sweetest iron,
Sweetest weight is hung on thee.

**Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle,
Sing the ending of the fray,
O'er the Cross, the victor's trophy,
Sound the loud triumphant lay:
Tell how Christ, the world's Redeemer,
As a Victim won the day.**

**God in pity saw man fallen,
Shamed and sunk in misery,
When he fell on death by tasting
Fruit of the forbidden tree:
Then another tree was chosen
Which the world from death should free.**

**Bend thy boughs, O Tree of Glory,
Thy too rigid sinews bend;
For awhile the ancient rigour
That thy birth bestowed, suspend,
And the King of heavenly beauty
On thy bosom gently tend.**

**Thou alone wast counted worthy
This world's Ransom to sustain,
That a shipwrecked race might ever
Thus a port of refuge gain,
With the sacred blood anointed
From the Lamb for sinners slain.**

**He endured the nails, the spitting,
Vinegar and spear and reed;
From that holy Body pierced
Blood and water forth proceed:
Earth and stars and sky and ocean
By that flood from stain are freed.**

Choir Faithful Cross! above all other,
One and only noble tree!
None in foliage, none in blossom,
None in fruit thy peer may be;
Sweetest wood and sweetest iron,
Sweetest weight is hung on thee.

Words *Venantius Fortunatus 530-609* Tune PLAINSONG *mode I*

The Lord's Prayer

Standing at the foot of the cross,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour taught us

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

The president invites the congregation to receive Holy 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.**

Holy Communion, reserved from the Eucharist of the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday, is given in one kind. Please receive standing.

Communion Anthem

We remain seated as the choir sings.

Communion Hymn

Please stand.

**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?**

**His dying crimson, like a robe,
Spreads o'er His body on the tree;
Then I am dead to all the globe,
And all the globe is dead to me.**

**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.**

Words / Watts 1647-1748

Tune ROCKINGHAM
Adpt. E Miller 1731-1807

Post Communion Prayer

The president says

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.

All **Amen.**

Choir, servers and clergy depart in silence.

Please maintain silence until you have left the cathedral.

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