

## **The Liturgy of Good Friday.**

*The ministers enter in silence.*

*All kneel for a time of silent prayer.*

### **The Collect.**

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.**

### **A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.**

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Silence is kept.*

### **Psalm 22.1-11.**

My God, my God,  
**why have you forsaken me?**

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?  
and are so far from my cry  
and from the words of my distress?

O my God, I cry in the daytime,  
but you do not answer;  
by night as well, but I find no rest.

Yet you are the Holy One,  
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.

**My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**

Our forebears put their trust in you;  
they trusted and you delivered them.  
They cried out to you and were delivered;  
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.

**My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**

But as for me, I am a worm and no man,  
scorned by all and despised by the people.  
All who see me laugh me to scorn;  
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,  
'He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him;  
let him rescue him, if he delights in him.'

### **My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**

Yet you are he who took me out of the womb,  
and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.  
I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born;  
you were my God  
when I was still in my mother's womb.  
Be not far from me, for trouble is near,  
and there is none to help.

### **My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**

### **A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.**

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Silence is kept.*

### **The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.**

*At the end*

This is the Passion of the Lord.

*No response is made.*

*Silence is kept.*

### **Sermon.**

### **The Proclamation of the Cross.**

*The cross is carried in, stopping three times for this response*

This is the wood of the cross.

**Come, let us worship.**

### **The Reproaches.**

Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by?  
Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow  
which was brought upon me,  
which the Lord inflicted on the day of his fierce anger.

**Holy God,  
holy and strong,  
holy and immortal,  
have mercy upon us.**

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 Saviour.

**Holy God,  
holy and strong,  
holy and immortal,  
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 prepared a cross for your Saviour.

**Holy God,  
holy and strong,  
holy and immortal,  
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 Saviour.

**Holy God,  
holy and strong,  
holy and immortal,  
have mercy upon us.**

I went before you in a pillar of cloud,  
and you have led me to the judgement 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.

**Holy God,  
holy and strong,  
holy and immortal,  
have mercy upon us.**

I gave you a royal sceptre,  
and bestowed the keys of 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.

**Holy God,  
holy and strong,  
holy and immortal,  
have mercy upon us.**

My peace I gave, which the world cannot give,  
and washed your feet as a sign of my love,  
but you draw the sword to strike in my name,  
and seek high places in my kingdom.  
I offered you my body and blood,  
but you scatter and deny and abandon me.

**Holy God,  
holy and strong,  
holy and immortal,  
have mercy upon us.**

I sent the Spirit of truth to guide you,  
and you close your hearts to the Counsellor.  
I pray that all may be one in the Father and me,  
but you continue to quarrel and divide.  
I call you to go and bring forth fruit,  
but you cast lots for my clothing.

**Holy God,  
holy and strong,  
holy and immortal,  
have mercy upon us.**

I came to you as the least of your brothers and sisters;  
I was hungry and you gave me no food,  
I was thirsty and you gave me no drink,  
I was a stranger and you did not welcome me,  
naked and you did not clothe me,  
sick and in prison and you did not visit me.

**Holy God,  
holy and strong,  
holy and immortal,  
have mercy upon us.**

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

**The Prayers of Intercession.**

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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 *N*, our bishop, 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.

*Silence is kept.*

Lord, hear us.

**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 Elizabeth our Queen 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.

*Silence is kept.*

Lord, hear us.

**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.

*Silence is kept.*

Lord, hear us.

**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.

*Silence is kept.*

Lord, hear us.

**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.

*Silence is kept.*

Lord, hear us.

**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.

**Amen.**

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.

*Silence is kept.*

Lord, hear us.

**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 Liturgy of the Sacrament.**

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

#### **Our Father in heaven....**

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

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

*You are invited to come forward to receive communion.*

*Silence is kept.*

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.**

*All depart in silence.*