

## MORNING PRAYER

GOOD FRIDAY

*Helpers will greet the people, and make sure that everyone has a worship aid.*

### OPENING VERSICLE

*All stand and make a sign of the cross as the leader sings or says:*

PRESIDER: O Lord, open our lips

ALL: **And we shall proclaim your praise.**

### MORNING HYMN

## PSALM

*All are Seated*

## PSALM PRAYER

*All stand.*

PRESIDER:

Let us pray.

-----*pause for silence*-----

*[Place hands outstretched in the orans position, here]*

O God,  
have mercy on us in your kindness.  
Assist us in sharing that mercy with others.  
Help us to do your will with humility and with faith.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

AMEN.

Mark 15:25-30, 32-34, 36-39

## A Reading from the Gospel of Mark

It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription on the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!" Those who were crucified with him also taunted him. When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

The Gospel of the Lord

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*All Are Seated*

**CANTICLE OF ZACHARY**

*All Stand*

**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

*All stand*

**PRESIDER:** Let us contemplate Jesus, the Lord. Instead of the joy meant for him-----he endured the cross-----disregarding its disgrace.

**READER:** O Christ, your life was no triumph, you carried a cross; may we walk along the same road as you. *Cantor*

**READER:** O Christ, by your suffering you learned faithfulness; you became a source of eternal salvation for the whole human race—may we always strive to be faithful and merciful. *Cantor*

**READER:** O Christ, when threatened you did not retaliate; enable us to forgive to the very end. *Cantor*

**READER:** O Christ, our life is hidden with you in God and that is a joy that touches the depths of the soul. You are the happiness of those who follow you: enable us to live by your trust *Cantor*

**READER:** We us pray for the sick and those who care for them  
(cantor please pause) *Cantor*

**READER:** We pray for those who have died (cantor please pause) *Cantor*

**PRESIDER:** For what else do we pray?

PRESIDER:

Let us pray

-----*pause for silence*-----

*[Place hands outstretched in the orans position, here]*

Merciful God,  
you so loved the world that you sent Jesus to save us.  
He showed his love for us by his life and death on the  
cross.

Strengthen us, Eternal God, and we will wait in silence  
and peace until the light of the Resurrection rises upon  
us.

We ask this through Christ, our Servant Lord, forever  
and ever. AMEN.

## OUR FATHER

*Remain Standing*

PRESIDER: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

*SUNG: ‘Our Father.....’*

PRESIDER: Let us share with one another a sign of Christ’s peace.

## CONCLUDING PRAYER

*Remain Standing*

PRESIDER: Let us pray

-----pause for silence-----

*[Place hands outstretched in the orans position, here]*

God of every human being, in a world where we are bewildered by the incomprehensible suffering of the innocent, we ask-----How can we be witnesses to the Gospel?

Help us to live this day as a people of hope in a world of chaos. May we be enabled to manifest a reflection of the compassion of Christ by the lives that we live.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord.....

AMEN.

## BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

## *Remain standing*

PRESIDER: May the Lord almighty bless our days  
and our lives with peace  
and may Jesus Christ  
who died for our sins

guide and protect us all + (The presider makes  
in the name of the Father the sign of the cross on  
themselves.)

and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

PRESIDER: Let us go forth glorifying the Lord by our lives.

ALL: Thanks be to God

# SONG OF GOING FORTH

### **Remain standing**