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THE ENTRANCE RITE

The Ministers enter and kneel as a sign of humility at the death of the Lord. The People join them by kneeling as able. After a while, the Ministers rise.

Blessed be our God.

People For ever and ever. Amen.

Let us pray.

The Celebrant offers the Collect for Good Friday

Amen.

THE LESSON

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God. *Silence is observed after the Lesson*

INTERLUDE *"This day you will be with me in Paradise." (Luke 23:43)*

THE END OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN

The customary responses before the Gospel are omitted.

Reader 1 They took Jesus; and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, 'Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.' The Temple Authorities read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, 'Do not write, "The King of the Jews", but, "This man said, I am King of the Jews."' Pilate answered, 'What I have written I have written.'



Isaiah 52:13—53:12

Reader 2 When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. So they said to one another, 'Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it.' This was to fulfill what the scripture says, 'They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots.' And that is what the soldiers did.

Reader 1 Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

Reader 2 After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), 'I am thirsty.' A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the wine, he said, 'It is finished.' Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Silence of 30 seconds is observed

Reader 1 Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the cross during the Sabbath, especially because that Sabbath was a day of great solemnity. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men broken and the bodies removed. Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. (He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth.) These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, 'None of his bones shall be broken.' And again another passage of scripture says, 'They will look on the one whom they have pierced.'

A profound Silence (one minute) is observed after the Gospel

THE SOLEMN COLLECTS

All standing as able.

The Solemn Collects are offered followed by silence and a Collect. Prayers are offered for:

FOR THE CHURCH

FOR THE WORLD

FOR ALL IN NEED

THE DEPARTED



After each Collect, the Chant is offered.

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

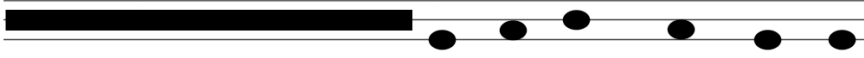
A final Collect is offered and the Chant again for the last time.

THE VENERATION OF THE CROSS

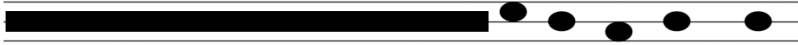
A wooden Cross is now brought into the Church and set up near the Altar



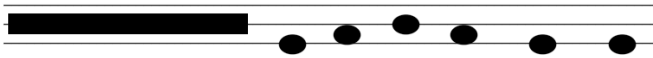
Cantor We ✠ ad - ore you, O Christ, and we bless you,



All because by your holy cross you have re - deemed the world.



Cantor If we have died with him, we shall al - so live with him;



All if we endure, we shall al - so reign with him.



Cantor We ✠ ad - ore you, O Christ, and we bless you,



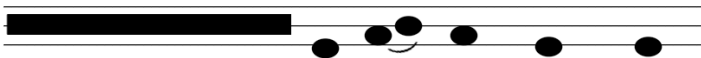
All because by your holy cross you have re - deemed the world.



Cantor O Savior of the world, who by your cross and precious blood



has rede - emed us:



All Save us and help us, we pray you, Lord Christ.



The people venerate the cross in whatever way they wish to do so: touching it, kneeling before it, kissing it, etc..

THE VENERATION ANTHEM

Refrain 1 Peter 2; Isaiah 53

Stephen Dean



Ours were the griefs he bore, ours were the pains he car - ried.



Ours were the sins he took on him, and by ___ his wounds we are healed.

Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example that you should follow in his steps. He committed no sin, no guile was found on his lips. When he was reviled, he did not revile in turn. **REFRAIN**

When he suffered, he did not treaten but he trusted to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. **REFRAIN**

The Celebrant concludes Veneration of the Cross with a Collect.

Almighty God, whose beloved Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption: Give us courage to take up our cross and follow him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Crucifixus

Andrea Gabrielli



THE MASS OF THE PRESANCTIFIED:

Ancient Tradition and The Book of Common Prayer strictly forbid the celebration of the Holy Eucharist on Good Friday. Therefore, the Holy Communion is administered from the remainder of the Blessed Sacrament remaining from the Maundy Thursday Liturgy. The Celebrant and ministers bring the Blessed Sacrament from the Altar of Repose to the Altar and kneels in reverence before the Blessed Sacrament for a time. Then the Celebrant prepares the Sacrament for Holy Communion as the following is sung. as the following is sung.

HYMN 168

O Sacred Head

Passion Choral

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant We glorify you, O Christ, for your love of humankind. You are the only Son, the Word through whom all things came to be. You alone are the one without sin and complete in your humanity. Yet you gave yourself up to death for us, caught in the snares of human ignorance, selfishness, greed, fear and sin. You gave your own life up to death on the Cross. Through this suffering, you have delivered all people from the snares of evil.

Celebrant All we like sheep have gone astray; each turning to our own way,
And God has laid on him the iniquity of us all.
Christ the Lord became obedient unto death;
even death on a cross.
Let us confess our sins.

Silence is observed

Celebrant Most merciful God,
All we confess to you
and to all the Saints in heaven and on earth
that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name.
Amen.

No ABSOLUTION *is given.*

THE OUR FATHER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray.

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 save us from the time of trial, but deliver us from evil. Amen

THE INVITATION & COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Elevating the Body and Blood of Christ, the Celebrant says,

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

because by your holy cross you have reconciled the world.

Behold the Lamb of God who has taken away the sin of the world.

Lamb of God, come under our roof and make us whole.

DURING COMMUNION

Loving Lamb

- Ruth Krusemark/Issac Watts

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy God, your Son Jesus Christ carried the sins of the whole world
on his own body on the tree so that all might have life.

May we and your whole Church, fed with his Body and Blood,
find new life in him, now and in the world to come. Amen.

A COLLECT

Amen.

All of the Blessed Sacrament is consumed. None are to remain except for that which is reserved in cases of pastoral emergency until the Great Vigil of Easter. In this case, the Elements are consumed before the Vigil begins.

THE FINAL EXHORTATION

THE BURIAL OF JESUS

No responses. There is no dismissal. All scatter and depart in silence.