

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.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

All Are Seated

REFLECTION

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?

We pray that you 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
in the name of the Father
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

+ *(The presider makes
the sign of the cross on
themselves.)*

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

ALL: Thanks be to God

SONG OF GOING FORTH

Remain standing