

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

On this day the ministers enter in silence. All then kneel for silent prayer.

THE GREETING

Celebrant: Blessed be our God.

People: *For ever and ever. Amen.*

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

THE PSALM

Psalm 22

BCP 610

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MARK

Mark 15:1-47

Please remain seated for the Passion until the Narrator reads the following...

Narrator: Then, they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means, “The place of a skull”).

Congregation, please stand as you are able.

Following the Passion, the following Hymn is sung:

SEQUENCE HYMN

“O Sacred Head, Sore Wounded”

H 168

THE SOLEMN COLLECTS

Dear People of God: Our heavenly Father sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved; that all who believe in him might be delivered from the power of sin and death, and become heirs with him of everlasting life.

We pray, therefore, for people everywhere according to their needs.

Please kneel as you are able.

We continue with Biddings and Collects, observing silences.

Final Collect:

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know 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 being

brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

HYMN

“Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?”

H 172

During the singing of the hymn, a wooden cross is brought in.

THE ANTHEMS

BCP 281

The service concludes with the following prayer:

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, we pray you to set your passion, cross, and death between your judgment and our souls, now and in the hour of our death. Give mercy and grace to the living; pardon and rest to the dead; to your holy Church peace and concord; and to us sinners everlasting life and glory; for with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

“Sing, My Tongue, The Glorious Battle”

H 166 (v. 1-3)

No blessing or dismissal is added. The leaders depart in silence.

The Sanctuary will be open until 3:00 pm for silent prayer and self-directed Stations of the Cross.

Easter Sunday Services

6:30 am - Sunrise Service (Easter Vigil)

10:30 am - Easter Day Service

Celebrant: The Rev. Cynthia McKenna

Assisting: The Rev. Cannon, Dr. Lynn A. Collins

Music: Michael Cooper-Smyth