

He was
wounded
for our
transgressions.

Isaiah 53:5



"In all things God works for good to those who love him, who are called according to his purpose." Only in this sense can this day be called "good." We walk with Christ to Calvary and crucifixion, and prayerfully reflect on the extent of God's love for us. As the ancient solemn rites of Good Friday are observed, the Passion according to John is read; prayer is offered for the whole world for whom Christ gave his life; and simple devotions at the cross and tomb help us enter into the reality of the divine Sacrifice. As a sign of mourning, and in accordance with earliest tradition, there is no celebration of the Eucharist. The service concludes with a prayer followed by silence.



All kneel for silent prayer; then the Celebrant begins the liturgy.

Celebrant Blessed be our God,
People For ever and ever. *Amen.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.*

All are seated.

The Word of God

The First Reading Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Silence is kept

The Psalm *Psalms 22: 1-11*

- 1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? *
and are so far from my cry
and from the words of my distress?
- 2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; *
by night as well, but I find no rest.
- 3 Yet you are the Holy One, *
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
- 4 Our forefathers put their trust in you; *
they trusted, and you delivered them.
- 5 They cried out to you and were delivered; *
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.
- 6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man, *
scorned by all and despised by the people.
- 7 All who see me laugh me to scorn; *
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,

- 8 "He trusted in the LORD; let him deliver him; *
let him rescue him, if he delights in him."
- 9 Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, *
and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.
- 10 I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; *
you were my God when I was still in my
mother's womb.
- 11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near, *
and there is none to help.

The Second Reading Hebrews 10:16-25

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Silence is kept

The Gospel John 19:1-37

The people are seated for the first part of the Gospel.

At the mention of the arrival at Golgotha, all stand.

At the mention of the Lord's death, all kneel in silence for a time.

The Sermon

Hymn *all standing*

1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you
 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you
 *3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side? Were you
 4 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you

there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh!
 there when they nailed him to the tree? Oh!
 there when they pierced him in the side? Oh!
 there when they laid him in the tomb? Oh!

Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,
 Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,
 Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,
 Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,

trem-ble. Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
 trem-ble. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
 trem-ble. Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
 trem-ble. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

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Music: *Were you There*, Afro-American spiritual; harm. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

The Solemn Collects *Remain standing*

All standing, the Deacon, or other person appointed, says to the people

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.

Let us pray for the holy Catholic Church of Christ throughout the world;

For its unity in witness and service

For all bishops and other ministers

and the people whom they serve

For Kevin, our Bishop, and all the people of this diocese

For all Christians in this community

That God will confirm his Church in faith, increase it in love, and preserve it in peace.

Silence

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Let us pray for all nations and peoples of the earth, and for those in authority among them;

For Joe, the President of the United States

For the Congress and the Supreme Court

For the Members and Representatives of the United Nations

For all who serve the common good

That by God's help they may seek justice and truth, and live in peace and concord.

Silence

Almighty God, kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth; that in tranquility your dominion may increase, until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us pray for all who suffer and are afflicted in body or in mind;

For the hungry and the homeless, the destitute

and the oppressed

For the sick, the wounded, and the crippled

For those in loneliness, fear, and anguish
For those who face temptation, doubt, and despair
For the sorrowful and bereaved
For prisoners and captives, and those in mortal danger
That God in his mercy will comfort and relieve them, and
grant them the knowledge of his love, and stir up in us the
will and patience to minister to their needs.

Silence

Gracious God, the comfort of all who sorrow, the strength of all who suffer: Let the cry of those in misery and need come to you, that they may find your mercy present with them in all their afflictions; and give us, we pray, the strength to serve them for the sake of him who suffered for us, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us pray for all who have not received the Gospel of Christ;

For those who have never heard the word of salvation
For those who have lost their faith
For those hardened by sin or indifference
For the contemptuous and the scornful
For those who are enemies of the cross of Christ and
persecutors of his disciples
For those who in the name of Christ have persecuted others
That God will open their hearts to the truth, and lead them to
faith and obedience.

Silence

Merciful God, creator of all the peoples of the earth and lover of souls: Have compassion on all who do not know you as you are revealed in your Son Jesus Christ; let your Gospel be preached with grace and power to those who have not heard it; turn the hearts of those who resist it; and bring home to your fold those who have gone astray; that there may be one flock under one shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us commit ourselves to our God, and pray for the grace of a holy life, that, with all who have departed this world and have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to God alone, we may be accounted worthy to enter into the fullness of the joy of our Lord, and receive the crown of life in the day of resurrection.

Silence

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.*

Devotions at the Cross

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A wooden cross is now placed on the Altar in sight of the people followed by the following devotions

Anthem 1: Ah, holy Jesus, verse 1

Hymn 158

Leader We glory in your cross, O Lord,

People and praise and glorify your holy resurrection;
for by virtue of your cross joy has come to the whole world.

Leader May God be merciful to us and bless us,
show us the light of his countenance, and come to us.

People Let your ways be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.

Leader Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

People We glory in your cross, O Lord, and praise and glorify your holy resurrection; for
by virtue of your cross joy has come to the whole world.

Anthem 2: Ah, Holy Jesus, verse 2

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

People because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Leader If we have died with him, we shall also live with him;
if we endure, we shall also reign with him.

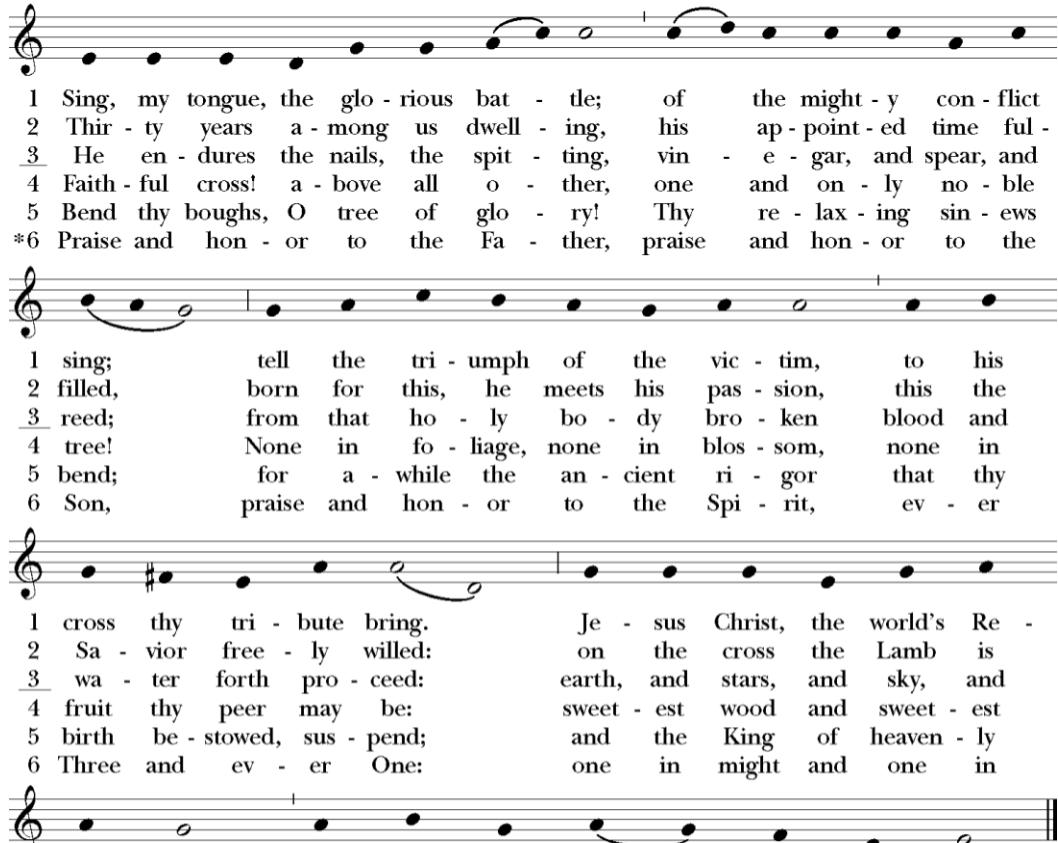
People We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,
because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Anthem 3: Ah Holy Jesus, verse 4

Leader O Savior of the world,
who by thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us:

People Save us and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

Hymn



The hymn is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of six lines of music, each with a corresponding line of lyrics. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are as follows:

1 Sing, my tongue, the glo - rious bat - tle; of the might - y con - flict
 2 Thir - ty years a - mong us dwell - ing, his ap - point - ed time ful -
 3 He en - dures the nails, the spit - ting, vin - e - gar, and spear, and
 4 Faith - ful cross! a - bove all o - ther, one and on - ly no - ble
 5 Bend thy boughs, O tree of glo - ry! Thy re - lax - ing sin - ews
 *6 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or to the

1 sing; tell the tri - umph of the vic - tim, to his
 2 filled, born for this, he meets his pas - sion, this the
 3 reed; from that ho - ly bo - dy bro - ken blood and
 4 tree! None in fo - liage, none in blos - som, none in
 5 bend; for a - while the an - cient ri - gor that thy
 6 Son, praise and hon - or to the Spi - rit, ev - er

1 cross thy tri - bute bring. Je - sus Christ, the world's Re -
 2 Sa - vior free - ly willed: on the cross the Lamb is
 3 wa - ter forth pro - ceed: earth, and stars, and sky, and
 4 fruit thy peer may be: sweet - est wood and sweet - est
 5 birth be - stowed, sus - pend; and the King of heaven - ly
 6 Three and ev - er One: one in might and one in

1 deem - er from that cross now reigns as King.
 2 lift - ed, where his pre - cious blood is spilled.
 3 o - cean, by that flood from stain are freed.
 4 i - ron! sweet - est weight is hung on thee.
 5 beau - ty gent - ly on thine arms ex - tend.
 6 glo - ry while e - ter - nal a - ges run.

Words: Venantius Honorius Fortunatus (540?-600?); ver. *Hymnal 1982*, after John Mason Neale (1818-1866)

Music: *Pange lingua*, plainsong, Mode 3, *Zisterzienser Hymnar*, 14th cent.; acc. David Hurd (b. 1950); alt. acc. *Hymnal 1940*

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The Lord's Prayer *Said by all*

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 lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory,
 for ever and ever. Amen.

*The service concludes with the following prayer said by the celebrant.
There is no blessing or dismissal.*

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.*

The ministers depart in silence. After a few moments the congregation is asked to also exit in silence.



Serving in the Liturgy:

<i>Celebrant and Preacher</i>	Kim Capwell
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