

The Liturgy of Good Friday



THE GATHERING

*The ministers enter in silence. All **KNEEL** or **SIT** for a time of silent prayer. The ministers prostrate.*

Almighty Father,
look with mercy on this your family for which our Lord Jesus Christ
was content to be betrayed
and given up into the hands of sinners
and to suffer death upon the cross; who is alive and glorified with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 52.13-end of 53

Read by Anthony Marini

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

See, my servant shall prosper;
he shall be exalted and lifted up,
and shall be very high.
Just as there were many who were astonished at him
—so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance,
and his form beyond that of mortals—
so he shall startle many nations;
kings shall shut their mouths because of him;
for that which had not been told them they shall see,
and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate.

Who has believed what we have heard?
And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?
For he grew up before him like a young plant,
and like a root out of dry ground;

he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.
He was despised and rejected by others;
a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity;
and as one from whom others hide their faces
he was despised, and we held him of no account.

Surely he has borne our infirmities
and carried our diseases;
yet we accounted him stricken,
struck down by God, and afflicted.
But he was wounded for our transgressions,
crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,
and by his bruises we are healed.
All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have all turned to our own way,
and the Lord has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.
By a perversion of justice he was taken away.
Who could have imagined his future?
For he was cut off from the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people.
They made his grave with the wicked
and his tomb* with the rich,
although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain.
When you make his life an offering for sin,
he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;
through him the will of the Lord shall prosper.
Out of his anguish he shall see light;
he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.
The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.
Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;
because he poured out himself to death,
and was numbered with the transgressors;

yet he bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 22.1-22
(Sung by the Choir)

1 My God, my God, look upon me; why hast thou forsaken me *
and art so far from my health, and from the words of my complaint?
2 O my God, I cry in the day-time, but thou hearest not *
and in the night-season also I take no rest.
3 And thou continuest holy *
O thou worship of Israel.
4 Our fathers hoped in thee *
they trusted in thee, and thou didst deliver them.
5 They called upon thee, and were holpen *
they put their trust in thee, and were not confounded.
6 But as for me, I am a worm, and no man *
a very scorn of men, and the out-cast of the people.
7 All they that see me laugh me to scorn *
they shoot out their lips, and shake their heads, saying,
8 He trusted in God, that he would deliver him *
let him deliver him, if he will have him.
9 But thou art he that took me out of my mother's womb *
thou wast my hope, when I hanged yet upon my mother's breasts.
10 I have been left unto thee ever since I was born *
thou art my God even from my mother's womb.
11 O go not from me, for trouble is hard at hand *
and there is none to help me.
12 Many oxen are come about me *
fat bulls of Basan close me in on every side.
13 They gape upon me with their mouths *
as it were a ramping and a roaring lion.
14 I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint *
my heart also in the midst of my body is even like melting wax.
15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue cleaveth to my gums *
and thou shalt bring me into the dust of death.
16 For many dogs are come about me *
and the council of the wicked layeth siege against me.
17 They pierced my hands and my feet; I may tell all my bones *
they stand staring and looking upon me.
18 They part my garments among them *
and cast lots upon my vesture.
19 But be not thou far from me, O Lord *
thou art my succour, haste thee to help me.

20 Deliver my soul from the sword *
my darling from the power of the dog.
21 Save me from the lion's mouth *
thou hast heard me also from among the horns of the unicorns.
22 I will declare thy Name unto my brethren *
in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.

EPISTLE: Hebrews 4.14-16; 5.7-9
Read by Jayawin Jayapal

A reading from the epistle to the Hebrews

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Silence is kept.

GRADUAL HYMN: There is a Green Hill Faraway

STAND

THE PASSION: John 18.1 - 19.37
SIT or STAND

After the Gospel, silence is kept.

PROCLAMATION OF THE CROSS.
STAND

As the cross is carried in, the procession stops three times. The following versicle and response are recited:

The cross of Christ.
The cross on which the Saviour of the world was hung.

When the cross is placed in view of the congregation, a hymn may be sung.

SIT or KNEEL

ANTHEM: God so loved the world

Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by?
Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow

which was brought upon me,
which the Lord inflicted on the day of his fierce anger.

**Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.**

O my people, O my Church,
what have I done to you,
or in what have I offended you? Testify against me.
I led you forth from the land of Egypt,
and delivered you by the waters of baptism,
but you have prepared a cross for your Saviour.

**Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.**

I led you through the desert forty years,
and fed you with manna.
I brought you through tribulation and penitence,
and gave you my body, the bread of heaven,
but you prepared a cross for your Saviour.

**Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.**

What more could I have done for you
that I have not done?
I planted you, my chosen and fairest vineyard,
I made you the branches of my vine;
but when I was thirsty, you gave me vinegar to drink,
and pierced with a spear the side of your Saviour.

**Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.**

I went before you in a pillar of
cloud,
and you have led me to the judgement hall of Pilate.
I scourged your enemies and brought you to a land of freedom, but you have scourged,
mocked and beaten me.

I gave you the water of salvation from the rock,
but you have given me gall and left me to thirst.

**Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.**

I gave you a royal sceptre,
and bestowed the keys of the kingdom,
but you have given me a crown of thorns.
I raised you on high with great power,
but you have hanged me on the cross.

**Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.**

My peace I gave, which the world cannot give,
and washed your feet as a sign of my love,
but you draw the sword to strike in my name,
and seek high places in my kingdom.
I offered you my body and blood, but you scatter and deny and abandon me.

**Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.**

I sent the Spirit of truth to guide you,
and you close your hearts to the Counsellor.
I pray that all may be one in the Father and me,
but you continue to quarrel and divide.
I call you to go and bring forth fruit,
but you cast lots for my clothing.

**Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.**

I came to you as the least of your brothers and sisters;
I was hungry and you gave me no food,
I was thirsty and you gave me no drink,
I was a stranger and you did not welcome me,
naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison
and you did not visit me.

**Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.**

Silence is kept.

You are worthy, O Lamb, for you were slain,
and by your blood you ransomed for God
saints from every tribe and language and nation;
you have made them to be a kingdom
and priests serving our God.

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

To him who loves us
and has freed us from our sins by his blood,
and made us a kingdom of priests to stand and serve before our God;
**to him who sits upon the throne and to the Lamb
be praise and honour, glory and might,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Silence is kept.

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

Christ was manifested in the body,
vindicated in the spirit,
seen by angels,
proclaimed among the nations, believed in throughout the world, glorified in high heaven.

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

Silence is kept.

**We glory in your cross, O Lord, and praise you for your mighty resurrection;
for by virtue of your cross
joy has come into our world.**

God be gracious to us and bless us:
and make his face shine upon us,
that your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations.
**Let the peoples praise you, O God:
let all the peoples praise you.**

O let the nations rejoice and be glad,
for you will judge the peoples righteously
and govern the nations upon earth.
**Let the peoples praise you, O God:
let all the peoples praise you.**

Then shall the earth bring forth her increase,
and God, our own God, will bless us.

God will bless us,
and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

**We glory in your cross, O Lord, and praise you for your mighty resurrection;
for by virtue of your cross joy has come into our world.**

Silence is kept.

ACCLAMATIONS

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

This is the wood of the cross,
on which hung the Saviour of the world.

Come, let us worship.

O Saviour of the world,
who by your cross and precious blood have redeemed us,
save us and help us, we humbly pray

HYMN: O Dearest Lord, Thy Sacred Head

STAND

During this hymn, you may come forward to venerate the cross if you wish. You may simply stand in front of the cross for a moment; you may bow or kneel; you may kiss the foot of the cross.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

SIT

The president introduces the prayers.

God sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world,
but that the world might be saved through him.

Therefore we pray to our heavenly Father for people everywhere according to their needs.

A minister continues with these biddings, the president saying the Collect at the end of each section.

Let us pray for the Church of God throughout the world:

for unity in faith, in witness and in service;

for bishops and other ministers, and those whom they serve;

for Geoffrey our bishop, David his suffragan, Irja, Bishop of Helsinki, and the people of our dioceses;

for all Christians in this place;

for those to be baptized;

for those who are mocked and persecuted for their faith,

that God will confirm his Church in faith,

increase it in love, and preserve it in peace.

Silence

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people;
that in their vocation and ministry each may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of
your Name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Let us pray for the nations of the world and their leaders:
for the President of Finland and the Parliament of this land;
for those who administer the law and all who serve in public office;
for all who strive for justice and reconciliation,
that by God's help the world may live in peace and freedom.

Silence

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Most gracious God and Father,
in whose will is our peace:
turn our hearts and the hearts of all to yourself,
that by the power of your Spirit
the peace which is founded on justice
may be established throughout the world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Let us pray for God's ancient people, the Jews, the first to hear his word:
for greater understanding between Christian and Jew;
for the removal of our blindness and bitterness of heart,
that God will grant us grace to be faithful to his covenant and to grow in the love of his
name.

Silence

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Lord God of Abraham,
bless the children of your covenant, both Jew and Christian; take from us all blindness and
bitterness of heart,
and hasten the coming of your kingdom,
when Israel shall be saved,

the Gentiles gathered in,
and we shall dwell together in mutual love and peace
under the one God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Let us pray for those who do not believe the Gospel of Christ:
for those who follow other faiths and creeds;
for those who have not heard the message of salvation;
for all who have lost faith;
for the contemptuous and scornful;
for those who are enemies of Christ and persecute those who follow him;
for all who deny the faith of Christ crucified,
that God will open their hearts to the truth and lead them to faith and obedience.

Silence

Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

Merciful God,
creator of all the people of the earth,
have compassion on all who do not know you,
and by the preaching of your Gospel with grace and power, gather them into the one fold of
the one Shepherd;
Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for all those who suffer:
for those who are deprived and oppressed;
for all who are sick;
for those in darkness, in doubt and in despair, in loneliness and in fear;
for prisoners, captives and refugees;
for the victims of false accusations and violence;
for all at the point of death and those who watch beside them,
that God in his mercy will sustain them with the knowledge of his love.

Silence

Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

Almighty and everlasting God,
the comfort of the sad,
the strength of those who suffer; hear the prayers of your children who cry out of any
trouble:
and to every distressed soul
grant mercy, relief, and refreshment,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us commend ourselves and all God's children to his unfailing love, and pray for the grace of a holy life,
that, with all who have died in the peace of Christ,
we may come to the fullness of eternal life
and the joy of the resurrection.

Silence

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light,
look favourably on your whole Church,
that wonderful and sacred mystery, and by the tranquil operation of your perpetual
providence
carry out the work of our salvation: and let the whole world feel and see
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 returning to perfection
through him from whom they took their origin,
even Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

HYMN:O Sacred Head now wounded

STAND

LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

*The altar is covered with a fair linen cloth. The consecrated elements are placed on the altar.
Silence is kept.*

Standing at the foot of cross, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**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,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Before the distribution the president says

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word,
and I shall be healed.**

The president and people receive communion. The following words of distribution are used:

The body of Christ, broken for you.

Amen.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

Silence is kept.

HYMN: 'Tis Finished! The Messiah Dies

STAND

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, set your passion, cross and death between your judgement and our souls, now and in the hour of our death. Grant mercy and grace to the living, rest to the departed, to your Church peace and concord and to us sinners forgiveness, and everlasting life and glory; for with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you are alive and reign, God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE GOSPEL OF THE BURIAL OF CHRIST

John 19.38-42

After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body. Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

The ministers and people depart in silence.

The Chaplain is available to hear confessions after the service.

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