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THE LITURGY OF GOOD FRIDAY

THE GATHERING

The ministers enter in silence.

All may kneel for a time of silent prayer.

All stand and the president says the Collect

The Collect: 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 forever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 52:13-53:12

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.

ALL: Thanks be to God

Silence is kept.

Psalm 22

1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me, and are so far from my salvation, from the words of my distress?

2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; and by night also, but I find no rest.

3 Yet you are the Holy One, enthroned upon the praises of Israel.

4 Our forebears trusted in you; they trusted, and you delivered them.

5 They cried out to you and were delivered; they put their trust in you and were not confounded.

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 deliver him, if he delights in him.'

9 But it is you that took me out of the womb and laid me safe upon my mother's breast.

10 On you was I cast ever since I was born; you are my God even from my mother's womb.

11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near at hand and there is none to help.

(12 Mighty oxen come around me; fat bulls of Bashan 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; all my bones are out of joint; my heart has become like wax melting in the depths of my body.

15 My mouth is dried up like a potsherd; my tongue cleaves to my gums; you have laid me in the dust of death.

16 For the hounds are all about me, the pack of evildoers close in on me; they pierce my hands and my feet.

17 I can count all my bones; they stand staring and looking upon me.

18 They divide my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing.

19 Be not far from me, O Lord; you are my strength; hasten to help me.

20 Deliver my soul from the sword, my poor life from the power of the dog.

21 Save me from the lion's mouth, from the horns of wild oxen. You have answered me!)

New Testament Reading: Hebrews 10:16-25

'This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds', he also adds, 'I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.' Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. Therefore, my friends,-since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

This is the word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God

Silence is kept.

HYMN: When I survey the wondrous cross

**When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.**

**Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
save in the cross of Christ my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.**

**See from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down;
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown!**

**His dying crimson, like a robe,
spreads o'er his body on the tree:
then am I dead to all the globe,
and all the globe is dead to me.**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.**

The Passion Reading: John 18:1-19:42

Voices

Evangelist

Jesus

The following parts may be taken by a third voice

Officer

Peter

Pilate

Slave

Woman

The following parts may be taken by the congregation or choir

Priests

Soldiers

Bystanders

Evangelist

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Evangelist

Jesus went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to a place where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples. So Judas brought a detachment of soldiers together with police from the chief priests and the Pharisees, and they came there with lanterns and torches and weapons. Then Jesus, knowing all that was to happen to him, came forward and asked them,

Jesus

For whom are you looking?

Soldiers

Jesus of Nazareth.

Jesus

I am he.

Evangelist

Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. When Jesus said to them, 'I am he', they stepped back and fell to the ground. Again he asked them,

Jesus

For whom are you looking?

Soldiers

Jesus of Nazareth.

Jesus

I told you that I am he. So if you are looking for me, let these men go.

Evangelist

This was to fulfil the word that he had spoken, 'I did not lose a single one of those whom you gave me.' Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest's slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave's name was Malchus. Jesus said to Peter,

Jesus

Put your sword back into its sheath. Am I not to drink the cup that the Father has given me?

Evangelist

So the soldiers, their officer, and the Jewish police arrested Jesus and bound him. First they took him to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was better to have one person die for the people.

Evangelist

Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, but Peter was standing outside at the gate. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in. The woman said to Peter,

Woman

You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?

Peter

I am not.

Evangelist

Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing round it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and warming himself.

Then the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching. Jesus answered,

Jesus

I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together.

I have said nothing in secret. Why do you ask me? Ask those who heard what I said to them; they know what I said.

Evangelist

When he had said this, one of the police standing nearby struck Jesus on the face, saying,

Officer

Is that how you answer the high priest?

Jesus

If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong. But if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?

Evangelist

Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They asked him,

Bystanders

You are not also one of his disciples, are you?

Peter

I am not.

Evangelist

One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked,

Slave

Did I not see you in the garden with him?

Evangelist

Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed.

Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate's headquarters. It was early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the headquarters, so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the Passover. So Pilate went out to them and said,

Pilate

What accusation do you bring against this man?

Priests

If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you.

Pilate

Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law.

Priests

We are not permitted to put anyone to death.

Evangelist

This was to fulfil what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him,

Pilate

Are you the King of the Jews?

Jesus

Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?

Pilate

I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?

Jesus

My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.

Pilate

So you are a king?

Jesus

You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.

Pilate

What is truth?

Evangelist

After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them,

Pilate

I find no case against him. But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover. Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?

Priests

Not this man, but Barabbas!

Evangelist

Now Barabbas was a bandit.

Evangelist

Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. They kept coming up to him, saying,

Soldiers

Hail, King of the Jews!

Evangelist

and striking him on the face. Pilate went out again and said to them,

Pilate

Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him.

Evangelist

So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe.

Pilate

Here is the man!

Evangelist

When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted,

Priests

Crucify him! Crucify him!

Pilate

Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him.

Priests

We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God.

Evangelist

Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever.

He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus,

Pilate

Where are you from?

Evangelist

But Jesus gave him no answer.

Pilate

Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?

Jesus

You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin.

Evangelist

From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the Jews cried out,

Priests

If you release this man, you are no friend of the emperor.

Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against the emperor.

Evangelist

When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat on the judge's bench at a place called The Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew Gabbatha. Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. He said to the Jews,

Pilate

Here is your King!

Priests

Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!

Pilate

Shall I crucify your King?

Priests

We have no king but the emperor.

Evangelist

Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

So 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.' Many of the Jews 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,

Priests

Do not write, 'The King of the Jews', but, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'

Pilate

What I have written I have written.

Evangelist

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,

Soldiers

Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it.

Evangelist

This was to fulfil what the scripture says, 'They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots.' And that is what the soldiers did.

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,

Jesus

Woman, here is your son.

Evangelist

Then he said to the disciple,

Jesus

Here is your mother.

Evangelist

And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

Evangelist

After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfil the scripture),

Jesus

I am thirsty.

Evangelist

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,

Jesus

It is finished.

Evangelist

Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

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.'

Evangelist

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.

Evangelist

This is the Passion of the Lord.

No response is made.

Silence is kept.

SERMON/ADDRESS

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE CROSS

A large wooden cross is brought in and placed by/on the altar.

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

ALL: Come, let us worship.

Anthem 1. Version 2

My people, what wrong have I done to you? What good have I not done for you? Listen to me.

I am your Creator, Lord of the universe; I have entrusted this world to you, but you have created the means to destroy it.

My people, what wrong have I done to you? What good have I not done for you? Listen to me.

I made you in my image, but you have degraded body and spirit and marred the image of your God. You have deserted me and turned your backs on me.

My people, what wrong have I done to you? What good have I not done for you? Listen to me.

I filled the earth with all that you need, so that you might serve and care for one another, as I have cared for you; but you have cared only to serve your own wealth and power.

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

My people, what wrong have I done to you? What good have I not done for you? Listen to me.

I made my children of one blood to live in families rejoicing in one another; but you have embittered the races and divided the nations.

My people, what wrong have I done to you? What good have I not done for you? Listen to me.

I commanded you to love your neighbour as yourself, to love and forgive even your enemies; but you have made vengeance your rule and hate your guide.

My people, what wrong have I done to you? What good have I not done for you? Listen to me.

In the fullness of time I sent you my Son, that in him you might know me, and through him find life and peace; but you put him to death on the cross.

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

My people, what wrong have I done to you? What good have I not done for you? Listen to me.

Through the living Christ, I called you into my Church to be my servants to the world, but you have grasped at privilege and forgotten my will.

My people, what wrong have I done to you? What good have I not done for you? Listen to me.

I have given you a heavenly gift and a share in the Holy Spirit; I have given you the spiritual energies of the age to come; but you have turned away and crucified the Son of God afresh.

My people, what wrong have I done to you? What good have I not done for you? Listen to me.

I have consecrated you in the truth; I have made you to be one in the unity of the Father and the Son, by the power of the Spirit; but you have divided my Church and shrouded my truth.

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

Turn again, my people, listen to me.

Let your bearing to one another arise out of your life in Christ Jesus. He humbled himself and in obedience accepted the death of the cross. But I have bestowed on him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Turn again, my people, listen to me.

ALL: Father, hear our prayer and forgive us. Unstop our ears, that we may receive the gospel of the cross. Lighten our eyes, that we may see your glory in the face of your Son. Penetrate our minds, that your truth may make us whole. Irradiate our hearts with your love, that we may love one another for Christ's sake. Father, forgive us.

HYMN: Where you there when they crucified my Lord

**Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble;
were you there when they crucified my Lord?**

**Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble;
were you there when they nailed him to the tree?**

**Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble;
were you there when they laid him in the tomb?**

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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.

Minister

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 *N*, our bishop, and the people of this diocese, 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 is kept.

Lord, hear us.

ALL: Lord, graciously hear us.

President

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 they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

ALL: Amen.

Minister

Let us pray for the nations of the world and their leaders: for Elizabeth our Queen and the Parliaments 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 is kept.

Lord, hear us.

ALL: Lord, graciously hear us.

President

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.

ALL: Amen.

Minister

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 is kept.

Lord, hear us.

ALL: Lord, graciously hear us.

President

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 the Gentiles shall be gathered in, all Israel shall be saved, and we shall dwell together in mutual love and peace under the one God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ALL: Amen.

Minister

Let us pray for those who do not believe the gospel of Christ: 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 is kept.

Lord, hear us.

ALL: Lord, graciously hear us.

President

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.

ALL: Amen.

Minister

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 is kept.

Lord, hear us.

ALL: Lord, graciously hear us.

President

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.

ALL: Amen.

Minister

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 is kept.

Lord, hear us.

ALL: Lord, graciously hear us.

President

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.

ALL: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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

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

CLOSING PRAYER

Silence is kept.

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

ALL: Amen.

The ministers and people depart in silence.

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