

Liturgy for Good Friday



The Gathering

After a time of silent prayer, the collect

The Collect

Let us pray that we may follow Christ in the way of the cross

Eternal God,
in the cross of Jesus we see the cost
of our sin and the depth of your love:
In humble hope and fear
may we place at his feet
all that we have and all that we are,
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
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 - 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.

Thanks be to God.

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.

New Testament Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm continued

- 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!

The Passion Gospel: John 18:1 - 19:30

Silence is kept

The Proclamation of the Cross

During which a cross is placed in the sight of those gathered.

**Holy God, holy and strange,
holy and intimate,
have mercy on us.**

**O my people, what have I done to you ? How have I offended you?
Answer me.**

I brooded over the abyss, with my words I called forth creation: but you have brooded on destruction, and manufactured the means of chaos.

O my people, what have I done to you ? How have I offended you?

Answer me.

I breathed life into your bodies, and carried you tenderly in my arms: but you have armed yourselves for war, breathing out threats of violence.

O my people, what have I done to you ? How have I offended you?

Answer me.

I made the desert blossom before you, I fed you with an open hand: but you have grasped the children's food, and laid waste fertile lands.

O my people, what have I done to you ? How have I offended you?

Answer me.

I abandoned my power like a garment, choosing your unprotected flesh: but you have robed yourselves in privilege, and chosen to despise the abandoned.

O my people, what have I done to you ? How have I offended you?

Answer me.

**Holy God, holy and strange,
holy and intimate,
have mercy on us.**

I would have gathered you to me as a lover, and shown you the ways of peace but you have desired security, and you would not surrender yourself.

O my people, what have I done to you ? How have I offended you?

Answer me.

I have torn the veil of my glory, transfiguring the earth: but you have disfigured my beauty, and turned away your face.

O my people, what have I done to you ? How have I offended you?

Answer me.

I have laboured to deliver you, as a woman delights to give life, but you have delighted in bloodshed, and laboured to bereave the world.

O my people, what have I done to you ? How have I offended you?

Answer me.

I have followed you with the power of my spirit, to seek truth and heal the oppressed: but you have been following a lie, and returned to your own comfort.

O my people, what have I done to you ? How have I offended you?

Answer me.

**Holy God, holy and strange,
holy and intimate,
have mercy on us.**

Everyone is invited to hold a cross as a sign of placing our lives before the Cross of Christ. There is no hurry about this, spend a little time in prayer.

Anthem: God so loved the world

The Prayers of Intercession

Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Let us pray for the coming of God's kingdom

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Happy 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.**

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 our Lord. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

The Passion Gospel Part 2: John 19.31- end

Psalm concludes

- 22 I will tell of your name to my people;
in the midst of the congregation will I praise you.
- 23 Praise the Lord, you that fear him;
O seed of Jacob, glorify him;
stand in awe of him, O seed of Israel.
- 24 For he has not despised nor abhorred the suffering of the poor;
neither has he hidden his face from them;
but when they cried to him he heard them.
- 25 From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
I will perform my vows
in the presence of those that fear you.
- 26 The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek the Lord shall praise him;
their hearts shall live for ever.
- 27 All the ends of the earth
shall remember and turn to the Lord,
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 28 For the kingdom is the Lord's
and he rules over the nations.
- 29 How can those who sleep in the earth
bow down in worship,
or those who go down to the dust kneel before him?
- 30 He has saved my life for himself;
my descendants shall serve him;
this shall be told of the Lord for generations to come.
- 31 They shall come and make known his salvation,
to a people yet unborn,
declaring that he, the Lord, has done it.

The service ends in silence