



GOOD FRIDAY



THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

In this celebration of the passion and death of the Lord we: listen to the words of scripture and strive to understand the true meaning of his sufferings; we venerate the cross as the symbol of his triumph; pray with his spirit for the needs of the whole world, and finally we enter into sacramental communion with him who is our Saviour and our Life.

PLEASE REMAIN QUIET BEFORE THE SERVICE BEGINS

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

The Clergy enter in silence.

All kneel or sit and pray for a while in silence as the clergy 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 wicked men 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

A Reading

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm

The Response to the Psalm will be

My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?

THE PASSION

The reading is long so please sit and stand when invited

Address

The Proclamation of the Cross

All stand, turning to face the cross as it is carried into the Church from the back and held in the sight of everyone.

As it is brought in the Priest says 3 times:

'This is the wood of the Cross on which hung the Saviour of the World.'

All : 'Come let us worship.'

'The Reproaches'

Then all kneel or sit for the Reproaches - Join in with:

'Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.'

A SILENCE is kept then this prayer is said together:

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.

As we kneel or sit to look upon the Cross we sing.

Hymn 820 - When I survey the wondrous cross

The Intercessions

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.

All kneel or sit.

The GREAT PRAYERS are offered for:

the church
the nations
the Jews
non-Christians
those who suffer

After each bidding there will be a short silence, then:

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

The prayers end with a collect.

THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

ALL kneel or sit as the reserved Sacrament is brought & placed on to the Altar.

Let us pray for the coming of the kingdom in the words our Saviour 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.

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
grant us peace.**

Jesus is 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.**

All are invited to come to the altar, communicant members of all churches are invited to receive Holy Communion, others to receive a blessing.

Communion Hymn *when everyone has communicated then we sing*

Hymn 576 - O Sacred head surrounded

After Communion all kneel:

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved mankind: 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

ALL STAND as the Clergy leave in silence.

**Please try to leave the Church
as quietly as you can.**

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