

Good Friday

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Opening Versicles

P: O Lord, open my lips,

C: and my mouth will declare Your praise.

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

**C: make haste to help me, O Lord. Praise to You,
O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.**

Collect of the Day

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, graciously behold this Your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and delivered into the hands of sinful men to suffer death upon the cross; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sit

Reading

Isaiah 52:13—53:12

¹³Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted. ¹⁴As many were astonished at you— his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind— ¹⁵so shall he sprinkle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand. ¹Who has believed what they heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? ²For 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, and no beauty that we should desire him. ³He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

⁴Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed. ⁶All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. ⁸By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his

generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? ⁹And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand. ¹¹Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. ¹²Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Collect

P: Merciful and everlasting God, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all to bear our sins on the cross. Grant that our hearts may be so fixed with steadfast faith in Him that we fear not the power of sin, death, and the devil; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Epistle

Hebrews 4:14–16; 5:7–9

¹⁴Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. [...]

^{5:7}In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence.

⁸Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. ⁹And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, ¹⁰being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

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Collect

P: Almighty and everlasting God, You willed that Your Son should bear for us the pains of the cross and so remove from us the power of the adversary. Help us so to remember and give thanks for our Lord’s passion that we may receive forgiveness of sin and redemption from everlasting death; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Hymn “Jesus, I Will Ponder Now” No. 440

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ

It is customary to remain seated for the reading of the Passion of Our Lord, except for the account of the crucifixion, as indicated below.

Part I:
Hymn: “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” No. 450, stanza 1
Reading John 18:1–11

Part II:
Hymn: “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” No. 450, stanza 2
Reading John 18:12–27

Part III:
Hymn: “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” No. 450, stanza 3
Reading John 18:28–40

Part IV:
Hymn: “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” No. 450, stanza 4
Reading John 19:1–16a

Part V:
Hymn: “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” No. 450, stanza 5
Stand
Reading John 19:16b–24

Sit
Part VI:
Hymn: “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” No. 450, stanza 6
Reading John 19:25–30

Part VII:
Hymn: “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” No. 450, stanza 7
Reading John 19:31–37

Responsory

P: We have an advocate with the Father. Jesus Christ is the propitiation for our sins.

C: He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

P: Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven and whose sin is put away.

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Hymn “A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth” No. 438

Sermon

The Offering

Stand

Bidding Prayer

Each petition concludes

P: ... through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

The Prayer concludes:

P: Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask, saying:

C: 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 forever and ever. Amen.

Sit

The following Reproaches are the words of the Lord against His people to which the congregation replies with a plea for mercy.

P: Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the world.

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P: Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer Me. For I have raised you up out of the prison house of sin and death, and you have delivered up your Redeemer to be scourged. For I have redeemed you from the house of bondage, and you have nailed your Savior to the cross. O My people.

Micah 6:3-4

C: Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer, God eternal, leave us not to bitter death. O Lord, have mercy.

Hymn "Lamb of God, Pure and Holy" No. 434 stanza 1

P: Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer Me. For I have conquered all your foes, and you have given Me over and delivered Me to those who persecute Me. For I have fed you with My Word and refreshed you with living water, and you have given Me gall and vinegar to drink. O My people.

Jeremiah 2:6-7

C: Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer, God eternal, allow us not to lose hope in the face of death and hell. O Lord, have mercy.

Hymn "Lamb of God, Pure and Holy" No. 434, stanza 2

P: Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer Me. What more could I have done for My vineyard that I have not done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad? My people, is this how you thank your God? O My people.

Isaiah 5:2-4

C: Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer, God eternal, keep us steadfast in the true faith. O Lord, have mercy.

Hymn "Lamb of God, Pure and Holy" No. 434, stanza 3

Versicles

P: We adore You, O Lord, and we praise and glorify Your holy resurrection.

C: For behold, by the wood of Your cross, joy has come into all the world. God be merciful to us and bless us, and cause His face to shine upon us, and have mercy upon us. We adore You, O Lord, and we praise and glorify Your holy resurrection. For behold, by the wood of Your cross, joy has come into all the world.

P: We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You.

C: By Your holy cross You have redeemed the world.

Hymn "Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle" No. 454

Stand

Concluding Collect

P: We implore You, O Lord, that Your abundant blessing may be upon Your people, who have observed the passion and death of Your Son in devout remembrance that we may receive Your pardon and the gift of Your comfort, and may increase in faith and take hold of eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

C: Amen.

The loud noise, the Strepitus, symbolizes the closing of the tomb. The repetition of Jesus' word, "It is finished," announces that the entire debt of our sin has been paid in full.

There is no benediction. All depart in silence. We gather again tomorrow to observe the Vigil of Easter.