

GOOD FRIDAY



*Priest: The Reverend Dr Canon Ray Cleary
Choir Director and Organist: Roger Brown*

Introit: God so loved the world - Goss

The ministers enter in silence.

The priest says the collect

Almighty God,
look with mercy on this your family,
for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed
and to be given into the hands of sinners
and to suffer death upon the cross;
who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A reading from Isaiah (52.13 – 53.12)

See, my servant shall prosper,
he shall be raised high and greatly exalted.
Even as many were amazed at him
so marred was his look beyond human semblance
and his appearance beyond that of the sons of man
so shall he startle many nations,
because of him kings shall stand speechless;
for those who have not been told shall see,
those who have not heard shall ponder it.
Who would believe what we have heard?
To whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?
He grew up like a sapling before him,
like a shoot from the parched earth;
there was in him no stately bearing to make us look at him,
nor appearance that would attract us to him.
He was spurned and avoided by people,
a man of suffering, accustomed to infirmity,
one of those from whom people hide their faces,
spurned, and we held him in no esteem.
Yet it was our infirmities that he bore,
our sufferings that he endured,
while we thought of him as stricken,
as one smitten by God and afflicted.
But he was pierced for our offenses,
crushed for our sins;

upon him was the chastisement that makes us whole,
by his stripes we were healed.
We had all gone astray like sheep,
each following his own way;
but the LORD laid upon him
the guilt of us all.

Though he was harshly treated, he submitted
and opened not his mouth;
like a lamb led to the slaughter
or a sheep before the shearers,
he was silent and opened not his mouth.
Oppressed and condemned, he was taken away,
and who would have thought any more of his destiny?
When he was cut off from the land of the living,
and smitten for the sin of his people,
a grave was assigned him among the wicked
and a burial place with evildoers,
though he had done no wrong
nor spoken any falsehood.
But the LORD was pleased
to crush him in infirmity.

If he gives his life as an offering for sin,
he shall see his descendants in a long life,
and the will of the LORD shall be accomplished through him.

Because of his affliction
he shall see the light in fullness of days;
through his suffering, my servant shall justify many,
and their guilt he shall bear.
Therefore I will give him his portion among the great,
and he shall divide the spoils with the mighty,
because he surrendered himself to death
and was counted among the wicked;
and he shall take away the sins of many,
and win pardon for their offenses.

Hear the Word of the Lord Thanks be to God

Psalm 22 (Sung by the Choir)

A reading from Hebrews (4:14-16; 5:7-9)

Brothers and sisters:

Since 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 one who has similarly been tested in every way,
yet without sin.

So let us confidently approach the throne of grace
to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help.

In the days when Christ was in the flesh,
he offered 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 reverence.

Though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered;
and when he was made perfect,
he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

Hear the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

This hymn is sung: 'O Sacred Head' AHB 255

**O sacred head sore wounded,
with grief and shame weighed down;
O kingly head surrounded
with thorns your only crown;
death's shadows rise before you,
the glow of life decays;
yet hosts of heaven adore you
and tremble as they gaze.**

**What language shall I borrow
to praise you, heavenly friend,
for this your dying sorrow,
your mercy without end?
Such agony and dying!
Such love to sinners free!**

**O Christ, all grace supplying,
turn now your face on me.**

**In this your bitter Passion,
good Shepherd, think of me,
look on me with compassion,
unworthy though I be:
beneath your cross abiding
for ever would I rest,
in your dear love confiding,
and with your presence blessed.**

**Lord, be my consolation,
my shield when death is near;
remind me of your Passion,
be with me when I fear.
My eyes shall then behold you,
upon your cross shall dwell,
my heart by faith enfold you;
and who dies thus, dies well.**

The congregation is seated

*Choir: The Lamentations of Jeremiah - Bairstow
The Gospel reading is introduced as follows.*

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
No response is given

After the Gospel

This is the Passion of the Lord
No response is given

Homily

The priest says

God shows great love for us in that while we were still sinners
Christ died for us.

Let us confess our sins.

**O Christ, we are stripped bare by your suffering.
You see our dreams, our demons,**

**and the secrets we keep even from ourselves.
Forgive all that needs to be forgiven,
healed all that needs to be healed,
awaken all the good that sleeps in us,
banish all the fears that paralyse us.
Put the power of your cross into our lives for ever,
and clothe us with hope and love.**

The priest says this absolution

We have turned our hearts to God in repentance
and our sins are laid bare before the cross of Jesus Christ.
In the name of the living God,
your sins are forgiven. Amen.

The priest says

God sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world,
but so that the world might be saved through him.
So let us bring the needs of the whole world
to the foot of the cross of Christ.

We pray for the Church of God throughout the world,
that God the almighty, eternal One will guide it,
and gather it in unity and peace.

(pause for silent prayer)

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

Holy God,
you have shown your glory to all nations
in Christ your Son:
guide the work of your Church,
help it to keep the faith,
proclaim your Name,
and bring your salvation to all people.

We pray for all God's people in their vocation and ministry,
for all bishops, priests and deacons,
for Genevieve our bishop, Philip our Archbishop and Primate, and for all who are
preparing for baptism and confirmation.

(pause for silent prayer)

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Holy God,
by your Spirit you teach your Church
and make us holy:
help each of us to do your work more faithfully.

We pray for all who confess Christ crucified,
that God will heal our divisions.

(pause for silent prayer)

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Holy God,
in baptism you make us one in Christ:
help us to persevere in faith,
and make us one in love and service.

We pray for the peace of Jerusalem,
and for the Jewish people, the first to hear the word of God.

(pause for silent prayer)

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Holy God,
long ago you gave your promise to Abraham and Sarah.
Bless the people you first made your own:
keep them in the love of your Name,
and in faithfulness to your covenant.

We pray for all who do not look to Christ as Saviour,
and all who do not believe in God.

(pause for silent prayer)

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Holy God,
you created man and woman in your image:
draw all people to yourself,
that they may acknowledge you

as the maker and redeemer of all,
and know Christ's mercy and grace.

We pray for the peace of the world,
for those in authority,
and for all who shape our common life.

(pause for silent prayer)

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

Holy God,
you desire justice for all the earth:
guide our leaders and guard all peoples
in the way of righteousness, freedom and peace.

We pray for the sick, the dying and all in need;
for the homeless, the hungry and the oppressed;
for those in darkness and despair.

(pause for silent prayer)

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

Holy God,
all tenderness and healing flow from you:
give strength to the weary
and courage to the downhearted,
and show mercy to all who are in trouble.

The priest says,

Most merciful God,
we commit ourselves to you
and pray for the grace of a holy life,
that, with all who have died
and are alive in Christ,
we may come to the fullness of eternal life,
and the joy of the resurrection
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Choir: In Monte Oliveti – Ingregneri

*(On the Mount of Olives he prayed to his Father:
"Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me.*

The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

Let your will be done. Nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will. Watch and pray lest you enter into temptation)

Veneration of the cross,

The people stand and turn to face the cross

At three stations the following verse and response is used.

Behold the wood of the cross

on which was hung the Saviour of the world

Come let us worship

After the third station the cross is placed in front of the Altar

The people are invited to come forward and spend a moment of prayer before the cross.

At the conclusion, the priest says:

O Saviour of the world,

By your cross and precious blood you have redeemed us.

Save us, and help us,

we humbly beseech you, O Lord.

Choir sing Stabat Mater: Croce

Response by choir in Latin is:

Quando corpus morietur,

fac, ut animæ donetur

paradisi gloria.

*1. At the Cross her station keeping,
stood the mournful Mother weeping,
close to her Son to the last.*

*2. Through her heart, His sorrow sharing,
all His bitter anguish bearing,
now at length the sword has passed.*

*3. O how sad and sore distressed
was that Mother, highly blest,
of the sole-begotten One.*

*4. Christ above in torment hangs,
she beneath beholds the pangs*

of her dying glorious Son.

*5. Is there one who would not weep,
whelmed in miseries so deep,
Christ's dear Mother to behold?*

*6. Can the human heart refrain
from partaking in her pain,
in that Mother's pain untold?*

*7. For the sins of His own nation,
She saw Jesus wracked with torment,
All with scourges rent:*

*8. She beheld her tender Child,
Saw Him hang in desolation,
Till His spirit forth He sent.*

*9. O thou Mother! fount of love!
Touch my spirit from above,
make my heart with thine accord:*

*10. Make me feel as thou hast felt;
make my soul to glow and melt
with the love of Christ my Lord.*

*11. Holy Mother! pierce me through,
in my heart each wound renew
of my Savior crucified:*

*12. Let me share with thee His pain,
who for all my sins was slain,
who for me in torments died.*

*13. Let me mingle tears with thee,
mourning Him who mourned for me,
all the days that I may live:*

*14. By the Cross with thee to stay,
there with thee to weep and pray,
is all I ask of thee to give.*

*15. Virgin of all virgins blest!,
Listen to my fond request:*

let me share thy grief divine;

*16. Let me, to my latest breath,
in my body bear the death
of that dying Son of thine.*

*17. Wounded with His every wound,
steep my soul till it hath swooned,
in His very Blood away;*

*18. Be to me, O Virgin, nigh,
lest in flames I burn and die,
in His awful Judgment Day.*

*19. Christ, when Thou shalt call me hence,
be Thy Mother my defense,
be Thy Cross my victory;*

*While my body here decays,
may my soul Thy goodness praise,
Safe in Paradise with Thee.*

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This hymn is sung. 'When I survey' AHB 258

**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 death 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?**

**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 blessed sacrament is placed on the Altar.

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray

**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.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Communion is administered

(Choir sings during communion:

Christus Factus est – Anerio

(Christ was made obedient even to death, death on the cross. God therefore exalted him and gave him a name excelling all others.)

The elements are consumed the linens are removed.

This final prayer is said.

**Lord Jesus Christ,
the story of your suffering
is written on our hearts,
and the salvation of the world
is in your outstretched hands.
Keep your victory always before our eyes,
your praise on our lips,
your peace in our lives. Amen.**

The priest and people depart in silence.