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THE CELEBRATION OF THE
LORD'S PASSION

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HYMNS FOR GOOD FRIDAY MIDDAY SERVICE 2025

HYMN 147

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. See from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingling down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?
4. Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

HYMN 131

1. Glory be to Jesus,
Who, in bitter pains
poured for me the life-blood
from his sacred veins

2. Grace and life eternal
in that blood I find;
blest be His compassion,
infinitely kind
3. Blest through endless ages
be the precious stream
which from endless torments
did the world redeem!
4. Abel's blood for vengeance
pleaded to the skies;
but the blood of Jesus
for our pardon cries
5. Oft as it is sprinkled,
on our guilty hearts,
Satan in confusion
terror struck departs
6. Oft as earth exulting
wafts its praise on high,
angel hosts rejoicing
make their glad reply
7. Lift we, then, our voices:
swell the mighty flood,
louder still and louder
praise the precious blood.

HYMN 133

1. Jesus, keep me near the cross,
there's a precious fountain'
free to all, a healing stream,
flows from Calvary's mountain.

Refrain

*In the cross, in the cross,
be my glory ever;
till my raptured soul shall find
rest beyond the river.*

2. Near the cross, a trembling soul,
love and mercy found me;
there the bright and Morning Star
sheds its beams around me.

Refrain

3. Near the cross! O Lamb of God,
bring its scenes before me;
help me walk from day to day
with its shadows o'er me

Refrain

4. Near the cross I'll watch and wait,
hoping, trusting ever,
till I reach the golden strand
just beyond the river
Refrain

HYMN 153

1. "Forgive them, O my Father,
they know not what they do":
the Saviour spake in anguish,
as the sharp nails went through.
2. No word of anger spake he
to them that shed his blood,
but prayer and tenderest pity
large as the love of God.
3. For me was that compassion,
for me that tender care;
I need his wide forgiveness
as much as any there.
4. It was my pride and hardness
that hung him on the tree;
those cruel nails, O Saviour,
were driven in by me.
5. And often I have slighted
thy gentle voice that chid:
forgive me too, Lord Jesus,
I knew not what I did.
6. O depth of sweet compassion!
O Love divine and true!
Save thou the souls that slight thee,
and know not what they do.

HYMN 159

1. "Lord, when thy Kingdom comes, remember me;"
thus spake the dying lips to dying ears:
O faith, which in that darkest hour could see
the promised glory of the far-off years!
2. No kingly sign declares that glory now,
no ray of hope lights up that awful hour;
a thorny crown surrounds the bleeding brow,
the hands are stretched in weakness, not in power.
3. Hark! through the gloom the dying Saviour saith,
"Thou too shalt rest in paradise today;"
O words of love to answer words of faith!
O words of hope for those who live to pray!
4. Lord, when with dying lips my prayer is said,
grant that in faith thy kingdom I may see;
and, thinking on thy cross and bleeding head,
may breathe my parting words, "Remember me."
5. Remember me, but not my shame or sin;
thy cleansing blood hath washed them all away;
thy precious death for me did pardon win;
thy blood redeemed me in that awful day.
6. Remember me; and, ere I pass away,
speak thou the assuring word that sets us free,
and make thy promise to my heart, "Today
thou too shalt rest in paradise with me."

HYMN 149

1. At the cross her station keeping,
stood the mournful mother weeping,
where he hung the dying Lord;
for her soul, of joy bereaved,
bowed with anguish, deeply grieved,
felt the sharp and piercing sword.
2. Oh, how sad and sore distressed,
now was she, that Mother blessed,
of the sole begotten One;
deep the woe of her affliction, ,
when she saw the crucifixion
of her ever-glorious Son.
3. Who, on Christ's dear mother gazing,
pierced by anguish so amazing,
born of woman, would not weep?
Who, on Christ's dear Mother thinking,
such a cup of sorrow drinking,
would not share her sorrows deep?
4. For his people's sins, chastised,
she beheld he Son despised,
scourged, and crowned with thorns entwined;
Saw him then from judgement taken,
and in death by all forsaken,
till his Spirit he resigned.
5. Jesu, may her deep devotion,
stir in me the same emotion
fount of love, Redeemer kind,
that my heart fresh ardour gaining,

and a purer love attaining,
may with thee acceptance find.

HYMN 354

1. O MY Saviour, lifted
from the earth for me,
draw me, in thy mercy,
nearer unto thee.
2. Lift my earth-bound longings
fix them, Lord, above;
draw me with the magnet
of thy mighty love.
3. Lord, thine arms are stretching
ever far and wide,
to enfold thy children
to thy loving side.
4. And I come, O Jesus
dare I turn away?
No! Thy love hath conquered,
and I come today;
5. bringing all my burdens,
sorrow, sin, and care,
at thy feet I lay them,
and I leave them there.

HYMN 598

1. I hunger and I thirst;
Jesu, my manna be;
ye living waters, burst
out of the rock for me.
2. Thou bruised and broken Bread,
my life-long wants supply;
as living souls are fed,
O feed me, or I die.
3. Thou true life-giving Vine,
let me thy sweetness prove;
renew my life with thine,
refresh my soul with love.
4. Rough paths my feet have trod
since first their course began;
feed me, thou Bread of God;
help me, thou Son of Man.
5. For still the desert lies
my thirsting soul before;
O living waters, rise
within me evermore.

HYMN 7

1. Abide with me; fast falls the eventide:
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide;
when other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
help of the helpless, O abide with me.

2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
change and decay in all around I see;
O thou, who changest not, abide with me.
3. I need thy presence every passing hour;
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.
4. I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.
5. Hold thou thy Cross before my closing eyes;
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;
heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows
flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

HYMN 142

1. O sacred head, surrounded
by crown of piercing thorn!
O bleeding head, so wounded,
so shamed and put to scorn!
Death's pallid hue comes o'er thee,
the glow of life decays;
yet angel hosts adore thee,
and tremble as they gaze

2. Thy comeliness and vigour
is withered up and gone,
and in thy wasted figure
I see death drawing on,
O agony and dying!
O love to sinners free!
Jesu, all grace supplying,
turn thou thy face on me
3. In this thy bitter passion,
Good Shepherd, think of me
with thy most sweet compassion,
unworthy though I be:
beneath thy cross abiding
for ever would I rest,
in thy dear love confiding,
and with thy presence blest

HYMN 568

1. All for Jesus, all for Jesus,
this our song shall ever be;
for we have no hope, nor Saviour,
if we have not hope in thee.
2. All for Jesus, thou wilt give us
strength to serve thee, hour by hour;
none can move us from thy presence
while we trust thy love and power.

3. All for Jesus, at thine altar
thou wilt give us sweet content;
there, dear Lord, we shall receive thee
in the solemn sacrament.
4. All for Jesus, thou hast loved us;
all for Jesus, thou hast died;
all for Jesus, thou art with us;
all for Jesus crucified.
5. All for Jesus, all for Jesus,
this the church's song must be,
till, at last, we all are gathered,
one in love and one in thee.

Good Friday Devotions

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION

PRESIDENT:

All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned every one to his own way.

ALL: And the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us
all.

PRESIDENT:

Christ the Lord became obedient unto death

ALL: Even death on a cross

ALL:

Almighty God, Our heavenly Father, we have sinned in thought and word and deed; we have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We have not loved ourselves as we ought. We pray you of your mercy, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may serve you in newness of life, to the glory of your name. *Amen.*

PRESIDENT: The Lord be with you

ALL: And also with you

PRESIDENT: Let us pray

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, look graciously, we pray, on this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and 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.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING - ISAIAH 52:13-53:12

A Reading from the Word of God, written in the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, Chapter 52, beginning at the thirteenth verse.

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.

The Word of the Lord

Response: Thanks be to God

PSALM 22

- 1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken
me? *
and are so far from my cry
and from the words of my distress?
- 2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do
not answer; *
by night as well, but I find no rest.
- 3 Yet you are the Holy One, *
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
- 4 Our forefathers put their trust in you; *
they trusted, and you delivered them.
- 5 They cried out to you and were delivered; *
they trusted in you and were not put to
shame.
- 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 rescue him, if he delights in him."
- 9 Yet you are he who took me out of the
womb, *

and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.

10 I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; *

you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.

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

12 Many young bulls encircle me; *
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.

13 They open wide their jaws at me, *
like a ravening and a roaring lion.

14 I am poured out like water;
all my bones are out of joint; *
my heart within my breast is melting wax.

15 My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd;
my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; *
and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.

16 Packs of dogs close me in,
and gangs of evildoers circle around me; *
they pierce my hands and my feet;
I can count all my bones.

17 They stare and gloat over me; *
they divide my garments among them;
they cast lots for my clothing.

18 Be not far away, O LORD; *
you are my strength; hasten to help me.

19 Save me from the sword, *

my life from the power of the dog.

- 20 Save me from the lion's mouth, *
my wretched body from the horns of wild
bulls.
- 21 I will declare your Name to my brethren; *
in the midst of the congregation I will praise
you.
- 22 Praise the LORD, you that fear him; *
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.
- 23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor
in their poverty;
neither does he hide his face from them; *
but when they cry to him he hears them.
- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of
those who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the LORD shall praise
him: *
"May your heart live for ever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and
turn to the LORD, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow
before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; *
he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow

down in worship; *

all who go down to the dust fall before him.

29 My soul shall live for him;

my descendants shall serve him; *

they shall be known as the LORD's for ever.

30 They shall come and make known to a

people yet unborn *

the saving deeds that he has done.

SECOND READING - HEBREWS 10:16-25

A Reading from the Word of God, written in the Epistle to the Hebrews, Chapter 10, beginning at the sixteenth verse.

The Holy Spirit testifies saying,

"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.

The Word of the Lord

Response: Thanks be to God

HYMN:

Hebrews 10: 23

Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful.

Please take a few moments and quietly reflect on the words above as we prepare for the Gospel Narrative below

THE GOSPEL NARRATIVE

*NARRATOR: The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ
According to John 18:1 - 19:42*

Narrator: 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: "Whom are you looking for?"

Narrator: They answered,

Priests and Police: "Jesus of Nazareth."

Narrator: Jesus replied,

Jesus: "I am he."

Narrator: 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: "Whom are you looking for?"

Narrator: And they said,

Priests and Police: "Jesus of Nazareth."

Narrator: Jesus answered,

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

Narrator: This was to fulfill 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?"

Narrator: 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.

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?"

Narrator: He said,

Peter: "I am not."

Narrator: Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing around 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."

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

Police: "Is that how you answer the high priest?"

Narrator: Jesus answered,

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

Narrator: Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

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

Police: "You are not also one of his disciples, are you?"

Narrator: He denied it and said,

Peter: "I am not."

Narrator: 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?"

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

Narrator: 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?"

Narrator: They answered,

Priests and Police: "If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you."

Narrator: Pilate said to them,

Pilate: "Take him yourselves and judge him

according to your law."

Narrator: The Jews replied,

Priests and Police: "We are not permitted to put anyone to death."

Narrator: (This was to fulfill 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?"

Narrator: Jesus answered,

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

Narrator: Pilate replied,

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?"

Narrator: Jesus answered,

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."

Narrator: Pilate asked him,

Pilate: "So you are a king?"

Narrator: Jesus answered,

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."

Narrator: Pilate asked him,

Pilate: "What is truth?"

Narrator: 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?"

Narrator: They shouted in reply,

Crowd: "Not this man, but Barabbas!"

Narrator: Now Barabbas was a bandit.

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!"

Narrator: 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."

Narrator: So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them,

Pilate: "Here is the man!"

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

Crowd: "Crucify him! Crucify him!"

Narrator: Pilate said to them,

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

Narrator: The Jews answered him,

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

Narrator: Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus,

Pilate: "Where are you from?"

Narrator: But Jesus gave him no answer. Pilate therefore said to him,

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

Narrator: Jesus answered him,

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."

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

Crowd: "If you release this man, you are no friend
of the emperor. Everyone who claims to be a king
sets himself against the emperor."

Narrator: 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!"

Narrator: They cried out,

Crowd: "Away with him! Away with him! Crucify
him!"

Narrator: Pilate asked them,

Pilate: "Shall I crucify your King?"

Narrator: The chief priests answered,

Priests: "We have no king but the emperor."

Narrator: Then he handed him over to them to be
crucified.

Narrator: 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.'"

Narrator: Pilate answered,

Pilate: "What I have written I have written."

Narrator: 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."

Narrator: This was to fulfill what the scripture says, "They divided my clothes among themselves,² and for my clothing they cast lots." ²And 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."

Narrator: Then he said to the disciple,

Jesus: "Here is your mother."

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

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

Jesus: "I am thirsty."

Narrator: 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."

Narrator: 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."

[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.]

HYMN

FIRST ADDRESS:

ANTHEM BY THE CHOIR:

THE SOLEMN INTERCESSION

DEAR PEOPLE OF GOD,
 our heavenly Father sent his Son into the world,
 not to condemn the world,
 but that the world through him might be saved,
 that all who believe in him
 might be delivered from the power of sin and death
 and become heirs with him of eternal life.

DEACON/LEADER

Let us pray for the one holy catholic and apostolic Church of Christ throughout the world: for its unity in witness and service, for all bishops and other ministers and the people whom they serve, for N our bishop and all the people of this diocese, for all christians in this community, particularly for those about to be baptized, that the Lord will confirm his Church in faith, increase it in love, and preserve it in peace.

PRESIDENT:

Almighty and everlasting God,
 by your Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified. Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in our vocation and ministry we

may truly and devoutly serve you; Through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

ALL: Amen.

DEACON/LEADER

Let us pray for all nations and peoples of the earth, and for those in authority among them;

For our Government,

for __N__, Governor General

for __N__, Prime Minister, all members of Cabinet, all members of Parliament

that by God's help they may seek justice and truth, and live in peace and concord.

Silence:

PRESIDENT:

Almighty God,

kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth, that justice and peace may increase, until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

DEACON/LEADER

Let us pray for all who suffer

and are afflicted in body or mind:

for the hungry and homeless,

the destitute and the oppressed,

and all who suffer persecution or prejudice,

for the sick, the wounded, the handicapped and the

disabled, for those in loneliness, fear, and anguish,
for those who face temptation,
doubt, and despair, for the sorrowful and bereaved,
for prisoners and captives
and those in mortal danger,
that God in his mercy will comfort
and relieve them, and grant them the
knowledge of his love, and stir up in us the will and
patience to minister to their needs.

PRESIDENT:

Gracious God,
the comfort of all who sorrow, the strength of all who
suffer, hear the cry of those in misery and need. In their
afflictions show them your mercy, and give us, we pray,
the strength to serve them, for the sake of him who
suffered for us, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

DEACON/LEADER

Let us pray for all who have
not received the gospel of Christ.
For all who have not heard the saving gospel of Christ.
For all who have lost their faith,
for all whose sin has made them indifferent to Christ,
for all who actively oppose Christ by word or deed,
for all who are enemies of the cross of Christ,
and persecutors of his disciples,
for all who in the name of Christ have persecuted
others,
that God will open their hearts to

the truth, and lead them to faith and obedience.

PRESIDENT:

Merciful God,
creator of the peoples of the earth and lover of souls,
have compassion on all who do not know you as you
are revealed in your Son Jesus Christ. Let your gospel
be preached with grace and power to those who have
not heard it, and bring home to your fold those who
have gone astray; that there may be one flock under
one shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DEACON/LEADER

Let us pray for all places of education and learning:
Let us pray for all engaged in promoting
and fostering education in schools, colleges and
universities. That all who teach in them may be
endowed with knowledge, wisdom and understanding,
and may seek to be guided in all their acts.
that students may accept with gratitude
and humility the opportunities to use God's gifts
of mind and intellect.
That the Spirit of truth may enlighten their learning,
enlarge their understanding,
and inspire their growth in mature judgement.

PRESIDENT:

Almighty God,
you are the source of truth and your Spirit leads us into
the truth. May all who teach and all who learn in our
schools, colleges and universities, be set free from
everything; and finding truth, may they learn to use it

for the good of mankind and for your greater glory.

All: Amen

DEACON/LEADER

Let us commit ourselves to God,
and pray for the grace of a holy life,
that with all who have departed this life
and have died in the peace of Christ,
and those whose faith is known to God alone,
we may be accounted worthy
to enter into the fullness of the joy of our Lord,
and receive the crown of life in the day of resurrection.

PRESIDENT:

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light, look favourably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery. By the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation. Let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are now being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen

SECOND ADDRESS: TEND

HYMN

MEDITATION ON THE CROSS OF JESUS

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

ALL: Come let us worship.

ANTHEM 1 BY THE CHOIR:

Is it nothing to you all who pass by?
Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow
which was brought upon me,
which the Lord inflicted on the day of his fierce anger.

**Holy God, holy and mighty,
holy and immortal one, have mercy upon us**

O my people, O my Church
What have I done to you,
or in what have I offended you.
Testify against me
I led you forth from the land of Egypt.
and delivered you by the waters of baptism,
but you have prepared a cross for your Saviour.

**Holy God, holy and mighty,
holy and immortal one, have mercy upon us**

I led you through the desert for forty years,
and fed you with manna.
I brought you through tribulation and penitence,
and gave you my body, the bread of heaven,
but you have prepared a cross for your Saviour.

**Holy God, holy and mighty,
holy and immortal one, have mercy upon us**

What more could I have done for you that I have not done?

I planted you, my chosen and fairest vineyard,
I made you the branches of my vine;
but when I was thirsty, you gave me vinegar to drink,
and pierced with a spear the side of your Saviour.

**Holy God, holy and mighty,
holy and immortal one, have mercy upon us**

I went before you in a pillar of cloud,
and you have led me to the judgement hall of Pilate.
I scourged your enemies and brought you to a land of freedom,
but you have scourged, mocked, and beaten me.
I gave you the water of salvation from the rock,
but you have given me gall and left me to thirst.

**Holy God, holy and mighty,
holy and immortal one, have mercy upon us**

I gave you a royal sceptre,
and bestowed the keys to the kingdom,
but you have given me a crown of thorns.
I raised you on high with great power,
but you have hung me on the cross.

**Holy God, holy and mighty,
holy and immortal one, have mercy upon us**

My peace I gave, which the world cannot give,

and washed your feet as a sign of my love,
 but you draw the sword to strike in my name,
 and seek high places in my kingdom.
 I offered you my body and blood,
 but you scatter and deny and abandon me.

**Holy God, holy and mighty,
 holy and immortal one, have mercy upon us**

I sent the spirit of truth to guide you,
 and you close your hearts to the Counsellor.
 I pray that all may be as one in the Father and me,
 but you continue to quarrel and divide.
 I call you to go and bring forth fruit,
 but you cast lots for my clothing.

**Holy God, holy and mighty,
 holy and immortal one, have mercy upon us**

I have shown you the healing power
 of my love and compassion to raise up
 and comfort the afflicted but you have
 willingly inflicted punishment
 and suffering upon your fellowman for evil gain.

**Holy God, holy and mighty,
 holy and immortal one, have mercy upon us**

I came to you as the least of your brothers and sisters;
 I was hungry and you gave me no food,
 I was thirsty and you gave me no drink,
 I was a stranger and you did not welcome me,
 naked and you did not clothe me,

sick and in prison and you did not visit me

**Holy God, holy and mighty,
holy and immortal one, have mercy upon us**

ANTHEM 2

O SAVING VICTIM

We glory in your cross, O Lord,
and praise and glorify your holy resurrection;
for by virtue of your cross
joy has come to the whole world.
May God be merciful to us and bless us,
show us the light of his countenance, and come to us.

**Let your ways be known upon the earth,
your saving health among all nations.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you
We glory in your cross, O Lord,
and praise and glorify your holy resurrection;
for by virtue of your cross
joy has come to the whole world.

ANTHEM 3

GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,
because by your holy cross you have redeemed the
world.

If we have died with him, we shall also live with him;

if we endure, we shall also reign with him.

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

ANTHEM 4 BY THE CHOIR: O SAVIOUR OF THE WORLD

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.

HYMN

THIRD ADDRESS:

THE HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

The President and the People say:

Holy God,
your Son Jesus Christ carried our sins
in his own body on the tree,
so that we might have life.
May we and all who remember this day
find new life in him,

now and in the world to come,
where he lives with you and the Holy Spirit, for ever
and ever. Amen

PRESIDENT: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

ALL:

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.

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

We do not presume to come to this your table, most merciful Father, trusting in our own righteousness, but only in your boundless mercy. We are not even worthy to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the Lord ever the same, ever merciful. Grant therefore Lord o grace and love that we may so eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and drink of his blood that with bodies and souls made clean from every stain of sin we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen*

The President invites the people to share in the Communion

THE INVITATION

PRESIDENT: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

HYMN FOR THE COMMUNION:

PRAYER AFTER THE COMMUNION

PRESIDENT: Let us pray

PRESIDENT: Almighty and eternal God,

ALL: You have restored us to life by the triumphant
death and resurrection of Christ:

Continue this healing work within us.

May we who partake of this mystery
never cease to give you dedicated service.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN:

PRESIDENT:

Send down your abundant blessing, Lord, upon your people who have devoutly recalled the death of your Son in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection. Grant them pardon; bring them comfort. May their

faith grow stronger and their eternal salvation be assured. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

OFFICIANT:

Quietly we disperse –

***NO organ voluntary or music
is used at the end of this
Liturgy. All depart in silence.***

**NO pleasantries exchanged,
NO goodbye.**

THE LENTEN PROSE

Refrain:

*Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:
for we have sinned against thee.*

To thee, Redeemer, on thy throne of glory:
lift we our weeping eyes in holy pleadings:
listen, O Jesu, to our supplications.

Refrain

O thou chief cornerstone, right hand of the Father:
way of salvation, gate of life celestial:
cleanse thou our sinful souls from all defilement.

Refrain

God, we implore thee, in thy glory seated:
bow down and hearken to thy weeping children:
pity and pardon all our grievous trespasses.

Refrain

Sins oft committed, now we lay before thee:
with true contrition, now no more we veil them:
grant us, Redeemer, loving absolution.

Refrain

Innocent captive, taken unresisting:
falsely accused, and for us sinners sentenced,
save us, we pray thee, Jesu, our Redeemer.

Refrain

The Lenten Prose

Refrain (Cantor first time)

Hear us, O Lord, have mer - cy up - on us:
for we have sinn'd a - gainst thee.

Cantor

1. To thee, Re - deem - er, on thy throne of glo - ry:
2. O thou chief Cor - ner stone, Right Hand of the Fa - ther:
3. God, we im - plore thee, in thy glo - ry seat - ed:
4. Sins oft com - mit - ted now we lay be - fore thee:
5. In - no - cent cap - tive, ta - ken un - re - sist - ing:

1 lift we our weep - ing eyes in ho - ly plead - ings:
2 Way of Sal - va - tion, Gate of life cel - es - tial:
3 bow down and hear - ken to thy weep - ing child - ren:
4 with true con - tri - tion now no more we veil them:
5 false - ly ac - cused, and for us sin - ners sen - tenc'd,

1 lis - ten O Je - su, to our sup - pli - ca - tions.
2 cleanse thou our sin - ful souls from all de - file - ment.
3 pi - ty and par - don all our grie - vous tres - pas - es.
4 grant us, Re - deem - er, lov - ing ab - so - lu - tion.
5 save us we pray thee, Je - su our Re - deem - er.

The Refrain is repeated after every verse



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