



Good Friday

April 2, 2021

Foreword:

With this Good Friday liturgy we continue our celebration of the Three Days of Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection. Though we devoutly gather to recall our Lord's passion, we celebrate the wonder and mystery of the cross in the sure hope of the resurrection.

At the heart of the liturgy is the passion reading according to John. The gospel enables us to call this Friday "Good," for it celebrates Christ's victory on the cross. Jesus' final words are not ones of desolation, but triumph: "It is finished."

As Jesus is lifted up from the earth, he draws all people to himself. On this solemn day we use the ancient Bidding Prayer, offering petitions for the whole world for which Christ died.

Finally we honor the cross as the sign of the world's redemption; from it flows forgiveness, healing, and salvation. We acclaim the cross as the tree of life, for as Christ vanquishes death and evil the world is given new birth and a living hope. With all the faithful we are invited to worship, bowing before this great mystery of our faith.

To assist you at worship:

* = standing Bold type = congregational response

All gather in silence.

All stand when the ministers stand.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Merciful God, your Son was lifted up on the cross to draw all people to himself. Grant that we who have been born out of his wounded side may at all times find mercy in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 52:13–53:12

See, my servant shall prosper; shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high. ¹⁴Just as there were many who were astonished at him—so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of mortals—¹⁵so shall my servant startle many nations; rulers 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.

^{53:1}Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? ²For the servant grew up before the Lord like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground, having no form or majesty that we should behold, and nothing in appearance that we should desire. ³He 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.

⁴Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. ⁵But 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. ⁶All 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.

⁷He was oppressed, and was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a ewe that is silent before the shearers, so he did not open his mouth. ⁸By 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. ⁹They 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. ¹⁰Yet 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. ¹¹Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and shall bear their iniquities. ¹²Therefore 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.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 10:16-25

"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," ¹⁷and then is added, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." ¹⁸Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

¹⁹Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that Christ opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let 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. ²³Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for the one who has promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

C: Look to Jesus, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 18:1–19:42

SERMON

Pr. Adrienne Meier

Lamb of God, pure and sin - less, once on the cross an of - f'ring,

pa - tient, low - ly, guilt - less, for-sak - en in your suf - f'ring:

from sin's grasp you have torn us, from gloom to hope have borne us.

1 Grant us your mer - cy, O Je - sus.
2 Grant us your mer - cy, O Je - sus.
3 Your peace be with us, O Je - sus. A - men.

BIDDING PRAYER

A: Let us pray, brothers and sisters, for the holy church throughout the world.

Each petition ends:

P: We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

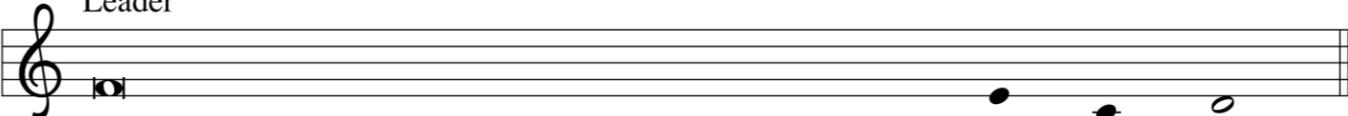
A: Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask, saying:

C: 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 forever. Amen.

+PROCESSION OF THE CROSS+

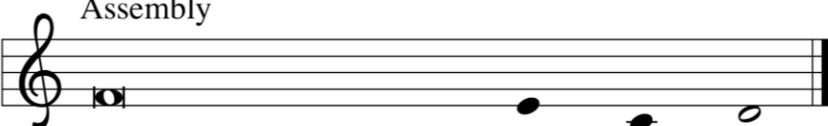
A cross is carried in. All sing in dialogue, three times:

Leader



Behold the life-giving cross, on which was hung the Savior of the world.

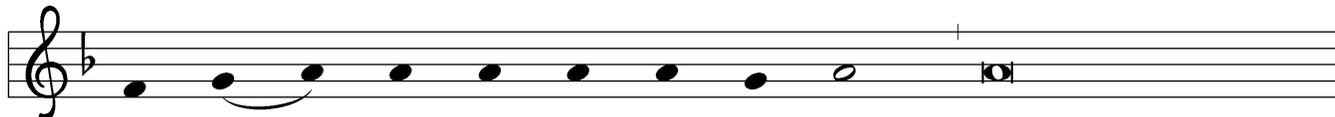
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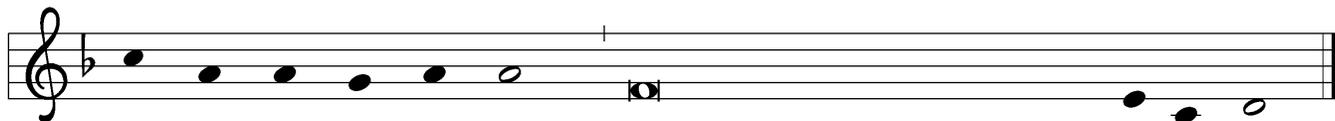
Oh, come, let us wor - ship him.

After the cross is in place, all sing:

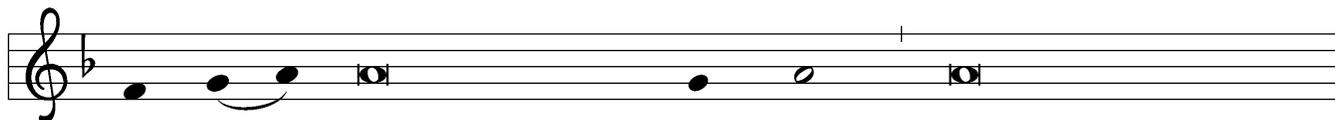
Refrain



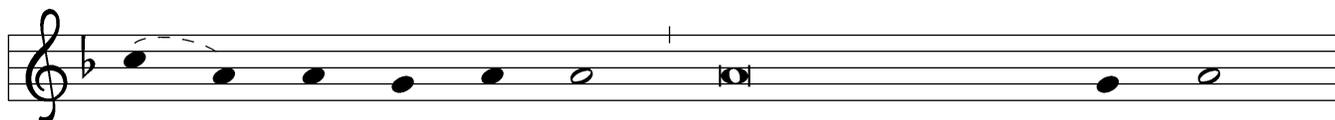
We glo - ry in your cross, O Lord, and we praise your



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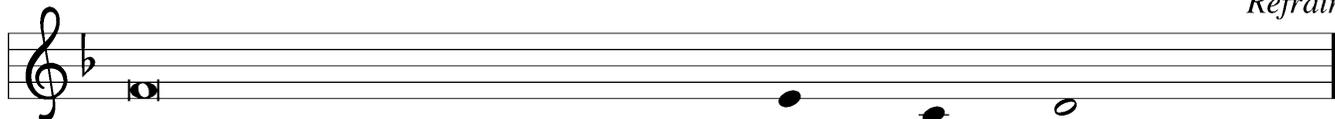


1 May God be merciful and bless us; may the light of God's
2 Let the peoples praise you, O God; let



face shine up - on us. Let your way be known upon earth,
all the peo - ples praise you. May God give us blessing,

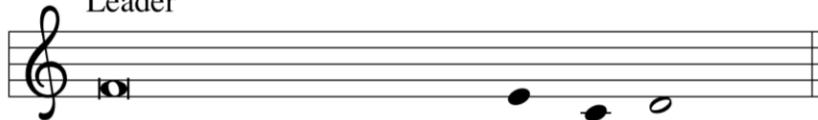
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your saving health a - mong all nations.
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

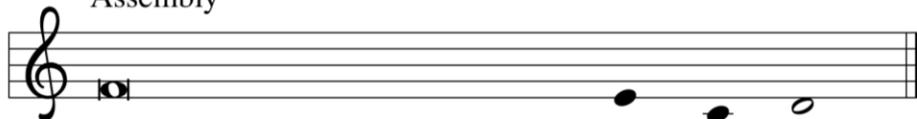
A brief silence.

Leader



We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

Assembly



By your holy cross you have re-deemed the world.



1 Sing, my tongue, the glo - rious bat - tle; tell the
 2 God in mer - cy saw us fal - len, sunk in
 3 Tell how, when at length the full - ness of the ap -
 4 Thir - ty years a - mong us dwell - ing, Je - sus
 5 Bend your boughs, O tree of glo - ry, your re -



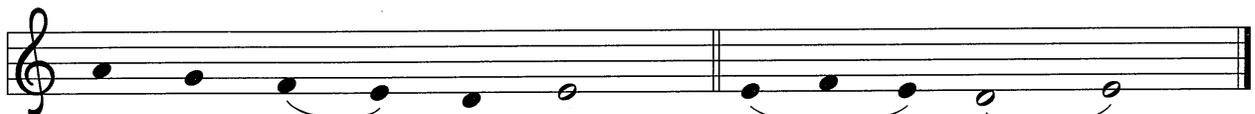
tri - umph far and wide; tell a - loud the won - drous
 shame and mis - er - y, felled to death in E - den's
 point - ed time was come, Christ, the Word, was born of
 went from Naz - a - reth, des - tined, ded - i - cat - ed,
 lax - ing sin - ews bend; for a while the an - cient



sto - ry of the cross, the Cru - ci - fied;
 gar - den, where in pride we claimed the tree;
 wom - an, left for us the heav - 'nly home,
 will - ing, did his work, and met his death;
 rig - or that your birth be - stowed, sus - pend;



tell how Christ, the world's re - deem - er, van - quished
 then an - oth - er tree was chos - en, which the
 blazed the path of true o - be - dience, shone as
 like a lamb he humb - ly yield - ed on the
 and the Lord of heav'n - ly beau - ty gent - ly



death the day he died.
 world from death would free.
 light a - midst the gloom.
 cross his dy - ing breath.
 on your arms ex - tend. (7) A - men.

6 Faithful cross, true sign of triumph,
 be for all the noblest tree;
 none in foliage, none in blossom,
 none in fruit your equal be;
 symbol of the world's redemption,
 for your burden makes us free.

7 Unto God be praise and glory;
 to the Father and the Son,
 to the eternal Spirit honor
 now and evermore be done;
 praise and glory in the highest,
 while the timeless ages run. Amen.

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