

Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

March 29, 2024

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GOOD FRIDAY THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION

PROCESSION

The priest enters in silence and prostrates himself before the altar.

We invite you to kneel and pray silently.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING | Isaiah 52: 13- 53: 12

RESPONSORIAL PSALM | Psalm 31: Into Your Hands

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- 1. In you, O Lord, I take refuge. Let me never be put to shame. In your justice, set me free. Into your hands I commend my spirit. You will redeem me, O Lord, O faithful God.
- 2. Because of all my foes I have become a reproach, an object of scorn to my neighbors and of fear to my friends. Those who see me in the street flee from me. I am forgotten, like someone dead and have become a broken vessel.
- 3. But as for me, I trust in you, O Lord; I say, "You are my God. My lot is in your hands, deliver me from the hands of my enemies and those who pursue me."
- 4. "Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love." Be strong, let your heart take courage, all who hope in the Lord.

SECOND READING | Hebrews 4: 14-16, 5: 7-9

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION | Mass of Christ, Light of the Nations

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THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST | John 18: 1-19:42 REFLECTION | Christopher Brolly, SJ

SOLEMN INTERCESSIONS

Response:



THE ADORATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

THE SHOWING OF THE HOLY CROSS



We invite those present in the church to come forward and venerate the cross with a simple genuflection (one knee), bow or by making the sign of the cross before it. For those not able to worship with us in person, we invite you to use this time to venerate a cross in your home.

Marty Haugen



What Wondrous Love Is This







OFFERTORY

Today's collection is designated for the support of the Holy Land. The church has asked all parishes to contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection which helps fund the upkeep and maintenance of Holy Land shrines and supports pastoral, charitable, and educational works for Christians in the Middle East. To contribute, please cut and paste this link in your browser: <u>https://www.osvhub.com/stceciliaboston/giving/funds/good-friday-2024-holy-land</u> or use the Flowcode below. Thank you for your generosity.



HOLY COMMUNION

THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

The altar is covered with a cloth and prepared. Please stand when the Blessed Sacrament, which has been reserved from the Holy Thursday liturgy, is brought to the altar in silence.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

It is a long-held Catholic belief that when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion, it is possible to make an "Act of Spiritual Communion." When we are unable to be physically present at the celebration of the Eucharist, the church invites Catholics to say this prayer as a source of grace. We can be assured that when we express our desire to receive Jesus in the Eucharist, God will be with us spiritually in a special way. Here is an Act of Spiritual Communion that we encourage you to pray as you participate in our live-streamed liturgies:

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Loving Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.





Verses

- Saint and sinner welcome in to this meal of harmony. Lonely people, next of kin journey toward the glory tree. Gathered strangers, scattered sheep, at this table all are fed. Blood and body bonds run deep as your kingdom feast is spread.
- 2. May we see the Christ revealed in the breaking of the bread. Living stories, holy meals, we become what we are fed. Broken shattered, fragile life, now received by you and me. Eating, drinking, joy and strife, Gospel living sets us free.
- 3. See the Christ in saddened sighs, blood poured out in every land. Wounded people, wailing cries lie upon our outstretched hands. Jesus is the way through death; truth beyond the present rage. Life unfolding, healing breath now enfleshed in youth and age.
- 4. Bless us, Lord, and these your gifts, fruit of vine and human hands. With our hearts and minds we lift all the goodness of these lands. Praise and thanks we shout and sing, from your bounty we are blessed. Joyfully all gifts we bring to receive our Lord and guest.
- 5. Death and life in water meet, drenching us in floods of light. Marking us with oil so sweet, clothing us in glorious white. Priest and prophet, spirit led, we are God's new living sign. Feeding on this holy bread, drinking of this holy wine.
- 6. Witnessing to love and peace, hands of blessing we remain. Helping fear and hate to cease, we bring forth God's wondrous reign. Strength and power here we find, given in this kingdom feast. We go forth to heal and sign everyone, both great and least.

COMMUNION MEDITATION | My Song Is Love Unknown

Molly Ijames

My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me, Love to the loveless shown, that they might lovely be. Oh who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?

Sometimes they strew His way, and His sweet praises sing, resounding all the day Hosannas to their King, Then "Crucify!" is all their breath and for His death they thirst and cry.

Why, what hath my Lord done to cause this rage and spite, He made the lame to walk and gave the blind their sight, What injuries, yet these are why the Lord most high so cruelly dies.

Here might I stay and sing, no story so divine; Never was love, dear King, never was grief like Thine. This is my friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days will gladly spend.

My song is love unknown.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

We invite you to keep a few moments of silence following this evening's liturgy. After genuflecting to the Cross, all depart in silence.