

# GOOD FRIDAY: THE SOLEMN AFTERNOON LITURGY

*The Celebrant and Assisting Ministers enter and prostrate themselves before the altar for silent prayer.  
After a substantial period, they rise and the Celebrant says the Collect.*

## THE COLLECT

*(people kneel)*

ALMIGHTY GOD, we beseech thee graciously to behold this thy family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed, and given up into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost ever, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

*The customary announcements and responses before and after the lessons are omitted.*

*Isaiah 52.13-53.12*

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.

TRACT. *Hab. 3.* O Lord, I have heard thy speech, and was afraid: O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years. *V.* In the midst of the two beasts, be thou acknowledged: in the midst of the years, make thyself known. *V.* In the time to come, be thou manifest: in the time of the confusion of my soul in wrath, remember mercy. *V.* God came from Libanus: and the Holy One from the thick darkness of the wooded mountain. *V.* His glory covered the heavens: and the earth was full of his praise.

*Hebrews 10.1-25*

THE LAW HAVING A SHADOW OF GOOD THINGS TO COME, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the corners thereunto perfect. For then would they not have ceased to be offered? because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins. But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year. For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins. Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me: in burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hast had no pleasure. Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God. Above when he said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and offering for sin thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure therein; which are offered by the law; then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second. By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: but this man, after he had

offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God; from hence-forth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool. For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified. Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that he had said before, This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; and their sins and iniquities will I remember no more. Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin. Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; and having an high priest over the house of God; let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) and let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

TRACT. *Ps. 140.* Deliver me, O Lord, from the evil man: and preserve me from the wicked man; who imagine mischief in their hearts: and stir up strife all the day long. They have sharpened their tongues like a serpent: adder's poison is under their lips. Keep me, O Lord, from the hands of the ungodly and preserve me from the wicked men. Who are purposed to overthrow my goings: the proud have laid a snare for me. And spread a net abroad with cords: yea, and set traps in my way. I said unto the Lord; thou art my God: hear the voice of my prayers, O Lord. O Lord God, thou strength of my health: thou hast covered my head in the day of battle. Let not the ungodly have his desire, O Lord: let not his mischievous imagination prosper; lest they be too proud. Let the mischief of their own lips fall upon the head of them: that compass me about. The righteous also shall give thanks unto thy Name: and the just shall continue in thy sight.

**HYMN 162** (*to the tune WARHAM*)

The Royal Banners Forward Go

*sung by all*

**THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST** according to SAINT JOHN 18:1–19:42

*The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted.*

*People may be seated for the first part of the Passion.*

PILATE therefore took Jesus, and scourged him. And the soldiers platted a crown of thorns, and put it on his head, and they put on him a purple robe, and said, Hail, King of the Jews! and they smote him with their hands. Pilate therefore went forth again, and saith unto them, Behold, I bring him forth to you, that ye may know that I find no fault in him. Then came Jesus forth, wearing the crown of thorns, and the purple robe. And Pilate saith unto them, Behold the man! When the chief priests therefore and officers saw him, they cried out, saying, Crucify him, crucify him., Pilate saith unto them, Take ye him, and crucify him: for I find no fault in him. The Jews answered him, We have a law, and by our law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God. When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he was the more afraid; and went again into the judgment hall, and saith unto Jesus, Whence art thou? But Jesus gave him no answer. Then saith Pilate unto him, Speakest thou not unto me? knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee? Jesus answered, Thou couldest have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above: therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin. And from thenceforth Pilate sought to release him: but the Jews cried out, saying, If thou let this man go, thou art not Cæsar's friend: whosoever maketh himself a king, speaketh against Cæsar. When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Jesus forth, and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called the Pavement, but in the Hebrew, Gabbatha. And it was the preparation of the passover, and about the sixth hour: and he saith unto the Jews, Behold your King! But they cried out, Away with him, away with him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your King? The chief priests answered, We have no king but Cæsar. Then delivered he him therefore unto them to be crucified.

*All Stand*

And they took Jesus, and led him away. And he bearing his cross went forth into a place called the place of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew Golgotha: where they crucified him, and two other with him, on either side one, and Jesus in the midst. And Pilate wrote a title and put it on the cross. And the writing was, JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS. This title then read many of the Jews: for the place where Jesus was crucified was nigh to the city; and it was written in Hebrew, and Greek, and Latin. Then said the chief priests of the Jews to Pilate, Write not, The King of the Jews; but that he said, I am King of the Jews. Pilate answered, What I have written I have written. Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took his garments, and made four parts, to every soldier a part; and also his coat: now the coat was without seam, woven from the top throughout. They said therefore among themselves, Let us not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be: that the scripture might be fulfilled, which saith, They parted my raiment among them, and for my vesture they did cast lots. These things therefore the soldiers did. Now there stood by the cross of Jesus his mother, add his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son! Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home. After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst. Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar: and they filled a sponge with vinegar, and put it upon hyssop, and put it to his mouth. When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

*Then all Kneel and pause a while*

The Jews therefore, because it was the preparation, that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the sabbath day, (for that sabbath day was an high day,) besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. Then came the soldiers, and brake the legs of the first, and of the other which was crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, the brake not his legs: but one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water. And he that saw it bare record, and his record is true: and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might believe. For these things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken. And again another scripture saith, They shall look on him whom they pierced.

**THE SERMON**

*The Rector*

**HYMN 172**

Were you there when they crucified my lord

*Were you there*

**THE SOLEMN COLLECTS**

*(people stand)*

*Deacon sings or says to the people*

Dearly beloved brethren, let us pray for the holy Church of God: that the Lord our God may vouchsafe to preserve it throughout all the world in unity, peace, and safety: making subject unto it all Principalities and Powers: and that he may grant unto us to dwell in such quiet and tranquility that we may duly show forth the glory of God the Father Almighty.

Let us pray. Let us bow the knee. (*Silence*). Arise.

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast in Christ made manifest thy glory unto all mankind: we beseech thee that thou wouldest preserve those things which of thy mercy thou hast created; that thy Church, being spread abroad through all the world, may steadfastly abide in the confession of thy holy Name. Through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray likewise for Sean our chief Bishop: that like as the Lord our God hath appointed him to the office of Bishop, so he may preserve him in all peace and safety for the governance of God's holy People.

Let us pray. Let us bow the knee. (*Silence*). Arise.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose judgment upholdeth all things both in heaven and earth: we beseech thee mercifully to have respect unto our prayers, that like as thou hast appointed this thy servant to be our bishop so thou wouldest of thy mercy defend him against all adversities; and that all Christian peoples, acknowledging thee alone to be their author and governor, may so prosper by his care that they may duly increase in bringing forth the fruits of their profession. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray likewise for Jeremiah, the Bishop of Albany; for Thomas, the Rector of this Parish; and for Abigail, Deacon in this parish; and for all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons; for all Subdeacons, Acolytes, (Exorcists), Readers, Doorkeepers, (Confessors, Virgins, and Widows): and for all God's holy People.

Let us pray. Let us bow the knee. (*Silence*). Arise.

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before thee for all estates of men

in thy holy Church; that every member of the same in his vocation and ministry may truly and godly serve thee. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray likewise for Donald, the President of the United States, and all in Civil Authority; that they, knowing whose ministers they are, may above all things seek God's honor and glory: and that we and all the People, duly considering whose authority they bear, may faithfully and obediently honor them.

Let us pray. Let us bow the knee. (*Silence*). Arise.

Almighty and everlasting God, our Governor, whose glory is in all the world: we commend this nation to thy merciful care, that being guided by thy Providence, we may dwell secure in thy peace. Grant to the President of the United States, and to all in authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do thy will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness; and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve this people in thy fear. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray likewise for all them that are catechumens: that the Lord our God may open the ears of their hearts that they may enter in at the gate of his mercy; that by the washing of regeneration they may obtain the remission of all their sins, and be found faithful servants of our Lord, Christ Jesus.

Let us pray. Let us bow the knee. (*Silence*). Arise.

Almighty and everlasting God, who dost ever increase thy Church with the abundance of a new generation: we beseech thee that thou wouldest multiply in faith and understanding them that are being taught in thy holy word; that being renewed in the water of Baptism they may be numbered among the sons of thine adoption. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Dearly beloved brethren, let us pray likewise to God the Father Almighty, that he would vouchsafe to cleanse the world from all false doctrine: to deliver it from pestilence and famine: to open all prisons: and to set free them that are in captivity: granting unto pilgrims a safe return; to the sick healing; and to them that travel to attain unto the haven that they desire.

Let us pray. Let us bow the knee. (*Silence*). Arise.

Almighty and everlasting God, the comforter of them that mourn, the strength of them that travail: We beseech thee to hear the prayers of them that in any necessity make their supplications unto thee; that in all their troubles and adversities they may rejoice in the present succor of thy loving-kindness. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray likewise for all them that are in heresy and schism: that the Lord our God may deliver them from all false doctrines, and vouchsafe to restore them to their holy Mother the Catholic and Apostolic Church.

Let us pray. Let us bow the knee. (*Silence*). Arise.

Almighty and everlasting God, who wouldest not that any should perish, but rather that they should be saved: we beseech thee mercifully to look upon them that are deceived by the crafts of the devil; that the hearts of them which have gone astray may be delivered from their perversities



*The Celebrant and Assisting Ministers venerate the Cross.*

*The people may then come forward to venerate the cross, during which time is sung*

**The Reproaches** *Sung by the Choir* *Tomás Luis de Victoria (c.1548–1611)*

*O my people, what have I done unto thee, or wherein have I wearied thee? Testify against me.*

Because I brought thee forth from the land of Egypt, thou hast prepared a Cross for thy Saviour.

*Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal, have mercy upon us.*

Because I led thee through the desert forty years, and fed thee with manna, and brought thee into a land exceeding good, thou hast preparedst a Cross for thy Saviour.

*Holy God...*

What more could I have done unto thee that I have not done? I indeed did plant thee, O my vineyard, with exceeding fair fruit, and thou art become very bitter unto me: for vinegar, mingled with gall, thou gavest me when thirsty; and has pierced with a spear the side of thy Saviour.

*Holy God...*

I did scourge Egypt with her first-born for thy sake: and thou hast scourged me and delivered me up. *Popule meus.*

I led thee forth out of Egypt, drowning Pharaoh in the Red Sea: and thou hast delivered me up unto the chief priests. *Popule meus...*

I did open the sea before thee: and thou hast opened my side with a spear. *Popule meus.*

I did go before thee in the pillar of cloud: and thou hast led me unto the judgement-hall of Pilate. *Popule meus.*

I did feed thee with manna in the desert: and thou hast stricken me with blows and scourges. *Popule meus.*

I did give thee to drink the water of life from the rock: and thou hast given me to drink but gall and vinegar. *Popule meus.*

I did smite the kings of the Canaanites for thy sake: and thou hast smitten my head with a reed. *Popule meus.*

I did give thee a royal sceptre: and thou hast given unto my head a crown of thorns. *Popule meus.*

I did raise thee on high with great power: and thou hast hanged me upon the gibbet of the Cross. *Popule meus.*

#### **THE MASS OF THE PRE-SANCTIFIED**

*The Blessed Sacrament is now brought from the Altar of Repose to the High Altar  
as the following hymn is sung*

**HYMN 166** Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle *Pange lingua*

**THE CONFESSION OF SIN** *(people kneel)*

*Celebrant* Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

**Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The celebrant alone stands and gives the absolution*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, ✠ pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**      *Said by all*

**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. Amen.**

**THE INVITATION**

*Celebrant*      ✠ Behold the Lamb of God: Behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.

*People*      **Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof, but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.**

**THE ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION**

*All baptized Christians may receive communion. Communion is offered in one kind only. If you wish to not receive, you are invited to come forward and cross your arms to receive a blessing.*

*Gluten-free hosts are available.*

*After the ablutions, the service concludes with the following prayer.*

**THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

*(people kneel)*

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, we pray thee to set thy passion, cross, and death between thy judgment and our souls, now and in the hour of our death. Give mercy and grace to the living; pardon and rest to the dead; to thy holy Church peace and concord; and to us sinners everlasting life and glory; for with the Father and the Holy Spirit thou livest and reignest, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*No Blessing or Dismissal is added*

*The ministers bow to the altar and leave in silence*

**PLEASE, DEPART IN SILENCE**

*The Church will remain open for prayer until 3:00 p.m.*

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