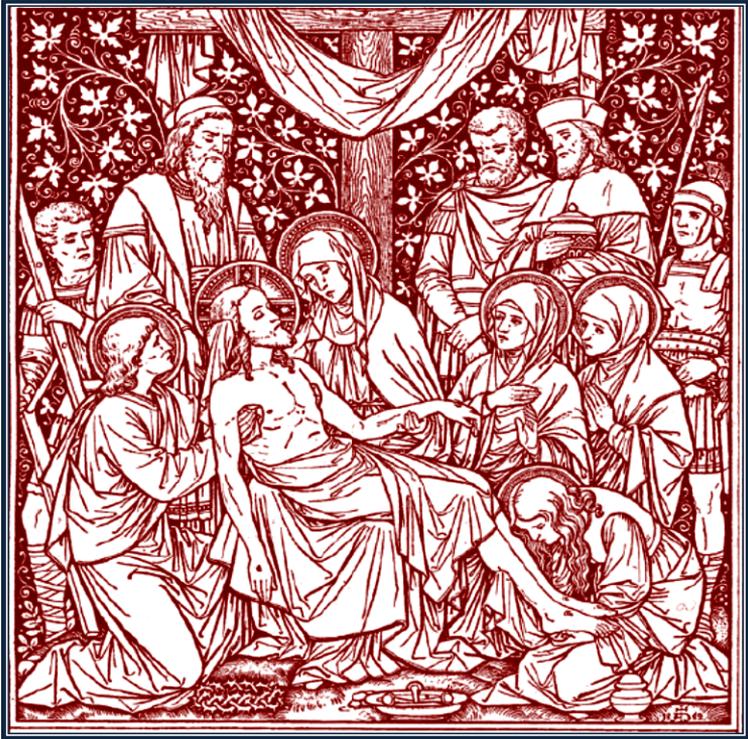


FRIDAY OF THE PREPARATION

COMMONLY CALLED
GOOD FRIDAY



Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday

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The Liturgy of the Catechumens

Stand as the clergy enter in silence.

*While the Sacred Ministers prostrate before the Altar, an altar server prepares the Altar.
When the Celebrant finishes his prayer, the Sacred Ministers go up to the Altar, and the
Lector reads the Prophecy.*

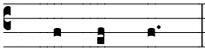
PROPHECY

After the reading, Thanks be to God is not said.

TRACT

The Tract is sung.

COLLECT



∇ Let us pray.



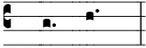
∇ Let us bow the knee.



∇ Arise.

The collect is prayed, ending with the words:

...world without end.



℞ Amen

Sit after the Collect.

LESSON

After the reading, Thanks be to God is not said.

TRACT

Stand as the Tract is sung.

PASSION

The Deacon (or Priest) simply announces the Gospel:

The Passion of Our Lord.

Sit for the Passion.

Genuflect (kneel) when the Deacon (or Priest) says:

And he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

Stand for the remainder of the Gospel.

The homily is preached.

Stand at the conclusion of the homily.

SOLEMN COLLECTS

Nine collects are prayed. The following pattern is used:



∇ Let us pray.



∇ Let us bow the knee.



∇ Arise.

The collect is prayed, ending with the words:



...world without end.



℞ Amen

VENERATION OF THE CROSS

Remain Standing.

When the collects are finished, the Celebrant takes the Cross from the Deacon. Turning towards the people, he partly uncovers the top, and then sings this Antiphon:

∇ Behold the wood of the Cross, whereon was hung the world's Salvation.

Genuflect



℞ O come, let us worship.

This is repeated twice more, each time at a slightly higher pitch, as the Celebrant continues to uncover the Cross.

After the Cross is unveiled, it is set in its place. Then the Sacred Ministers, with shoes removed, approach, making three double genuflections, to venerate the Cross by kissing the feet of the Corpus. In the same manner, the other clergy and the faithful venerate the Cross.

While the Cross is venerated, the Reproaches are sung.

Sit or kneel during the Reproaches, including the hymn "Faithful Cross."

REPROACHES

Choir: O my people, what have I done unto thee? Or wherein have I wearied thee? Testify against me.

Choir: Because I brought thee forth from the land of Egypt: thou hast prepared a Cross for thy Savior.

Choir:

Faithful:



A - gi - os o The - os. Ho - ly God.

Choir:

Faithful:



A - gi - os Isch - y - ros. Ho - ly Migh - ty.

Choir:



A - gi - os A - tha - na - tos, e - le - i - son i - mas.

Faithful:



Ho - ly Im - mor - tal, have mer - cy up - on us.

Choir: Because I led thee through the desert forty years, and fed thee with manna, and brought thee into a land exceeding good: thou hast prepared a Cross for thy Savior. Repeat "AgiOS O TheoS"

with exceeding fair fruit: and thou art become very bitter unto me:

Choir: For vinegar, mingled with gall, thou gavest me when thirsty: and hast pierced with a spear the side of thy Savior. Repeat "AgiOS O TheoS"

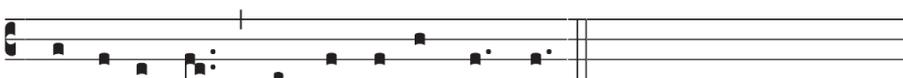
Choir: What more could I have done for thee that I have not done? I indeed did plant thee, O my vineyard,

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

Faithful:



O my peo - ple, what have I done un - to thee? Or where - in have I



wea - ri - ed thee? Tes - ti - fy a - gainst me.

Choir: I led thee forth out of Egypt, drowning Pharaoh in the Red Sea: and thou hast delivered me up unto the chief priests. Repeat "O my people.

Choir: I did open the sea before thee: and thou hast opened my side with a spear. Repeat "O my people.

Choir: I did go before thee in the pillar of cloud: and thou hast led me unto the judgment hall of Pilate. Repeat "O my people.

Choir: I did feed thee with manna in the desert: and thou hast stricken me with blows and scourges. Repeat "O my people.

Choir: I did give thee to drink the water of life from the rock: and thou hast given me to drink but gall and vinegar. Repeat "O my people.

Choir: I did smite the kings of the Canaanites for thy sake: and thou hast smitten my head with a reed. Repeat "O my people.

Choir: I did give thee a royal scepter: and thou hast given unto my head a crown of thorns. Repeat "O my people.

Choir: I did raise thee on high with great power: and thou hast hanged me upon the gibbet of the Cross. Repeat "O my people.

ANTIPHON & HYMN

The antiphon is sung, followed by the hymn.

Refrain (sung by Cantor or Choir)

FAITHFUL Cross, above all other,
One and only noble Tree,
None in foliage, none in blossom,
None in fruit thy peer may be;
Sweetest wood, and sweetest iron,
Sweetest weight is hung on thee.

1. Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle,
Sing the ending of the fray;
Now above the cross, the trophy,
Sound the high triumphant lay,
Tell how Christ, the world's Redeemer,
As a Victim won the day. *Refrain*
2. God in pity saw man fallen,
Shamed and sunk in misery,
When he fell on death by tasting
Fruit from the forbidden tree:
Then another Tree was chosen

- Which the world from death should free. *Refrain*
3. Thus the scheme of our salvation
Was of old in order laid;
That the manifold's deceiver's
Art by art might be outweighed:
And the lure the foe put forward
Into means of healing made. *Refrain*
4. Therefore, when th' appointed fullness
Of the holy time was come,
He was sent, who maketh all things,
Forth from God's eternal home,

Thus he came to earth, incarnate,
Offspring of a Maiden's womb.

Refrain

5. Lo! He lies an infant weeping,
Where the narrow manger stands:
While the Mother-maid his
members
Wraps in mean and lowly bands:
And the swaddling clothes is
winding
Round his helpless feet and hands.

Refrain

6. Thirty years among us dwelling,
His appointed time fulfilled.
Born for this, he meets his Passion,
For that this he freely willed:
On the cross the Lamb is lifted,
Where his life-blood shall be
spilled. *Refrain*

7. He endured the nails, the
spitting,
Vinegar, and spear, and reed;
From that holy Body broken
Blood and water both proceed:

Earth, and stars, and sky, and
ocean

By that flood from stain are freed.

Refrain

8. Bend, thy boughs, O Tree of
glory;
Thy relaxing sinews bend;
For a while the ancient rigor
That thy birth bestowed, suspend;
And the King of heavenly beauty
On thy bosom gently tend. *Refrain*

9. Thou alone wast counted worthy
This world's Ransom to uphold:
That a shipwrecked race preparing
Habor, like the Ark of old:
With the sacred Blood anointed
From the smitten Lamb that rolled.

Refrain

10. To the Trinity be glory
Everlasting as is meet:
Equal to the Father, equal
To the Son, and Paraclete:
Trinal Unity, whose praises
All created things repeat. Amen

Refrain

VESPERS FOR GOOD FRIDAY

Vespers is prayed immediately without singing.

During Vespers, the High Altar is stripped.

PSALMS

STAND

Antiphon 1: I will receive the cup of salvation, and call upon the Name of the Lord.

Psalm 115. *Credidi*

I BELIEVED, and therefore will I
speak; but I was sore troubled. *

Be seated.

I said in my haste, All men are
liars.

¹¹ What reward shall I give unto the Lord *
for all the benefits that he hath done unto me?

¹² I will receive the cup of salvation, *
and call upon the Name of the Lord.

¹³ I will pay my vows now in the presence of all his people: *
right dear in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.

¹⁴ Behold, O Lord, how that I am thy servant; *

Antiphon 1: I will receive the cup of salvation, and call upon the Name of the Lord.

Antiphon 2: I labor for peace but when I speak unto them thereof, they make them ready to battle.

Psalm 120. Ad Dominum

WHEN I was in trouble, I called upon the Lord, *

Be seated.

and he heard me.

² Deliver my soul, O Lord, from lying lips, *
and from a deceitful tongue.

³ What reward shall be given or done unto thee, thou false tongue? *

Even mighty and sharp arrows, with hot burning coals.

Antiphon 2: I labor for peace but when I speak unto them thereof, they make them ready to battle.

Antiphon 3: Preserve me O Lord, from the wicked men.

Psalm 139. Eripe me, Domine

DELIVER me, O Lord, from the evil man, *

Be seated.

I am thy servant, and the son of thine handmaid. Thou hast broken my bonds in sunder.

¹⁵ I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, *
and will call upon the Name of the Lord.

¹⁶ I will pay my vows unto the Lord, in the sight of all his people, *

Stand.

in the courts of the Lord's house, even in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord.

⁴ Woe is me, that I am constrained to dwell with Meshech, *
and to have my habitation among the tents of Kedar!

⁵ My soul hath long dwelt among them *
that are enemies unto peace.

⁶ I labor for peace; but when I speak unto them thereof, *

Stand.

they make them ready to battle.

and preserve me from the wicked man,

² who imagine mischief in their hearts, *
and stir up strife all the day long.

³ They have sharpened their tongues like a serpent; *
adder's poison is under their lips.

⁴ Keep me, O Lord, from the hands of the ungodly; *
preserve me from the wicked men, who are purposed to overthrow my goings.

⁵ The proud have laid a snare for me, † and spread a net abroad with cords, *
yea, and set traps in my way.

⁶ I said unto the Lord, Thou art my God; *
hear the voice of my prayers, O Lord.

⁷ O Lord God, thou strength of my health; *
thou hast covered my head in the day of battle.

⁸ Let not the ungodly have his desire, O Lord; *

Antiphon 3: Preserve me O Lord, from the wicked men.

Antiphon 4: Keep me from the snare that they have laid for me, and from the traps of the wicked doers.

Psalm 140. Domine, clamavi

LORD, I call upon thee; haste thee unto me, *

Be seated.

and consider my voice when I cry unto thee.

² Let my prayer be set forth in thy sight as the incense; *

let not his mischievous imagination prosper, lest they be too proud.

⁹ Let the mischief of their own lips fall upon the head of them *
that compass me about.

¹⁰ Let hot burning coals fall upon them; *
let them be cast into the fire, and into the pit, that they never rise up again.

¹¹ A man full of words shall not prosper upon the earth; *
evil shall hunt the wicked person to overthrow him.

¹² Sure I am that the Lord will avenge the poor, *
and maintain the cause of the helpless.

¹³ The righteous also shall give thanks unto thy Name; *

Stand.

and the just shall continue in thy sight.

and let the lifting up of my hands be an evening sacrifice.

³ Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth, *

and keep the door of my lips.

⁴ O let not mine heart be inclined to any evil thing; *
let me not be occupied in ungodly works with the men

that work wickedness, lest I eat
of such things as please them.

⁵ Let the righteous rather smite
me friendly, *
and reprove me.

⁶ But let not their precious
balms break my head; *
yea, I will pray yet against their
wickedness.

⁷ Let their judges be overthrown in
stony places, *
that they may hear my words, for
they are sweet.

⁸ Our bones lie scattered before
the pit, *

Antiphon 4: Keep me from the snare that they have laid for me, and from the traps of the wicked doers.

Antiphon 5: I looked also upon my right hand, and saw there was no man that would know me.

Psalm 141. Voce mea ad Dominum

I CRIED *unto the Lord with my
voice; **

Be seated.

yea, even unto the Lord did I
make my supplication.

² I poured out my complaints
before him, *
and showed him of my trouble.

³ When my spirit was in heaviness,
thou knewest my path; *
in the way wherein I walked have
they privily laid a snare for me.

⁴ I looked also upon my right
hand, *
and saw there was no man that
would know me.

⁵ I had no place to flee unto, *

like as when one breaketh and
heweth wood upon the earth.

⁹ But mine eyes look unto thee, O
Lord God; *
in thee is my trust. O cast not out
my soul.

¹⁰ Keep me from the snare that
they have laid for me, *
and from the traps of the
wicked doers.

¹¹ Let the ungodly fall into their
own nets together, *

Stand.

and let me ever escape them.

and no man cared for my soul.

⁶ I cried unto thee, O Lord, and
said, *

Thou art my hope, and my
portion in the land of the living.

⁷ Consider my complaint; *
for I am brought very low.

⁸ O deliver me from my
persecutors; *

for they are too strong for me.

⁹ Bring my soul out of prison, †
that I may give thanks unto thy
Name; *

Stand.

which thing if thou wilt grant me,
then shall the righteous resort
unto my company.

Antiphon 5: I looked also upon my right hand, and saw there was no man that would know me.

Stand

MAGNIFICAT

The Antiphon: When he had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

MY soul doth magnify the Lord, *
and my spirit hath rejoiced
in God my Savior.

For he hath regarded *
the lowliness of his
handmaiden.

For behold, from henceforth *
all generations shall call me
blesséd.

For he that is mighty hath
magnified me; *

Bow the head.

and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear
him *
throughout all generations.

He hath shewed strength with
his arm; *
he hath scatter-ed the proud in
the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty
from their seat, *
and hath exalted the humble and
meek.

He hath filled the hungry with
good things; *
and the rich he hath sent empty
away.

He remembering his mercy † hath
holpen his servant Israel; *
as he promised to our forefathers,
Abraham and his seed for ever.

The Antiphon: When he had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

Kneel

The Antiphon

Christ † for our sake, became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

The Our Father is said silently 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.

Then, aloud but quietly is said:

HAVE mercy upon me, O God,
after thy great goodness; *
according to the multitude of thy
mercies do away mine offences.

² Wash me thoroughly from my
wickedness, *
and cleanse me from my sin.

³ For I acknowledge my faults, *
and my sin is ever before me.

⁴ Against thee only have I
sinned, † and done this evil in
thy sight; *
that thou mightest be justified
in thy saying, and clear when
thou art judged.

⁵ Behold, I was shapen in
wickedness, *
and in sin hath my mother
conceived me.

⁶ But lo, thou requirest truth in
the inward parts, *
and shalt make me to
understand wisdom secretly.

⁷ Thou shalt purge me with
hyssop, and I shall be clean; *
thou shalt wash me, and I shall be
whiter than snow.

⁸ Thou shalt make me hear of
joy and gladness, *
that the bones which thou hast
broken may rejoice.

⁹ Turn thy face from my sins, *
and put out all my misdeeds.

¹⁰ Make me a clean heart, O
God, *
and renew a right spirit within
me.

¹¹ Cast me not away from thy
presence, *

and take not thy holy Spirit from
me.

¹² O give me the comfort of thy
help again, *
and stablish me with thy free
Spirit.

¹³ Then shall I teach thy ways unto
the wicked, *
and sinners shall be converted
unto thee.

¹⁴ Deliver me from blood-
guiltiness, O God, † thou that
art the God of my health; *
and my tongue shall sing of thy
righteousness.

¹⁵ Thou shalt open my lips, O
Lord, *
and my mouth shall shew thy
praise.

¹⁶ For thou desirest no sacrifice,
† else would I give it thee; *
but thou delightest not in
burnt-offerings.

¹⁷ The sacrifice of God is a troubled
spirit: *
a broken and contrite heart, O
God, shalt thou not despise.

¹⁸ O be favourable and gracious
unto Sion; *
build thou the walls of
Jerusalem.

¹⁹ Then shalt thou be pleased with
the sacrifice of righteousness, †
with the burnt-offerings and
oblations; *
then shall they offer young
bullocks upon thine altar.

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 wicked men, and to suffer death upon the cross: who with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth God, world without end.