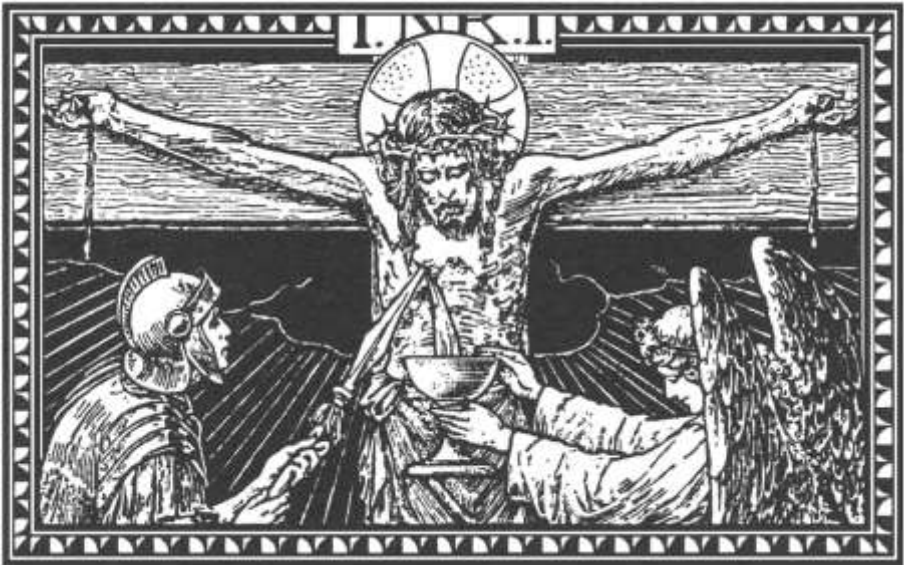



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Order for
The Solemn Liturgy of
Good Friday

The Celebration of the Lord's Passion

The Liturgy of Good Friday Notes

1 *Silence* Silence is a significant part of the observance of Good Friday, and silence at the points indicated is integral to the service.

2 *The Reproaches* It is important to remember that Jesus' (God's) words in the Reproaches are to be understood as applying to the present Church, rather than to his own contemporaries. Here, 'Israel' and 'my people' are allegories for, and include, the Church (the whole people of God) who, by our behaviour, often repeat history. Thus, we are to hear the Reproaches as directed to our own hardness of heart and failure of discipleship, and not directed to one nation.



Please note that the service follows the following sequence, & hymns etc are unannounced.

¶ *The Gathering* The choir move to their stalls in silence. The priest, and sanctuary party, then, enter in silence, and gather at the Chancel Step. All, who can, kneel for a time of silent prayer. They remain kneeling for the opening

Hymn 90 O sacred head

All stand for The Collect

Eternal God, in the cross of Jesus we see the cost of our sin and the depth of your love: in humble hope and fear may we place at his feet all that we have and all that we are, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

¶ *The Liturgy of the Word*

Old Testament Reading

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah. *Isaiah 52.13–end of 53*

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord. *All* Thanks be to God.

Psalm *Psalm 31 the response is sung by all*



R Fa - ther, in - to your hands I com - mend my spi - rit.



In you, O Lord, | I take refuge; let me never be | put to shame.

In your justice, | set me free. It is you who will re | deem me, Lord. *All R*

In the face of | all my foes; I am | a reproach;

an object of scorn | to my neighbours; and of fear | to my friends. *All R*

Those who see me | in the street; run | far away from me.

I am like the dead, forgot | ten by all, like a thing | thrown away. *All R*

But as for me, I trust | in you, Lord; I say: 'You | are my God.'

My life is in your | hands, deliver me; from the hands of | those who hate me. *All R*

Let your face shine | on your servant. Save me | in your love.

Be strong, let your | heart take courage; all who hope | in the Lord. *All R*

New Testament Reading

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews. *Hebrews 4.14-16; 5.7-9*

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn 92 There is a green hill

The Passion Reading

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. *(18.1–end of 19)*

At the end

This is the Passion of the Lord. *No response is made.*

Sermon

Hymn 95 When I survey the wondrous cross

¶ *The Proclamation of the Cross*

Please turn and face the cross at the back of the church by the font. The procession proceeds stopping three times (at the font, middle, and chancel step) when the priest says:

Behold the wood of the cross, on which hung the Saviour of the world.

All Come, let us worship.

The sanctuary party, followed by the choir, then the rest of the people are invited to come to the cross in silence, up the centre aisle, stop before the cross, bow, make the sign of the cross and return silently to their seats via the side aisles.

During the Proclamation of the cross the Reproaches are sung.

I give you love, and how do you repay?

When you were slaves I strove to set you free;

I led you out from under Pharaoh's yoke,

but you led out your Christ to Calvary.

R My people, tell me, what is my offence?

What have I done to harm you? Answer me!

For forty years I was your constant guide.

I fed you with my manna from on high.

I led you out to live in hope and peace,

but you led out my only Son to die. **R**

With cloud and fire I marked the desert way,

I heard your cries of rage and calmed your fear.

I opened up the sea and led you through,

but you have opened Christ with nail and spear. **R**

When in distress you cried to me for food,

I sent you quails in answer to your call,

and saving water from the desert rock,

but to my Son you offered bitter gall. **R** 3

I gave you joy when you were in despair,
with songs of hope, I set your hearts on fire;
crowned you with grace, the people of my choice,
but you have crowned my Christ with thorny briar. **R**

When you were weak, exploited and oppressed,
I heard you cry and listened to your plea.
I raised you up to honour and renown,
but you have raised me on a shameful tree. **R**

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¶ *The Prayers of Intercession are said by the priest standing in front of the cross. The following bidding and response is used as well the traditional 'Amen'.*

Lord, hear us. *All* Lord, graciously hear us.

¶ *The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

Hymn During the singing of the hymn the Altar is covered with a fair linen cloth and the consecrated elements from the Altar of Repose are placed on it.

86 My song is love unknown

The Lord's Prayer

Standing at the foot of the cross, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

All Our Father, who art in heaven ...

Giving of Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

During Holy Communion the anthem may be sung.

¶ *The Conclusion Silence is kept.*

Let us pray.

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection
of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world:

grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross

we may triumph in the power of his victory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

The dismissal prayer is said over the people

Lord, send down your abundant blessing
upon your people who have devoutly recalled the death
of your Son in the sure hope of the resurrection.

Grant them pardon; bring them comfort.

May their faith grow stronger and their eternal salvation be assured.

All Amen.

The sanctuary party, choir and people depart in silence

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