

3. God in pity saw man fallen,
shamed and sunk in misery,
when he fell on death by tasting
fruit of the forbidden tree:
then another tree was chosen
which the world from death should
free.

4. Thirty years among us dwelling,
now at length his hour 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.

5. He endured the nails the spitting,
vinegar and spear and reed; from
that holy body pierced blood and
water forth proceed: earth and
stars and sky and ocean
by that flood from stain are freed.

6. To the Trinity be glory,
to the Father and the Son,
with the co-eternal Spirit,
ever Three and ever One,
one in love and one in splendour,
while an ending age is run.

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¶ **The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

Offertory 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.*

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.**

Please come and receive holy communion. During the distribution an anthem may be sung.

At the end of holy communion silence is kept. Followed by: 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. **All Amen.**

¶ **The Conclusion** *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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Order for The Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday The Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Please note that the service follows the following sequence, and hymns etc are unannounced. The Hymn numbers are found on the separate insert.

¶ **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:

First Hymn

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. (52.13 - end of 53) *At the end:*

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

Psalm 3 *the Response is sung by all is said by all*



℞ 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 ℞**

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 ℞**

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 ℞**

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 ℞**

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 ℞**

New Testament Reading

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews (4.14 -16; 5.7 - 9) *At the end:*

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

Gradual Hymn

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 followed by a Hymn *At the end, please turn and face the cross held by the priest at the back of the church.*

¶ **The Solemn Intercession** *are said by the priest standing front of the cross*

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

¶ The Proclamation of the Cross

Please turn and face the cross held by the priest at the back of the church. 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.

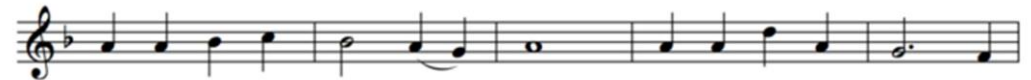
*The sanctuary party, followed by the rest of the people are invited to come to the cross in silence, up the centre aisle, stop before the cross, bow, make the sign of the cross and return silently to their seats via the side aisles. During the Proclamation of the cross the **Crux Fidelis** is sung.*



Faith- ful Cross a - bove all ___ oth - er, One and on - ly



no - ble ___ tree! None in fo - liage, none in ___ blos - som,



None in fruit thy peer may ___ be Sweet-test wood and sweet-test



ir - - - on Sweet-test weight is hung on ___ thee.

2. SING, my tongue, how glorious battle,

Sing the ending of the fray,

O'er the Cross, the victor's trophy,

Sound the loud triumphant lay:

Tell how Christ, the world's Redeemer,

As a Victim won the day.