

# The Solemn Liturgy of GOOD FRIDAY

April 10, 2020

All Saints' Episcopal Church



*The Arrival at Calvary, Gustav Doré*

## The Opening Acclamation

*Officiant* Blessed be our God.

*People* For ever and ever. Amen.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*People* Amen.

## The Lesson, Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12

Revised Standard Version

Behold, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high. As many were astonished at him -- his appearance so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the sons of men -- so shall he startle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which has not been told them they shall see, and that which they have not heard they shall understand. 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 comeliness that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that made us whole, and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is dumb, so he opened not his mouth. By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? And they made his grave with the wicked and a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the will of the LORD to bruise him; he has put him to grief; when he makes himself an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand; he shall see the fruit of the travail of his soul and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make

many to be accounted righteous; and, he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out his soul to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

**The Gradual, Psalm 22:1-11**     *Deus, Deus meus*

- 1    My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? \*  
      and are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress?
- 2    O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; \*  
      by night as well, but I find no rest.
- 3    Yet you are the Holy One, \*  
      enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
- 4    Our forefathers put their trust in you; \*  
      they trusted, and you delivered them.
- 5    They cried out to you and were delivered; \*  
      they trusted in you and were not put to shame.
- 6    But as for me I am a worm and no man, \*  
      scorned by all and despised by the people.
- 7    All who see me laugh me to scorn; \*  
      they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,
- 8    “He trusted in the LORD; let him deliver him; \*  
      let him rescue him, if he delights in him.”
- 9    Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, \*  
      and kept me safe upon my mother’s breast.
- 10   I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; \*  
      you were my God when I was still in my mother’s womb.
- 11   Be not far from me, for trouble is near, \*  
      and there is none to help.

**The Epistle, Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9**

Revised Standard Version

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard for his godly fear. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and being made perfect he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him.

*The usual Gospel Acclamations are omitted.*

*Gospeler* Pilate took Jesus and scourged him. And the soldiers plaited a crown of thorns, and put it on his head, and arrayed him in a purple robe; they came up to him, saying,

*All* Hail, King of the Jews! —

*Gospeler* — and struck him with their hands. Pilate went out again, and said to them,

*Subdeacon* See, I am bringing him out to you, that you may know that I find no crime in him.

*Gospeler* So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them,

*Subdeacon* Behold the man!

*Gospeler* When the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out,

*All* Crucify him, crucify him!

*Gospeler* Pilate said to them,

*Subdeacon* Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no crime in him.

*Gospeler* The Jews answered him,

*All* We have a law, and by that law he ought to die, because he has made himself the Son of God.

*Gospeler* When Pilate heard these words, he was the more afraid; he entered the praetorium again and said to Jesus,

*Subdeacon:* Where are you from?

*Gospeler* But Jesus gave no answer. Pilate therefore said to him,

*Subdeacon* You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?

*Gospeler* Jesus answered him,

*Officiant* You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore he who delivered me to you has the greater sin.

*Gospeler* Upon this Pilate sought to release him, but the Jews cried out,

*All* If you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend; every one who makes himself a king sets himself against Caesar.

*Gospeler* When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Pavement, and in Hebrew, Gab'batha.

Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover; it was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews,

*Subdeacon* Behold your King!

*Gospeler* They cried out,

*All* Away with him, away with him, crucify him!

*Gospeler* Pilate said to them,

*Subdeacon* Shall I crucify your King?

*Gospeler* The chief priests answered,

*All* We have no king but Caesar.

*Gospeler* Then he handed him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus, and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which is called in Hebrew Gol'gotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. Pilate also wrote a title and put it on the cross; it read, JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. Many of the Jews read this title, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. The chief priests of the Jews then said to Pilate,

*All* Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'

*Gospeler* Pilate answered,

*Subdeacon* What I have written I have written.

*Gospeler* When the soldiers had crucified Jesus they took his garments and made four parts, one for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was without seam, woven from top to bottom; so they said to one another,

*All* Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be.

*Gospeler* This was to fulfill the scripture, "They parted my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots." So the soldiers did this. But standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Mag'dalene. When Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing near, he said to his mother,

*Officiant* Woman, behold, your son!

*Gospeler* Then he said to the disciple,

*Officiant* Behold, your mother!

*Gospeler* And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home. After this Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, to fulfill the scripture said,

*Officiant* I thirst.

*Gospeler* A bowl full of vinegar stood there; so they put a sponge full of the vinegar on hyssop and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the vinegar, he said,

*Officiant* It is finished —

*Gospeler* — and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

*Silence is kept for a few moments,. Then, the Gospeler shall continue, saying,*

*Gospeler* Since it was the day of Preparation, in order to prevent the bodies from remaining on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him; but when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. He who saw it has born witness – his testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth – that you also may believe. For these things took place that the scripture might be fulfilled,

*All* “Not a bone of him shall be broken.”

*Gospeler* And again another scripture says,

*All* “They shall look on him whom they have pierced.”

### **The Solemn Collects**

Dear People of God: Our heavenly Father sent his Son into the world; not to condemn the world but that the world through him might be saved; that all who believe in him might be delivered from the power of sin and death and become heirs with him of everlasting life.

We pray, therefore, for people everywhere according to their needs.

Let us pray for the holy Catholic Church of Christ throughout the world;

For its unity in witness and service  
For all bishops and other ministers and the people whom they serve  
For Scott, our Bishop, and all the people of this diocese  
For all Christians in this community

That God will confirm his Church in faith, increase it in love, and preserve it in peace.

*Silence*

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Let us pray for all nations and peoples of the earth, and for those in authority among them;

For the President of the United States  
For the Congress and the Supreme Court  
For the Members and Representatives of the United Nations  
For all who serve the common good

That by God's help they may seek justice and truth, and live in peace and concord.

*Silence*

Almighty God, kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth; that in tranquility your dominion may increase, until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us pray for all who suffer and are afflicted in body or in mind;

For the hungry and the homeless, the destitute and the oppressed  
For the sick, the wounded, and the crippled  
For those in loneliness, fear, and anguish  
For those who face temptation, doubt, and despair  
For the sorrowful and bereaved  
For prisoners and captives, and those in mortal danger

That God in his mercy will comfort and relieve them, and grant them the knowledge of his love, and stir up in us the will and patience to minister to their needs.

*Silence*

Gracious God, the comfort of all who sorrow, the strength of all who suffer: Let the cry of those in misery and need come to you, that they may find your mercy present with them in all their afflictions; and give us, we pray, the strength to serve them for the sake of him who suffered for us, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us pray for all who have not received the Gospel of Christ;

For those who have never heard the word of salvation  
For those who have lost their faith  
For those hardened by sin or indifference  
For the contemptuous and the scornful  
For those who are enemies of the cross of Christ and persecutors of his disciples  
For those who in the name of Christ have persecuted others

That God will open their hearts to the truth, and lead them to faith and obedience.

*Silence*

Merciful God, creator of all the peoples of the earth and lover of souls: Have compassion on all who do not know you as you are revealed in your Son Jesus Christ; let your Gospel be preached with grace and power to those who have not heard it; turn the hearts of those who resist it; and bring home to your fold those who have gone astray; that there may be one flock under one shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*Amen.*

Let us commit ourselves to God, and pray for the grace of a holy life, that, with all who have departed this world and have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to God alone, we may be accounted worthy to enter into the fullness of the joy of our Lord, and receive the crown of life in the day of resurrection.

*Silence*

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### **The Our Father**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

*Officiant and People*

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 thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

### **The Concluding Prayer**

*Officiant*

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, we pray you to set your passion, cross, and death between your 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 your holy Church peace and concord; and to us sinners everlasting life and glory; for with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The service is ended. Go in peace.

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