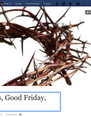

The Way of the Cross, Good Friday, April 10th, 2020

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Opening Invocations

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

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. Amen.

Reader: We will glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ:

People: In whom is our salvation, our life and resurrection.

Let us pray. *(Silence)*

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the commemoration of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The procession goes to the First Station.

First Station

Jesus is condemned to death

The reader and people together:

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world:

The Reader continues:

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests, with the elders and scribes, and the whole council, held a consultation, and they bound Jesus and led him away and delivered him to Pilate. Then Judas, the traitor, seeing that Jesus was condemned, repented himself and brought back the money, he brought Jesus out and set down on the judgment seat at a place called the Pavement, but in the Hebrew, Gabbatha. Then he handed Jesus over to them to be crucified.

Reader: And did not spare his own Son:

People: But delivered him up for us all.

Let us pray. *(Silence)*

Almighty God, whose mear dear Son went out to pay his debt for sufficed pain, and entered into the place of judgment, that we may be set free from the judgment of sin: Grant, we pray, that, as we have taken that the rear of the sin and prayer, through Jesus Christ our Son our Lord. Amen.

The procession goes to the second station while all sing

Holy God,

Holy and Mighty,

Holy Immortal One,

Have mercy upon us.

Second Station

Jesus takes up his Cross

The reader and people together:

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world:

The Reader continues:

Jesus went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered, and, being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him. Jesus, for the sorrow that was set before him, endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of God. Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and blessing.

Reader: The Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

People: For the transgression of my people was he stricken.

Let us pray. *(Silence)*

Almighty God, whose beloved Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption: Give us the courage to take up our cross and follow him, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

The procession goes to the third station while all sing

Holy God,

Holy and Mighty,

Holy Immortal One,

Have mercy upon us.

Third Station

Jesus falls the first time

The reader and people together:

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world:

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped. Not emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, and was born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him, and bestowed on him the name which is above every name. Unto us he was born, and bestow the latter, and bestow him the Lord our Father. For to the Lord our God.

Reader: Surely he has borne our griefs:

People: And carried our sorrows.

Let us pray. *(Silence)*

O God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: Grant us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The procession goes to the fourth station while all sing

Holy God,

Holy and Mighty,

Holy Immortal One,

Have mercy upon us.

Fourth Station

Jesus meets his afflicted mother

The reader and people together:

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world:

To what can I liken you, O what can I compare you, O daughter of Jerusalem? What likeness can I give you, that I may comfort you, O virgin daughter of Zion? For vast as the sea is your ruin. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. The Lord will be your everlasting light, and your days of mourning shall be ended.

Reader: A sword will pierce your own soul also:

People: And fill your heart with bitter pain.

Let us pray. *(Silence)*

O God, who willed that in the passion of your Son a sword of grief should pierce the soul of the blessed Virgin Mary, your Mother: Mercifully grant, that we who commemorate her sorrows, may be the partaker, may be made worthy to share in the joy of her resurrection, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

The procession goes to the fifth station while all sing

Holy God,

Holy and Mighty,

Holy Immortal One,

Have mercy upon us.

Fifth Station

The Cross is laid on Simon of Cyrene

The reader and people together:

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world:

As they led Jesus away, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name, who was coming from the country, and they compelled him to carry the cross behind Jesus. Now there were also some other men, but Jesus, being himself and ugly, he was cast follow me. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Reader: Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me:

People: Cannot be my disciple.

Let us pray. *(Silence)*

Heavenly Father, whose Servant Jesus was not to be arrived but to serve: Bless all who, in imitation of your Son, give themselves to the service of others; that with obedient, patient, and cheerful hearts they may minister to Your Name to the suffering, the friendless, and the needy; for the love of him who laid down his life for us, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

The procession goes to the sixth station while all sing

Holy God,

Holy and Mighty,

Holy Immortal One,

Have mercy upon us.

Sixth Station

A woman wipes the face of Jesus

The reader and people together:

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world:

We have seen him without form or majesty, with no looks to attract our eyes. 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. His appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of men. But surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him to have been the chastisement that made us whole, and with his stripes we are healed.

Reader: Restore to, O Lord God of hosts:

People: Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Let us pray. *(Silence)*

O God, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, with the holy Jesus, may be lights of the transfiguration, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into the likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The procession goes to the seventh station while all sing

Holy God,

Holy and Mighty,

Holy Immortal One,

Have mercy upon us.

Seventh Station

Jesus falls a second time

The reader and people together:

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world:

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows. 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. For the transgression of my people was he stricken.

Reader: But as for me, I am a worm and no man:

People: Scorned by all and despised by the people.

Let us pray. *(Silence)*

Almighty and ever-living God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

The procession goes to the eighth station while singing

Holy God,

Holy and Mighty,

Holy Immortal One,

Have mercy upon us.

Eighth Station

Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem

The reader and people together:

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world:

There followed after Jesus a great multitude of the people, and among them were women who bewailed and lamented him. But Jesus turning to them said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children."

Reader: Those who sowed with tears:

People: Will reap with songs of joy.

Let us pray. *(Silence)*

Teach your Church, O God, to mourn the sins of which it is guilty, and by repent and blemish: Grant us, we pray, that we may be ready to bear our cross, and follow the blessed saints our children and our children's children, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The procession goes to the ninth station while all sing

Holy God,

Holy and Mighty,

Holy Immortal One,

Have mercy upon us.

Ninth Station

Jesus falls a third time

The Reader and people together

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world:

I am the man who has seen affliction under the rod of his wrath; he has driven and brought me into darkness without any light. He has barricaded me and enclosed me with bitterness and exhaustion; he has made me dwell in darkness like the dead of long ago. Though I call and cry for help, he shuts out my prayer. He has made my teeth grind in gravel, and made me cower in ashes. Remember, O Lord, my affliction and bitterness, the wormwood and the gall!"

Reader: He was led like a lamb to the slaughter:

People: And like a sheep that before its shearers is mute, so he opened not his mouth.

Let us pray. *(Silence)*

O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the ensign of life: Grant us to glory in the cross of Christ, that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

The procession goes to the tenth station while all sing

Holy God,

Holy and Mighty,

Holy Immortal One,

Have mercy upon us.

Tenth Station

Jesus is stripped of his garments

The reader and people together:

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world:

When they came to a place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull), they offered him wine to drink, mingled with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And they crucified him, and parted his garments by casting lots. Then was fulfill the scripture which says, "They divided my garments among them, they cast lots for my clothing."

Reader: They gave me gall to eat:

People: And when I was thirsty they gave me vinegar to drink.

Let us pray. *(Silence)*

Lord God, whose blessed Son our Savior gave his body to be stripped and his face to be spit upon: Give us grace to accept joyfully the sufferings of the cross of Jesus, confident of the glory that shall be revealed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The procession goes to the eleventh station while all sing

Holy God,

Holy and Mighty,

Holy Immortal One,

Have mercy upon us.

Eleventh Station

Jesus is nailed to the Cross

The reader and people together:

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world:

When they came to the place which is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and with him they crucified two criminals, one on the right, the other on the left, and Jesus between them. And the scripture was fulfilled which says, "He was numbered with the transgressors."

Reader: They pierce my hands and my feet:

People: They stare and gloat over me.

Let us pray. *(Silence)*

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms willing on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the compass of your saving embrace: Do clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands to love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you, for the honor of your Name. Amen.

The procession goes to the twelfth station while all sing

Holy God,

Holy and Mighty,

Holy Immortal One,

Have mercy upon us.

Twelfth Station

Jesus dies on the Cross

The reader and people together:

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world:

When Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing near, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold your son!" Then he said to the disciple, "Behold your mother!" And when Jesus had received the vinegar, he said, "It is finished!" and then, crying with a loud voice, he said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." And he bowed his head, and handed over his spirit.

Reader: Christ for us became obedient unto death:

People: Even death on a cross.

Let us pray. *(Silence)*

O God, who for our redemption gave your only begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; who lives and reigns now and for ever. Amen.

The procession goes to the thirteenth station while all sing

Holy God,

Holy and Mighty,

Holy Immortal One,

Have mercy upon us.

Thirteenth Station

The body of Jesus is placed in the arms of his mother

The reader and people together:

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world:

When evening had come, there came a man of Arimathea, a rich man, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate ordered it to be given to him. Joseph took the body, and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out of the rock. He also rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and departed. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb, and they prepared the spices and ointments to embalm the body of Jesus.

Reader: Blessed are those who have not seen:

People: And yet have believed.

Let us pray. *(Silence)*

Lord God, we pray you, that as your Son was laid in the tomb and rested there, so we may be buried with him in his death, and may rest with him in our graves until the day of your resurrection; through the merits of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The procession goes to the fourteenth station while all sing

Holy God,

Holy and Mighty,

Holy Immortal One,

Have mercy upon us.

Fourteenth Station

The Resurrection

The reader and people together:

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world:

Christ Jesus, who was dead, is risen from the dead, trampling down death by his death, and to those who are in the tombs he gives life. Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. To him be glory and dominion, power and might, now and for ever and ever. Amen. Amen. Amen.

Reader: Christ is risen:

People: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Let us pray. *(Silence)*

Almighty God, through your only Son you have overcome death and opened the gate of eternal life unto us: We humbly pray that, as we believe your only Son our Lord to have risen from the dead, we may be raised from the death of sin by your quickening Spirit; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Reader: Let us bless the Lord:

People: Thanks be to God.

Let us pray. (Silence)

Lord God, we have seen your Son, our Lord, suffer and die upon the cross, giving himself for us, and we have seen him rise from the dead, and we have seen his ascension into your presence: Grant, we pray, that we may be ready to meet him when he comes in his glory, and be with him and with all your saints in your kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The reader and people together

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

All you who pass-by, behold and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow. My eyes are spent with weeping; my soul is in tumult; my heart is poured out in grief because of the downfall of my people. “Do not call me Naomi (which means Pleasant), call me Mara (which means Bitter); for the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me.”

Reader Her tears run down her cheeks:

People And she has none to comfort her.

Let us pray. (*Silence*)

Lord Jesus Christ, by your death you took away the sting of death: Grant to us your servants so to follow in faith where you have led the way, that we may at length fall asleep peacefully in you and wake up in your likeness; for your tender mercies’ sake. *Amen.*

The procession goes to the fourteenth station while all sing

Holy God,

Holy and Mighty,

Holy Immortal One,

Have mercy upon us.

Fourteenth Station

Jesus is laid in the tomb

The reader and people together

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. And Joseph took the body, and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud, and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock; and he rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb.

Reader You will not abandon me to the grave:

People Nor let your holy One see corruption.

Let us pray. (*Silence*)

O God, your blessed Son was laid in a tomb in a garden, and rested on the Sabbath day: Grant that we who have been buried with him in the waters of baptism may find our perfect rest in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The processional candles are returned to their stands while all sing

Holy God,

Holy and Mighty,

Holy Immortal One,

Have mercy upon us.

Concluding Prayers before the Altar

Officiant Savior of the world, by your cross and precious blood you have redeemed us:

People Save us, and help us, we humbly beseech you, O Lord.

Let us pray. (*Silence*)

We thank you, heavenly Father, that you have delivered us from the dominion of sin and death and brought us into the kingdom of your Son; and we pray that, as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his love he may raise us to eternal joys; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

To Christ our Lord who loves us, and washed us in his own blood, and made us a kingdom of priests to serve his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A Final Blessing

Officiant May the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

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