

# Good Friday

## The Liturgy of the Lord's Passion.

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

**Amen.**

### Reading

From Isaiah 53 verses 4- 12

Surely he has borne our infirmities  
and carried our diseases;  
yet we accounted him stricken,  
struck down by God, and afflicted.  
But he was wounded for our transgressions,  
crushed for our iniquities;  
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,  
and by his bruises we are healed.  
All we like sheep have gone astray;  
we have all turned to our own way,  
and the Lord has laid on him  
the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,  
yet he did not open his mouth;  
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,  
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,  
so he did not open his mouth.  
By a perversion of justice he was taken away.  
Who could have imagined his future?  
For he was cut off from the land of the living,  
stricken for the transgression of my people.  
They made his grave with the wicked  
and his tomb with the rich,  
although he had done no violence,  
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain.  
When you make his life an offering for sin,  
he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;  
through him the will of the Lord shall prosper.

Out of his anguish he shall see light;  
he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.

The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,  
and he shall bear their iniquities.

Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,  
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;  
because he poured out himself to death,  
and was numbered with the transgressors;  
yet he bore the sin of many,  
and made intercession for the transgressors.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## The Passion Gospel

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (John 18 and 19)

## Prayers of Intercession

God sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Therefore we pray to our heavenly Father for people everywhere according to their needs  
Let us pray for the Church of God throughout the world :

For unity in faith, in witness and in service  
for bishops and other ministers, and those whom they serve.  
For our bishop, and the people of this diocese  
for all Christians in this place, for those to be baptised,  
for those who are mocked and persecuted for their faith  
that God will confirm his church in faith, increase it in love,  
and preserve it in peace.  
Lord hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Almighty and everlasting God,  
by whose Spirit the whole body of the church  
is governed and sanctified:  
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people;  
that in their vocation and ministry  
each may serve you in holiness and truth  
to the glory of your Name;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

Let us pray for the nations of the world and their leaders:  
For Elizabeth our Queen and the Parliament of this land  
for those who administer the law and all who serve in public office, for all  
who strive for justice and reconciliation  
that by God's help the world may live in peace and freedom.  
Lord hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Most gracious God and Father,  
in whose will is our peace:  
turn our hearts and the hearts of all to yourself,  
that by the power of your spirit  
the peace which is founded on justice  
may be established throughout the world:  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us pray for God's ancient people, the Jews:  
The first to hear his word  
for greater understanding between Christian and Jew  
for the removal of our blindness and bitterness of heart  
that God will grant us grace to be faithful to his  
covenant and to grow in the love of his name.  
Lord hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Lord God of Abraham,  
bless the children of your covenant, both Jew and Christian;  
take from us all blindness and bitterness of heart,  
and hasten the coming of your kingdom,  
when Israel shall be saved,  
the Gentiles gathered in,  
and we shall dwell together in mutual love and peace  
under one God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

Let us pray for those who do not believe the gospel of Christ:  
For those who follow other faiths and creeds  
for those who have not heard the message of salvation  
for all who have lost faith, for the contemptuous and scornful  
for those who are enemies of Christ,  
and persecute those who follow him;  
for all who deny the faith of Christ crucified  
that God will open their hearts to the truth  
and lead them to faith and obedience.  
Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Merciful God, creator of all the people of the earth,  
have compassion on all who do not know you,  
and by the preaching of your Gospel with grace and power,  
gather them into the fold of the one Shepherd,  
Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us pray for all those who suffer:  
For those who are deprived and oppressed  
for all who are sick and handicapped  
for those in darkness, in doubt and in despair,  
in loneliness and in fear.  
for prisoners; for the victims of false accusations and violence;  
for all at the point of death and those who watch beside them,  
that God in his mercy will sustain them  
with the knowledge of his love.  
Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Almighty and everlasting God,  
the comfort of the sad, the strength of those who suffer;  
hear the prayers of your children who cry out of any trouble:  
and to every distressed soul grant mercy, relief, and refreshment,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us commend ourselves and all God's children to his unfailing love,  
and pray for the grace of a holy life,  
that, with all who have died in the peace of Christ,  
we may come to the fullness of eternal life  
and the joy of the resurrection.

**Merciful Father, accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

## Adoration of the Cross

This is the wood of the cross, on which hung the Saviour of the world.  
**Come, let us worship**

**Hymn** *as you look at a cross, and remember what it means- the measure of Christ's love for us, please join in singing quietly together:*

When I survey the wondrous cross  
on which the Prince of glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss,  
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast  
save in the cross of Christ my God;  
all the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See from his head, his hands, his feet,  
sorrow and love flow mingled down;  
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose so rich a crown!

His dying crimson, like a robe,  
spreads o'er his body on the tree:  
then am I dead to all the globe,  
and all the globe is dead to me.

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were a present far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.

Let us pray for the coming of the kingdom in the words our Saviour taught us.

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God:  
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins:  
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world:  
give us your peace.**

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 our Lord.

**Amen.**

*We wait through the silence of tonight and tomorrow, to join together on Easter morning.*