

GOOD FRIDAY

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

March 29, 2024

6:00 p.m.



Prayer for Good Friday:

Holy and Eternal God, you came among us in the Person of Jesus Christ who leads us beyond the fear of death into Eternal Life. Through Jesus Christ our Lord we offer our heartfelt thanks and praise for your lovingkindness to us and all humanity.

Amen.

Welcome to Christ Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Upper South Carolina. We are a Protestant church which originated in England in the 16th Century. We join as a family of friends receiving Holy Communion every Sunday to empower ministry to our community. We are an inclusive fellowship welcoming those who may not feel affirmed elsewhere regarding gender, orientation, or race. There is a place for you among us at Christ Church. Join with us.

WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP

Votive candles: Everyone is invited to light a candle on the votive stand at the front of the church as a way of making your invisible prayers visible.

Personal Prayers

For Forgiveness: Dear God, it can be hard for me to forgive myself for things I have done, but because you have forgiven me, help me let go and leave behind all that cannot be undone for your mercy's sake. As you draw closer to me, help me grow closer to you through Christ. Amen.

For Encouragement: Holy One, please help me to not lose heart. When I look at the world around me, it is easy to get overwhelmed and discouraged. When that happens, I will take heart, because You are renewing me. Help me to remember all the ways You are present through Christ, my Lord. Amen.

For Patience: God, thank You for allowing me to experience trials and thank You for refining my faith through them. When I go through hard situations, please lead me away from temptation by giving me the strength to endure. Remind me of the joy set before me: the purification of my character and eternity spent with You. Through Christ, my Lord. Amen.

For Renewal: Lord Christ, may I give to you those things that distract, entertain, or subvert my commitment to love others as myself. May those things I surrender create room for habits of thought and actions that create more life in those I meet this day and ever after. In your Holy Name, I pray. Amen.

Generosity: God of All, from whom all things come, and all things will return: make me aware of the ways I value material things over right relationships with others. I want to see you at work in all things without desiring to possess them that I may live in you, O Christ, in perfect freedom. In your holy Name I pray. Amen.

Growth: O God, you know me better than I know myself: make me aware of the ways in which past abuse and neglect compels me to seek approbation from others rather than trust in the value of my own loveliness, that rather than distancing myself from others, I may live

freely with those as we make the journey together. I ask this in the strong and gentle name of Christ, my Lord. Amen.

Change: God, you are the source from which all things come at all times and in all lives: Help me, I pray, to embrace change as it inevitably comes by trusting in you, that I may grow into the full stature and Image of your Son, Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

Healing: Ever-present God of compassion: you know from afar my rising up and my lying down. Grant that I may accept what is past, leaving it with you, that I may live without fear or harsh self-judgment, to focus freely on your work of healing in the world. Amen.

Humility: Gracious God, whose will it is to bring all creation into unity in your Son, Jesus Christ: make me daily disown my overly competitive instincts, that I may “seek peace and pursue” it to welcome all into my life, to the honor and glory of your Name. Amen.

About Holy Communion: *We trust Christ to be truly present in the bread and wine. Through our praise and thanksgiving in the Holy Spirit we are united in His saving grace to the glory of God. Ours is an open table of Holy Communion. All persons, children and adults, are welcomed to receive. If you wish to learn more about being baptized, speak with Father Emanuel.*

Receiving Holy Communion: *Come forward as directed by the ushers. Stand or kneel at the altar rail with palms extended to receive the bread. We offer the wine of Holy Communion by common cup or by intinction by dipping the wafer into the cup of wine. To otherwise receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest to signal the Priest.*

THE WORD

On this day the ministers enter in silence.

All then kneel, as able, for silent prayer, after which the Priest stands and begins the liturgy with the Collect.

Priest: Blessed be our God.

People: *For ever and ever. Amen.*

The Collect of the Day

Priest: 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. **Amen.**

THE READINGS

A Reading from Isaiah 52:13–53:12.

(Lector One:)

See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high. Just as there were many who were astonished at him --so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of mortals--so he shall startle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which had not been told them they shall see, and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate. 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 majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected

by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account. 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.

Reader: Here ends the Reading.

(Silence for reflection follows the reading.)

Psalm 22: 1–11

Deus, Deus meus

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Robert Knox Kennedy

(Congregation and Choir, seated)

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



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- 1 My God, my God, why have you for'saken me? *
and are so far from my cry
and from the words of my dis'tress?
- 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 de'livered them.
- 5 They cried out to you and were de'livered; *
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 de'live 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.

(Silence for reflection follows the Psalm.)

A Reading from Hebrews 10:16–25.

(Lector Two:)

The Holy Spirit testifies saying, "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds," he also adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Reader: Here ends the Reading.

(Silence for reflection follows the reading.)

Hymn

Lutheran Hymnal 606

Our Father, we have wandered

1 Our Fa - ther, we have wan - dered and hid - den from your face;
 2 And now at length dis - cern - ing the e - vil that we do,
 3 O Lord of all the liv - ing, both ban - ished and re - stored,

in fool-ish-ness have squan - dered your leg - a - cy of grace.
 be - hold us, Lord, re - turn - ing with hope and trust to you.
 com-pas-sion-ate, for - giv - ing, and ev - er - car - ing Lord,

But now, in ex - ile dwell - ing, we rise with fear and shame,
 In haste you come to meet us and home re - joic - ing bring,
 grant now that our trans - gress - ing, our faith - less - ness may cease.

as, dis - tant but com - pel - ling, we hear you call our name.
 in glad-ness there to greet us with calf and robe and ring.
 Stretch out your hand in bless - ing, in par - don, and in peace.

(Seated)

The Gospel

John 18: 1 – 19:42

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

(Priest:) Jesus went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to a place where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples. So Judas brought a detachment of soldiers together with police from the chief priests and the Pharisees, and they came there with lanterns and torches and weapons.

Then Jesus, knowing all that was to happen to him, came forward and asked them, "Whom are you looking for?" They answered, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus replied, "I am he." Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. When Jesus said to them, "I am he," they stepped back and fell to the ground. Again he asked them, "Whom are you looking for?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. So if you are looking for me, let these men go." This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken, "I did not lose a single one of those whom you gave me." Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest's slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave's name was Malchus. Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword back into its sheath. Am I not to drink the cup that the Father has given me?"

So the soldiers, their officer, and the Jewish police arrested Jesus and bound him. First they took him to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was better to have one person die for the people.

Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, but Peter was standing outside at the gate. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest,

went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in. The woman said to Peter, "You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not." Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing around it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and warming himself.

Then the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching. Jesus answered, "I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. Why do you ask me? Ask those who heard what I said to them; they know what I said." When he had said this, one of the police standing nearby struck Jesus on the face, saying, "Is that how you answer the high priest?" Jesus answered, "If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong. But if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?" Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

(Minister:) Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They asked him, "You are not also one of his disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not." One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?" Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed.

Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate's headquarters. It was early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the headquarters, so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the Passover. So Pilate went out to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" They answered, "If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you." Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law." The Jews replied, "We are not permitted to put anyone to death." (This was to fulfill what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.)

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." Pilate asked him, "What is truth?"

After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them, "I find no case against him. But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover. Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" They shouted in reply, "Not this man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was an insurrectionist.

(Priest:) Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. They kept coming up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and striking him on the face. Pilate went out again and said to them, "Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him." So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Here is the man!" When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him." The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God."

Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. Pilate therefore said to him, "Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?" Jesus answered

him, "You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin." From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the Jews cried out, "If you release this man, you are no friend of the emperor. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against the emperor."

(Minister:) When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat on the judge's bench at a place called The Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew Gabbatha. Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. He said to the Jews, "Here is your King!" They cried out, "Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!" Pilate asked them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but the emperor." Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

(The congregation stands, as able.)

(Priest:) So they took Jesus; and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." Many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'" Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written."

When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. So they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it." This was to fulfill what the scripture says,

"They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots." And that is what the soldiers did.

(Priest:) Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty." A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

(Extended silence)

(Minister:) Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the cross during the sabbath, especially because that sabbath was a day of great solemnity. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men broken and the bodies removed. Then 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. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. (He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth.) These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, "None of his bones shall be broken." And again another passage of scripture says, "They will look on the one whom they have pierced."

After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body. Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it

with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon:

(Several moments of silence for reflection follow the sermon.)



Hymn LEVAS 38 The Old Rugged Cross

1. On a hill far a - way stood an old rug-ged cross,
 2. Oh, that old rug - ged cross so de - spised by the world,
 3. In the old rug - ged cross, stained with blood so di - vine,
 4. To the old rug - ged cross I will ev - er be true,

1. The em - blem of suf - f'ring and shame;
 2. Has a won - drous at - trac - tion for me;
 3. A won - drous beau - ty I see;
 4. Its shame and re - proach glad - ly bear;

1. And I love that old cross where the dear - est and best
 2. For the dear Lamb of God left His glo - ry a - bove,
 3. For 'twas on that old cross Je - sus suf - fered and died,
 4. Then He'll call me some day to my home far a - way,

1. For a world of lost sin - ners was slain.
 2. To bear it to dark Cal - va - ry.
 3. To par - don and sanc - ti - fy me.
 4. Where His glo - ry for - ev - er I'll share.

old rug - ged cross

So I'll cher - ish the cross, the old rug - ged cross,

The first system of music features a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The vocal line begins with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, and then a half note B4. The piano accompaniment consists of a steady eighth-note bass line in the left hand and a chordal accompaniment in the right hand. The lyrics are: "So I'll cher - ish the cross, the old rug - ged cross,"

Till my tro - phies at last I lay down;

The second system of music continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The vocal line has a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, and a half note B4. The piano accompaniment remains consistent with the first system. The lyrics are: "Till my tro - phies at last I lay down;"

old rug - ged cross,

I will cling to the cross, the old rug - ged cross,

The third system of music continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The vocal line has a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, and a half note B4. The piano accompaniment remains consistent with the first system. The lyrics are: "I will cling to the cross, the old rug - ged cross,"

And ex - change it some day for a crown.

The fourth system of music concludes the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The vocal line has a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, and a half note B4. The piano accompaniment remains consistent with the first system. The lyrics are: "And ex - change it some day for a crown."

(Standing, as able.)

The Nicene Creed

Minister: Let us rise to confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Solemn Collects

Priest:

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.

(Kneeling, as able.)

(Minister:) 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 Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Daniel, our Bishop; Dorsey, Frank and Andrew, our bishops retired, and Phil, our priest; for Elizabeth, Presiding Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and Virginia, Bishop of the South Carolina Synod and Chris, pastor of Reformation Lutheran Church. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

That God will confirm our congregations in faith, increase them in love, and preserve them in peace. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Silence

Priest : 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. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

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

For Joe, the President of the United States
For the Congress and the Supreme Court
For the Members and Representatives of the United Nations
Our Governor and local and elected leaders.
For all who serve the common good

That by God's help they may seek justice for all our people, that we may live in peace and concord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Silence

Priest: 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. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

(Minister:) For the hungry and the homeless, the destitute and the oppressed.

For the wounded, disabled, and afflicted in body or mind.
For those in loneliness, fear, and anguish
For those who face temptation, doubt, and despair
For the sorrowful and bereaved
For the homeless, especially due to natural disasters
For combatants
For prisoners and captives, and those in mortal danger

That God 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. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Silence

Priest: Gracious God, you are the comfort of all who are sorrowful, the strength of all who suffer from abusive relationships, loneliness, injustice, and addiction. Let the cry

of those in misery and need come to you, that they may experience your presence 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. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

(Minister:) 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.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Silence

Priest: Merciful God, creator of all the peoples of the earth: 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 love to those who have not heard it; peace to 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 our 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. ***Amen.***

Silence

Priest: 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

spirit, 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 fulfillment 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 Veneration of the Cross

(Kneeling, as able)

Priest:

We glory in your cross, O Lord,
***and praise and glorify your holy resurrection;
for by virtue of your cross
joy has come to the whole world.***

May God be merciful to us and bless us,
show us the light of his countenance, and come to us.

***Let your ways be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.***

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

***We glory in your cross, O Lord,
and praise and glorify your holy resurrection;
for by virtue of your cross
joy has come to the whole world.***

Anthem

O Savior of the world,
who by thy cross has redeemed us:

Save us and help us, in your loving kindness, O Lord.

Hymn 166 (omit *verse 6)

Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle

(Congregation and Choir)



1 Sing, my tongue, the glo - rious bat - tle; of the might - y con - flict
 2 Thir - ty years a - mong us dwell - ing, his ap - point - ed time ful -
 3 He en - dures the nails, the spit - ting, vin - e - gar, and spear, and
 4 Faith - ful cross! a - bove all o - ther, one and on - ly no - ble
 5 Bend thy boughs, O tree of glo - ry! Thy re - lax - ing sin - ews
 *6 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or to the



1 sing; tell the tri - umph of the vic - tim, to his
 2 filled, born for this, he meets his pas - sion, this the
 3 reed; from that ho - ly bo - dy bro - ken blood and
 4 tree! None in fo - liage, none in blos - som, none in
 5 bend; for a - while the an - cient ri - gor that thy
 6 Son, praise and hon - or to the Spi - rit, ev - er



1 cross thy tri - bute bring. Je - sus Christ, the world's Re -
 2 Sa - vior free - ly willed: on the cross the Lamb is
 3 wa - ter forth pro - ceed: earth, and stars, and sky, and
 4 fruit thy peer may be: sweet - est wood and sweet - est
 5 birth be - stowed, sus - pend; and the King of heaven - ly
 6 Three and ev - er One: one in might and one in



1 deem - er from that cross now reigns as King.
 2 lift - ed, where his pre - cious blood is spilled.
 3 o - cean, by that flood from stain are freed.
 4 i - ron! sweet - est weight is hung on thee.
 5 beau - ty gent - ly on thine arms ex - tend.
 6 glo - ry while e - ter - nal a - ges run.

The Lord's Prayer

Priest 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.

Concluding Collect

(Priest)

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 your people lasting life and glory; for with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

Procession of the Cross

My Soul Is Sad

Jacques Berthier

Caroline Oliver, Flutist

(Standing)

Depart in Peace and Silence



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