



Good Friday, April 2, 2021, Worship Aid

Instrumental music

Prayer

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 52.13 - 53.12

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

See, my servant shall prosper,
he shall be raised high and greatly exalted.
Even as many were amazed at him
so marred was his look beyond human semblance
and his appearance beyond that of the sons of man
so shall he startle many nations,
because of him kings shall stand speechless;
for those who have not been told shall see,
those who have not heard shall ponder it.

Who would believe what we have heard?
To whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?
He grew up like a sapling before him,
like a shoot from the parched earth;
there was in him no stately bearing to make us look at him,
nor appearance that would attract us to him.
He was spurned and avoided by people,
a man of suffering, accustomed to infirmity,
one of those from whom people hide their faces,
spurned, and we held him in no esteem.

Yet it was our infirmities that he bore,
our sufferings that he endured,
while we thought of him as stricken,
as one smitten by God and afflicted.

But he was pierced for our offenses,
crushed for our sins;
upon him was the chastisement that makes us whole,
by his stripes we were healed.
We had all gone astray like sheep,
each following his own way;
but the LORD laid upon him
the guilt of us all.

Though he was harshly treated, he submitted
and opened not his mouth;
like a lamb led to the slaughter
or a sheep before the shearers,
he was silent and opened not his mouth.

Oppressed and condemned, he was taken away,
and who would have thought any more of his destiny?
When he was cut off from the land of the living,
and smitten for the sin of his people,
a grave was assigned him among the wicked
and a burial place with evildoers,
though he had done no wrong
nor spoken any falsehood.
But the LORD was pleased
to crush him in infirmity.

If he gives his life as an offering for sin,
he shall see his descendants in a long life,
and the will of the LORD shall be accomplished through him.

Because of his affliction
he shall see the light in fullness of days;
through his suffering, my servant shall justify many,
and their guilt he shall bear.
Therefore I will give him his portion among the great,
and he shall divide the spoils with the mighty,
because he surrendered himself to death
and was counted among the wicked;
and he shall take away the sins of many,
and win pardon for their offenses.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm*Psalm 31: Good Friday Psalm*

Father, I put my life in your hands, father, receive my spirit.

Second Reading*Hebrews 4.14-16; 5.7-9*

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Brothers and sisters:

Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens,
Jesus, the Son of God,

let us hold fast to our confession.

For we do not have a high priest
who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses,
but one who has similarly been tested in every way,
yet without sin.

So let us confidently approach the throne of grace
to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help.

In the days when Christ was in the flesh,
he offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears
to the one who was able to save him from death,
and he was heard because of his reverence.

Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered;
and when he was made perfect,
he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord, Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.

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Passion Reading

(The Passion will be sung)

*John 18.1 - 19.42***Homily**

Solemn Intercessions

1. For Holy Church

Let us pray, dearly beloved, for the holy Church of God, that our God and Lord be pleased to give her peace, to guard her and to unite throughout the whole world and grant that, leading our life in tranquility and quiet, we may glorify God the Father almighty.

silent prayer

Almighty ever-living God,
who in Christ revealed your glory to all the nations,
watch over the works of your mercy,
that your Church, spread throughout all the world,
may persevere with steadfast faith in confessing your name.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

2. For the Pope

Let us pray for our most Holy Father Pope Francis, that our God and Lord, who chose him for the Order of Bishops, may keep him safe and unharmed for the Lord's holy Church, to govern the holy People of God.

silent prayer

Almighty ever-living God,
by whose decree all things are founded,
look with favor on our prayers
and in your kindness protect the Pope chosen for us,
that, under him, the Christian people,
governed by you their maker, may grow in merit by reason of their faith.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

3. For all Orders and Degrees of the Faithful

Let us pray also for our Bishop Bernard Hebda, for all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons of the Church; and for the whole of the faithful people.

silent prayer

Almighty ever-living God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is sanctified and governed
hear our humble prayer for your ministers
that, by the gift of your grace, all may serve you faithfully.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

4. For Catechumens

Let us pray also for (our) catechumens,
that our God and Lord may open wide the ears of their inmost hearts
and unlock the gates of his mercy,
that, having received forgiveness of all their sins through the waters of rebirth,
they, too, may be one with Christ Jesus our Lord.

silent prayer

Almighty ever-living God,
who make your Church ever fruitful with new offspring,
increase the faith and understanding of (our) catechumens,
that, reborn in the font of Baptism,
they may be added to the number of your adopted children.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

5. For the Unity of Christians

Let us pray also for all our brothers and sisters who believe in Christ,
that our God and Lord may be pleased, as they live the truth,
to gather them together and keep them in his one Church.

silent prayer

Almighty ever-living God,
who gather what is scattered and keep together what you have gathered,
look kindly on the flock of your Son,
that those whom on Baptism has consecrated
may be joined together by integrity of faith and unity in the bond of charity.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

6. For the Jewish People

Let us pray also for the Jewish people,
to whom the Lord our God spoke first,
that he may grant them to advance in love of his name
and faithfulness to his covenant.

silent prayer

Almighty ever-living God,
who bestowed your promises on Abraham and his descendants,
hear graciously the prayers of your Church
that the people you first made your own may attain the fullness of redemption.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

7. For Those who do not Believe in Christ

Let us pray also for those who do not believe in Christ,
that, enlightened by the Holy Spirit
they, too, may enter on the way of salvation.

silent prayer

Almighty ever-living God,
grant to those who do not confess Christ
that, by walking before you with a sincere heart,
they may find the truth
and that we ourselves, being constant in mutual love
and striving to understand more fully the mystery of your life,
may be more perfect witnesses to your love in the world.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

8. For Those who do not Believe in God

Let us pray also for those who do not acknowledge God,
that, following what is right in sincerity of heart,
they may find the way to God himself.

silent prayer

Almighty ever-living God,
who created all people to seek you always by desiring you
and, by finding you, come to rest,
grant, we pray, that, despite every harmful obstacle,
all may recognize the signs of your fatherly love

and the witness of the good works done by those who believe in you,
and so in gladness confess you, the one true God and Father of our human race.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

9. For Those in Public Office

Let us pray also for those in public office,
that our God and Lord may direct their minds and hearts according to his will
for the true peace and freedom of all.

silent prayer

Almighty ever-living God,
in whose hand lies every human heart and the rights of peoples,
look with favor, we pray, on those who govern with authority over us,
that throughout the whole world, the prosperity of peoples,
the assurance of peace, and freedom of religion
may through your gift be made secure.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

10. For Those in Tribulation

Let us pray, dearly beloved, to God the Father almighty
that he may cleanse the world of all errors,
banish disease, drive out hunger,
unlock prisons, loosen fetters,
granting to travelers safety, to pilgrims return,
health to the sick, and salvation to the dying.

silent prayer

Almighty ever-living God,
comfort of mourners, strength of all who toil,
may the prayers of those who cry out in any tribulation
come before you, that all may rejoice,
because in their hour of need your mercy was at hand.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

11. For the Afflicted in Time of Pandemic

Let us pray also for all those who suffer the consequences of the current pandemic,
that God the Father may grant health to the sick,
strength to those who care for them,
comfort to families and salvation to all the victims who have died.

silent prayer

Almighty ever-living God,
only support of our human weakness,
look with compassion upon the sorrowful condition of your children
who suffer because of this pandemic;
relieve the pain of the sick, give strength to those who care for them,
welcome into your peace those who have died
and, throughout this time of tribulation,
grant that we may all find comfort in your merciful love.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Behold the Wood

Behold, behold the wood of the cross on which is hung our salvation.
O come let us adore.

HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord's Prayer

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away
the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called
to the supper of the Lamb.

Response: Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.

Communion Song

All Who Cling to the Cross

All who cling to the cross, cling to the one who suffered to set us free.
All who cling to the cross, cry out to God, who cares for our ev'ry need.

Refrain: God will raise us up, Christ will be our light, we will find salvation in
self-giving love. All who long for new life, cling to the cross.

All who cling to the cross, know of the grace and mercy that God provides.
All who cling to the cross, believe that our death will lead to eternal life.

Prayer after Communion

Closing Song

Instrumental

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