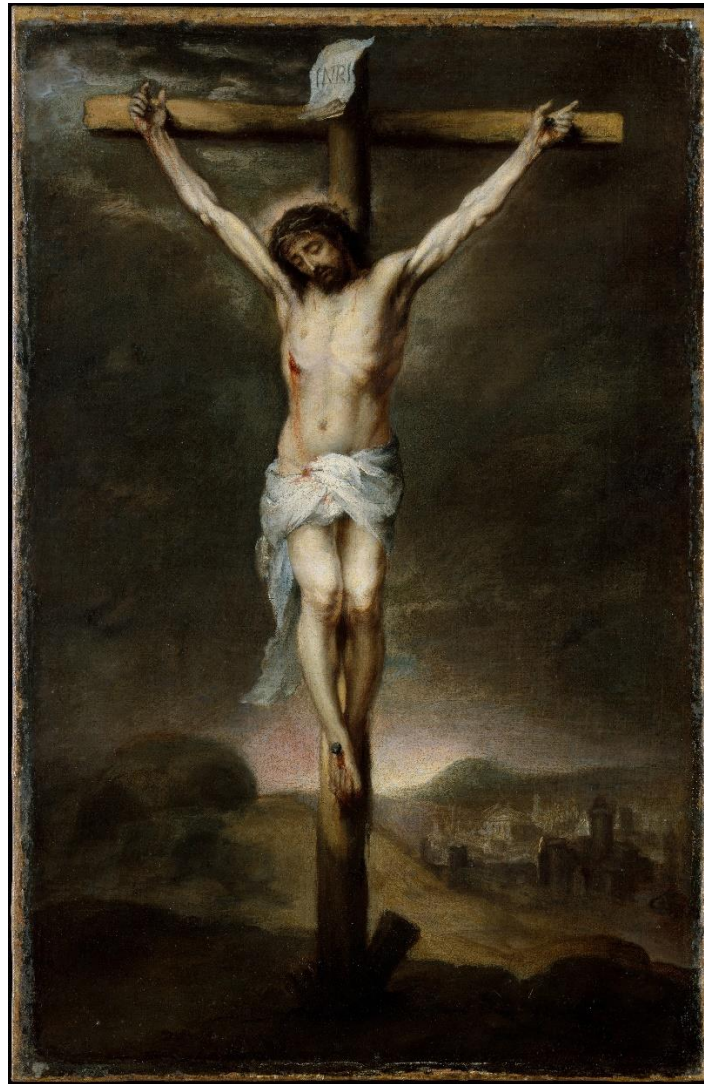


S. Stephen's Church
In Providence

GOOD FRIDAY



2 April 2021
12 noon

THE ENTRANCE

All stand when the bell is rung and the Sacred Ministers enter.

All kneel when the Sacred Ministers prostrate themselves.

OPENING ACCLAMATION *(Please remain kneeling)*

Celebrant Blessed be our God.

People **For ever and ever. Amen.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY *(Please remain kneeling)*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, we beseech thee graciously to behold this thy family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed, and given up into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost ever, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT READING – *Isaiah 52:13–53:12*

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 was 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 with 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, 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL – *Christus factus est (Please remain seated)*

Tone V

Christ became obedient for our sakes unto death: even the death of the Cross. *V.* Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him: and given him the Name which is above every name.

EPISTLE READING – *Hebrews 10:16-25*

“This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds,” then he adds, “I will remember their sins and their misdeeds no more.” Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way which 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 draw near 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 the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful; and let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

TRACT – *Domine, exaudi (Please stand)*

Tone VIII

Hear my prayer, O Lord: and let my crying come unto thee. *V.* Hide not thy face from me in the time of my trouble: incline thine ear unto me when I call; O Hear me, and that right soon. *V.* For my days are consumed away like smoke: and my bones are burnt up as it were a fire-brand. *V.* My heart is smitten down, and withered like grass: so that I forget to eat my bread. *V.* Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Sion: for it is time that thou have mercy upon her, yea, the time is come.

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN (18:1 – 19:37)

Please be seated after the Passion Gospel is announced.

At that time, Jesus went forth with his disciples over the brook Cedron, where was a garden, into the which he entered, and his disciples. And Judas also, which betrayed him, knew the place: for Jesus oftentimes resorted thither with his disciples. Judas then, having received a band of men and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, cometh thither with lanterns and torches and weapons. Jesus therefore, knowing all things that should come upon him, went forth, and said unto them, Whom seek ye? They answered him, Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus saith unto them, I am he. And Judas also, which betrayed him, stood with them. As soon then as he had said unto them, I am he, they went backward, and fell to the ground. Then asked he them again, Whom seek ye? And they

said, Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus answered, I have told you that I am he: if therefore ye seek me, let these go their way: That the saying might be fulfilled, which he spake, Of them which thou gavest me have I lost none. Then Simon Peter having a sword drew it, and smote the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus. Then said Jesus unto Peter, Put up thy sword into the sheath: the cup which my Father hath given me, shall I not drink it? Then the band and the captain and officers of the Jews took Jesus, and bound him, And led him away to Annas first; for he was father in law to Caiaphas, which was the high priest that same year. Now Caiaphas was he, which gave counsel to the Jews, that it was expedient that one man should die for the people. And Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple: that disciple was known unto the high priest, and went in with Jesus into the palace of the high priest. But Peter stood at the door without. Then went out that other disciple, which was known unto the high priest, and spake unto her that kept the door, and brought in Peter. Then saith the damsel that kept the door unto Peter, Art not thou also one of this man's disciples? He saith, I am not. And the servants and officers stood there, who had made a fire of coals; for it was cold: and they warmed themselves: and Peter stood with them, and warmed himself. The high priest then asked Jesus of his disciples, and of his doctrine. Jesus answered him, I spake openly to the world; I ever taught in the synagogue, and in the temple, whither the Jews always resort; and in secret have I said nothing. Why askest thou me? ask them which heard me, what I have said unto them: behold, they know what I said. And when he had thus spoken, one of the officers which stood by struck Jesus with the palm of his hand, saying, Answerest thou the high priest so? Jesus answered him, If I have spoken evil, bear witness of the evil: but if well, why smitest thou me? Now Annas had sent him bound unto Caiaphas the high priest. And Simon Peter stood and warmed himself. They said therefore unto him, Art not thou also one of his disciples? He denied it, and said, I am not. One of the servants of the high priest, being his kinsman whose ear Peter cut off, saith, Did not I see thee in the garden with him? Peter then denied again: and immediately the cock crew. Then led they Jesus from Caiaphas unto the hall of judgment: and it was early; and they themselves went not into the judgment hall, lest they should be defiled; but that they might eat the passover. Pilate then went out unto them, and said, What accusation bring ye against this man? They answered and said unto him, If he were not a malefactor, we would not have delivered him up unto thee. Then said Pilate unto them, Take ye him, and judge him according to your law. The Jews therefore said unto him, It is not lawful for us to put any man to death: That the saying of Jesus might be fulfilled, which he spake, signifying what death he should die. Then Pilate entered into the judgment hall again, and called Jesus, and said unto him, Art thou the King of the Jews? Jesus answered him, Sayest thou this thing of thyself, or did others tell it thee of me? Pilate answered, Am I a Jew? Thine own nation and the chief priests have delivered thee unto me: what hast thou done? Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence. Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice. Pilate saith unto him, What is truth? And when he had said this, he went out again unto the Jews, and saith unto them, I find in him no fault at all. But ye have a custom, that I should release unto you one at the passover: will ye therefore that I release unto you the King of the Jews? Then cried they all again, saying, Not this man, but Barabbas. Now Barabbas was a

robber. Then Pilate therefore took Jesus, and scourged him. And the soldiers platted a crown of thorns, and put it on his head, and they put on him a purple robe, And said, Hail, King of the Jews! and they smote him with their hands. Pilate therefore went forth again, and saith unto them, Behold, I bring him forth to you, that ye may know that I find no fault in him. Then came Jesus forth, wearing the crown of thorns, and the purple robe. And Pilate saith unto them, Behold the man! When the chief priests therefore and officers saw him, they cried out, saying, Crucify him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Take ye him, and crucify him: for I find no fault in him. The Jews answered him, We have a law, and by our law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God. When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he was the more afraid; And went again into the judgment hall, and saith unto Jesus, Whence art thou? But Jesus gave him no answer. Then saith Pilate unto him, Speakest thou not unto me? knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee? Jesus answered, Thou couldest have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above: therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin. And from thenceforth Pilate sought to release him: but the Jews cried out, saying, If thou let this man go, thou art not Caesar's friend: whosoever maketh himself a king speaketh against Caesar. When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Jesus forth, and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called the Pavement, but in the Hebrew, Gabbatha. And it was the preparation of the passover, and about the sixth hour: and he saith unto the Jews, Behold your King! But they cried out, Away with him, away with him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your King? The chief priests answered, We have no king but Caesar. Then delivered he him therefore unto them to be crucified.

All stand.

And they took Jesus, and led him away. And he bearing his cross went forth into a place called the place of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew Golgotha: Where they crucified him, and two other with him, on either side one, and Jesus in the midst. And Pilate wrote a title, and put it on the cross. And the writing was JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS. This title then read many of the Jews: for the place where Jesus was crucified was nigh to the city: and it was written in Hebrew, and Greek, and Latin. Then said the chief priests of the Jews to Pilate, Write not, The King of the Jews; but that he said, I am King of the Jews. Pilate answered, What I have written I have written. Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took his garments, and made four parts, to every soldier a part; and also his coat: now the coat was without seam, woven from the top throughout. They said therefore among themselves, Let us not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be: that the scripture might be fulfilled, which saith, They parted my raiment among them, and for my vesture they did cast lots. These things therefore the soldiers did. Now there stood by the cross of Jesus his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son! Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home. After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst. Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar: and they filled a sponge with vinegar, and put it upon hyssop, and put it to his mouth. When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

All genuflect and keep silence a space. Then all rise.

The Jews therefore, because it was the preparation, that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the sabbath day, (for that sabbath day was an high day,) besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. Then came the soldiers, and brake the legs of the first, and of the other which was crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs: But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water. And he that saw it bare record, and his record is true: and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might believe. For these things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken. And again another scripture saith, They shall look on him whom they pierced.

Gospelers
Peter Gibson, *Evangelist*
Jason Connell, *Various Roles*
Robert Henry, *Jesus*

SERMON

Fr. Locke

THE SOLEMN COLLECTS

Please stand.

In what follows, the congregation kneels and stands as directed.

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 Nicholas, our Bishop, and all the people of this diocese
For all Christians in this community
For those about to be baptized

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

(Let us bow the knee...Arise.)

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of thy faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before thee for all members of thy holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve thee; 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 Joseph, 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.

(Let us bow the knee...Arise.)

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

(Let us bow the knee...Arise.)

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 thee, that they may find thy 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, thy 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.

(Let us bow the knee...Arise.)

Merciful God, creator of all the peoples of the earth and lover of souls: Have compassion on all who do not know thee as thou art revealed in thy Son Jesus Christ; let thy 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 thy 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.

(Let us bow the knee...Arise.)

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on thy whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of thy 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, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE VENERATION OF THE CROSS

MOTET – *Crux fidelis (Please be seated)*

Jean IV, Roi de Portugal (1604 – 1656)

Crux fidelis inter omnes, Arbor una
nobilis: Nulla silva, talem profert,
Fronde, flore germine, Dulce lignum,
dulces clavos, Dulce pondus sustinet.
Amen.

*Faithful cross! above all other, one and only
noble tree! None in foliage, none in blossom,
none in fruit thy peer may be: sweetest wood
and sweetest iron! sweetest weight is hung on
thee! Amen*

Please stand when the motet is finished.

ANTIPHON – *Ecce lignum Crucis (Standing)*

Celebrant Behold the wood of the Cross, whereon was hung the world's salvation.
People (genuflecting) **O come, let us worship.** (*All rise as the deacon proceeds forward.*)

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People (genuflecting) **O come, let us worship.** (*The people remain kneeling.*)

*After the Sacred Ministers have venerated the Cross,
the congregation is invited to come forward for the Veneration at the direction of the ushers.*

THE REPROACHES (*kneeling*)

Tomás Luis de Victoria (1535 – 1611)

*Because of COVID, this year we ask the faithful refrain from kissing or touching the Cross.
Kneeling down, making the sign of the cross, and even touching one's forehead to the ground as a
sign of profound veneration are appropriate alternatives. As a reminder, there are hand sanitizing
stations on either side of the front Nave, located behind the pillars.*

O my people, what have I done unto thee? or wherein have I wearied thee? Testify against me. *V.* Because I brought thee forth from the land of Egypt: thou hast prepared a Cross for thy Savior.

Trisagion

‘Αγιος ‘ο θεος,
‘Αγιος ‘ισχυρος,
‘Αγιος ‘αθανατος,
‘Ελεισον ‘ημας.

Holy God,
Holy, mighty,
Holy immortal,
Have mercy upon us.

Because I led thee through the desert forty years, and fed thee with manna, and brought thee into a land exceeding good: thou hast prepared a Cross for thy Saviour.

Trisagion

What more could I have done for thee that I have not done? I indeed did plant thee, O my vineyard, with exceeding fair fruit: and thou art become very bitter unto me: for vinegar, mingled with gall, thou gavest me when thirsty: and hast pierced with a spear the side of thy Saviour. ***Trisagion***

I did scourge Egypt with her first-born for thy sake: and thou hast scourged me and delivered me up. ***O my People. . .***

I led thee forth out of Egypt, drowning Pharaoh in the Red Sea: and thou hast delivered me up unto the chief priests. ***O my People. . .***

I did open the sea before thee: and thou hast opened my side with a spear. ***O my People. . .***

I did go before thee in the pillar of cloud: and thou hast led me unto the judgement hall of Pilate. ***O my People. . .***

I did feed thee with manna in the desert: and thou hast stricken me with blows and scourges. ***O my People. . .***

I did give thee to drink the water of life from the rock: and thou hast given me to drink but gall and vinegar. ***O my People. . .***

I did smite the kings of the Canaanites for thy sake: and thou hast smitten my head with a reed. ***O my People. . .***

I did give thee a royal sceptre: and thou hast given unto my head a crown of thorns. ***O my People. . .***

I did raise thee on high with great power: and thou hast hanged me upon the gibbet of the Cross. ***O my People. . .***

ANTIPHON – *Crucem tuam*

Mode IV

We venerate thy Cross, O Lord, and praise and glorify thy holy Resurrection: for by virtue of the Cross joy hath come to the whole world. *Psalm 67* God be merciful unto us and bless us: and show us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us. We venerate thy Cross. . .

THE MASS OF THE PRESANCTIFIED

While the congregation remains kneeling, the Blessed Sacrament is brought from the Lady Chapel to the High Altar during the following Hymns.

HYMN 162 – “The royal banners forward go”

Vexilla Regis prodeunt

1 The royal banners forward go, the cross shines forth in mystic glow
where he through whom our flesh was made, in that same flesh our ransom paid.

2 Fulfilled is all that David told in true prophetic song of old;
how God the nation’s King should be, for God is reigning from the tree.

3 O tree of beauty, tree most fair, ordained those hly limbs to bear
gone is thy shame, each crimsoned bough proclaims the King of glory now.

4 Blest tree, whose chosen branches bore the wealth that did the world restore,
the price which none but he could pay to spoil the spoiler of his prey.

5 O cross, our one reliance, hail! Still may thy power with us avail
to save us sinners from our sin, God's righteousness for all to win.

6 To thee, eternal Three in One, let homage meet by all be done;
as by the cross thou dost restore so rule and guide us evermore.

Venantius Honorius Fortunatus (540? – 600?); ver. Hymnal 1982

CONFESSION OF SIN (*kneeling*)

Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

Almighty God,

**Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
maker of all things, judge of all men:**

**We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness,
which we from time to time most grievously have committed,
by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty,
provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.**

**We do earnestly repent,
and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us,
the burden of them is intolerable.**

**Have mercy upon us,
have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may ever hereafter
serve and please thee in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of thy Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, ✠ pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Celebrant & 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 INVITATION – ECCE AGNUS DEI

Celebrant ✠ Behold the Lamb of God; behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.

People Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON – *Salvator mundi*

Mode I

O Saviour of the world, who by thy Cross and precious blood hast redeemed us, save us and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

In union, O Dear Lord, with the faithful at every altar of thy Church, where thy blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father, I desire to offer thee praise and thanksgiving. I present to thee my soul and body, with the earnest wish that I may ever be united to thee. And since I cannot now receive thee sacramentally, I beseech thee to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to thee, and embrace thee with all the affections of my soul. O let nothing ever separate me from thee. Let me live and die in thy love. Amen. Grant, O Lord Jesus Christ, that as the hem of thy garment, touched in faith, healed the woman who could not touch thy Body, so the soul of thy servant may be healed by like faith in thee, whom I cannot now sacramentally receive; through thy tender mercy, who livest and reignest with the Father in the unity of the Holy Ghost ever one God. Amen.

HYMN 172– “Were you there”

Were You There

1 Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble.

2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble.

3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side? Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble.

4 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble.

Afro-American spiritual

CONCLUDING PRAYER (*kneeling*)

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, we pray thee to set thy passion, cross, and death between thy 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 thy holy Church peace and concord; and to us sinners everlasting life and glory; for with the Father and the Holy Spirit thou livest and reignest, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

No blessing or dismissal is added.

Please remain in the pews until the choir has exited, and depart in silence.

The church will remain open for silent prayer until 3 pm. If you would like to make your confession, please make this known to the clergy.

An offering plate is located at the back of the church, which you may place your offering in as you depart. As every year on Good Friday, today's collection will be given to the Church in Jerusalem.

Easter Services

Holy Saturday

3 April 2021

Office of Holy Saturday

10 am

The Great Vigil of Easter

7:00 pm

Easter Day

4 April 2021

Sunday of the Resurrection

Morning Prayer 8 am

Low Mass 8:10 am

Solemn Mass 10 am

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