



# GOOD FRIDAY IN CHURCH

THE SOLEMN COMMEMORATION  
OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD  
Friday 2nd April 2021

THIS SHEET IS SINGLE USE ONLY.  
PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE IT IN CHURCH AFTER THE SERVICE

Please remember social distancing, remaining at least two metres away from each other person at all times. **Masks or face coverings are mandatory (for all who are not exempt)**. There will be no singing at this Service and certain other elements are omitted or abbreviated, in order to minimise the amount of time spent inside the building. Please do not gather in groups outside after the Service.

## THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

*At the beginning of the service, the priest lies prostrate before the altar. All kneel in silence. All rise when the priest stands,*

### The Collect

P: Let us pray.

Remember your mercies, O Lord, and with your eternal protection sanctify your servants, for whom Christ your Son, by the shedding of his Blood, established the Paschal Mystery. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

**A: Amen.**

*All sit for the readings*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading

Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12: *He was pierced through for our faults.*

R: The word of the Lord.

**A: Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 30(31):2,6,12-13,15-17,25*

**R. Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.**

- 1 In you, O Lord, I take refuge.  
Let me never be put to shame.  
In your justice, set me free,  
Into your hands I commend my spirit.  
It is you who will redeem me,  
Lord. R.
- 2 In the face of all my foes  
I am a reproach,  
an object of scorn to my neighbours  
and of fear to my friends. R.
- 3 Those who see me in the street  
run far away from me.  
I am like a dead man, forgotten in  
men's hearts,  
like a thing thrown away. R.
- 4 But as for me, I trust in you, Lord;  
I say: 'You are my God.  
My life is in your hands, deliver

me

from the hands of those who  
hate me. R.

- 5 Let your face shine on your servant.  
Save me in your love.  
Be strong, let your heart take  
courage,  
all who hope in the Lord. R.

### Second Reading

Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9: *He learnt to obey through suffering and became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.*

R: The word of the Lord.

**A: Thanks be to God.**

*All stand for the Passion*

### The Gospel

P: The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*John 18:1 – 19:42*

### The Homily

*All sit  
The priest may offer a short reflection or leave a few moments silence.*

## The Solemn Intercessions

Eleven prayers follow: for each there is an introduction and a short period of silence: then the priest says a prayer to which all reply

**A: Amen.**

We pray for:

- ❖ Holy Church
- ❖ The Pope
- ❖ All Orders and Degrees of the Faithful
- ❖ Catechumens
- ❖ The Unity of Christians
- ❖ The Jewish People
- ❖ Those who do not Believe in Christ
- ❖ Those who do not Believe in God
- ❖ Those in Public Office
- ❖ The Afflicted in Time of Pandemic
- ❖ Those in Tribulation

## THE ADORATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

### The Showing of the Holy Cross

**First Form:** The priest lifts the veiled cross in the sanctuary, and three times unveils it: each time he says:

P: Behold the wood of the Cross, on which hung the salvation of the world

**A: Come, let us adore.**

All kneel and adore in silence for a moment each time.

**Second Form:** The priest brings the unveiled cross into the sanctuary, pausing three times: each time saying:

P: Behold the wood of the Cross, on which hung the salvation of the world

**A: Come, let us adore.**

All kneel and adore in silence for a moment each time.

### The Adoration of the Holy Cross

The priest gives a brief invitation in these or similar words:

P: On this most holy day, when Jesus Christ gave up his life for our sake and for the sake of the world, we adore his Holy Cross, praising and glorifying his holy Resurrection: because of the wood of a tree joy has come to the whole world. In silence we

gaze at the wood of the cross, we adore and give thanks.

The priest then holds the cross elevated for a brief time, for the faithful to adore in silence.

## HOLY COMMUNION

### The Lord's Prayer

P: At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**A: 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.**

P: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**A: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.**

### Invitation to Communion

P: 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.

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

P: (In these or similar words) Since we receive Holy Communion in silence, we do not our "Amen" individually, so instead we will now say it together: our "Amen" is our "Yes" to the real presence of Jesus, our act of faith in the gift of His Body and Blood. And so ... The priest holds up the Host to the Congregation and says "The Body of Christ" to which the people respond "Amen." In the same way, he elevates the chalice and says, "The Blood of Christ" and again the people respond "Amen."

### Holy Communion

Communion is given silently in the hand only, with the communicant standing, and avoiding any physical contact. Please wait in your place until invited to move forward for Holy Communion by the Stewards, always being aware of social distancing and remaining at least two metres away from the person in front of you. When you approach the priest or minister, do so with arms at "full stretch" so that there is a good distance between you. Your hands, palms upwards, one of top of the other, should be extended as flatly as possible. Having received Holy Communion, return to your place in an orderly manner as directed.

### Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

All stand

Almighty ever-living God, who have restored us to life by the blessed Death and Resurrection of your Christ, preserve in us the work of your mercy, that, by partaking of this mystery, we may have a life unceasingly devoted to you. Through Christ our Lord.

**A: Amen.**

P: May abundant blessing, O Lord, we pray, descend upon your people, who have honoured the Death of your Son in the hope of their resurrection: may pardon come, comfort be given, holy faith increase, and everlasting redemption be made secure. Through Christ our Lord.

**A: Amen.**

Please leave church promptly, following any one-way system, so that stewards can thoroughly clean the church after this Service. Thank you.