



GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY

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C: Celebrant

S – Server

A - Assembly

Entrance hymn

- C: As our Lord commanded
On the feast of Passover
Let us gather in his holy name
In unity, Let us offer this sacrifice
- A: Let us be reconciled
And prepare a new altar
With the love of the Lord Jesus
Let of offer this Qurbana
- C: Glory to God in highest,
A: Amen.
C: Peace and hope to people on earth always and forever,
A: Amen.
C: Our Father (**continues with community**) who art
heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, th
will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give is this day our daily bread and forgive us trespass
as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us n
into temptation. But deliver us from the evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glori
forever and ever. Amen.
Our Father, who art in heaven, heaven and earth are fi
of Thy glory. Angels and men sing out Thy glory, Ho
holy, Thou art holy.
C: Almighty God, we bless you. We praise the glori
Trinity in all times. We commemorate the passion of o
savior Jesus. Make us partners in the victory of Jesus ov
sin and death. Bless us to receive the fruits of his passio

and death. Lord of all, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, forever.

A: Amen

Psalmody

Ps. 22

S: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
(antiphon) Why so far from my call for help, from my cries of anguish?

(community prays in two groups)

- 1: My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?
2: O my God, I cry by day, but thou dost not answer;
1: And by night, but find no rest.
2: Yet thou art holy,
1: Enthroned on the praises of Israel.
2: In thee our fathers trusted;
they trusted, and thou didst deliver them.
1: To thee they cried, and were saved;
2: In thee they trusted, and were not disappointed.
1: But I am a worm, and no man;
scorned by men, and despised by the people.
2: All who see me mock at me,
they make mouths at me, they wag their heads;
1: "He committed his cause to the LORD;
let him deliver him,
let him rescue him, for he delights in him!"
2: Be not far from me,
For trouble is near
And there is none to help.

- 1: Yea, dogs are round about me;
A company of evildoers encircle me;
2: They have pierced my hands and feet
I can count all my bones
They stare and gloat over me;
1: They divide my garments among them,
and for my raiment they cast lots.
2: But thou, O LORD, be not far off!
O thou my help, hasten to my aid!
1: Deliver my soul from the sword,
My life from the power of the dog!
2: Save me from the mouth of the lion,
My afflicted soul from the horns of the wild oxen!
1: For he has not despised or abhorred
The affliction of the afflicted;
And he has not hid his face from him,
but has heard, when he cried to him.
2: From thee comes my praise in the great congregation;
My vows I will pay before those who fear him.
1: The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek him shall praise the LORD!
May your hearts live for ever!
2: All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the LORD;
1: And all the families of the nations
Shall worship before him.
2: For dominion belongs to the LORD,
And he rules over the nations.

Ps. 44

- 1: In God we have boasted continually,
And we will give thanks to thy name for ever.
- 2: Yet thou hast cast us off and abased us,
- 1: And hast not gone out with our armies.
Thou hast made us turn back from the foe;
and our enemies have gotten spoil.
- 2: Thou hast made us like sheep for slaughter,
And hast scattered us among the nations.
- 1: Thou hast sold thy people for a trifle,
Demanding no high price for them.
- 2: Thou hast made us the taunt of our neighbors,
The derision and scorn of those about us.
- 1: Thou hast made us a byword among the nations,
A laughingstock among the peoples.
- 2: All day long my disgrace is before me,
And shame has covered my face,
- 1: At the words of the taunters and revilers,
At the sight of the enemy and the avenger.
- 2: All this has come upon us,
Though we have not forgotten thee,
- 1: Nor been false to thy covenant.
Our heart has not turned back,
Nor have our steps departed from thy way,
- 2: Thou shouldst have broken us in the place of jackals,
and covered us with deep darkness.
- 1: If we had forgotten the name of our God,
or spread forth our hands to a strange god,

- 2: Would not God discover this?
For he knows the secrets of the heart.
- 1: For thy sake we are slain all the day long,
and accounted as sheep for the slaughter.
- 2: Rouse thyself! Why sleepest thou, O Lord?
Awake! Do not cast us off for ever!
- 1: Why dost thou hide thy face?
Why dost thou forget our affliction and oppression?
- 2: For our soul is bowed down to the dust;
our body cleaves to the ground.
- 1: Rise up, come to our help!
Deliver us for the sake of thy steadfast love!
- 2: Be gracious to me, O God, for men trample upon me;
all day long foemen oppress me;
- 1: My enemies trample upon me all day long,
For many fight against me proudly.
- 2: When I am afraid,
I put my trust in thee.
In God, whose word I praise,
- 1: In God I trust without a fear.
What can flesh do to me?
- 2: All day long they seek to injure my cause;
All their thoughts are against me for evil.
- 1: They band themselves together, they lurk,
They watch my steps.
- 2: As they have waited for my life,

Ps. 5

- 1: So recompense them for their crime;
In wrath cast down the peoples, O God!
- 2: Thou hast kept count of my tossings;
Put thou my tears in thy bottle!
Are they not in thy book?
- 1: Then my enemies will be turned back
in the day when I call.
This I know, that God is for me.
- 2: In God, whose word I praise,
in the LORD, whose word I praise,
- 1: In God I trust without a fear.
What can man do to me?
- 2: My vows to thee I must perform, O God;
I will render thank offerings to thee.
- 1: For thou hast delivered my soul from death,
Yea, my feet from falling,
That I may walk before God in the light of life.
- 2: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy
Spirit, From the eternity and forever. Amen.
- 1: My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?
(antiphon) My God, My God, Do not let me into the
hands of those who do not follow you.
- S: Let us pray. Peace be with us
- C: Lord our God, we are obliged to offer praise, honor,
thanksgiving, and adoration to your holy, blessed, and
glorious Trinity for all the blessings to humankind. The
Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, forever
- A: Amen.

*Celebrant blesses the incense and
the hymn of incense is sung as the
server incenses the altar. The
candles are lit.*

Hymn of Incense

**Lord Jesus Christ,
Our Savior Accept in mercy, our supplications,
Like sweet smelling Frankincense
Which we offer you.**

- S: Let us pray. Peace be with us
- C: Lord our God, when the sweet fragrance of Your love
wafts over us, and when our souls are enlightened
with the knowledge of Your truth, may we be found
worthy to receive Your beloved Son as He appears
from the heaven. May we also glorify You and praise
You unceasingly in Your Church, crowned like a
spouse with every goodness and grace. For You are the
Lord and Creator of all forever and ever
- A: Amen
- Hymn of Resurrection**
- A: Lord of all we bow and praise you.
Jesus Christ, we glorify You
For You give man glorious resurrection
And You are the one who saves his soul.
- S: Let us pray. Peace be with us.
- C: My Lord, You are truly the One who raises our bodies
You are the savior of our souls, and the preserver of our

lives. We are bound always to thank, adore, and glorify You. The Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen.

Hymn

(Optional Psalms/prayers)

Psalm 140/141

S: I call upon thee, O LORD;
Make haste to me!
(antiphon) Give ear to my voice, when I call to thee!

Community prays in two groups

1: I call upon thee, O LORD;
Make haste to me!

2: Let my prayer be counted as incense before thee,

1: The lifting up of my hands as an evening sacrifice!

2: Set a guard over my mouth, O LORD,
Keep watch over the door of my lips!

1: Incline not my heart to any evil,
To busy myself with wicked deeds
In company with men who work iniquity;
And let me not eat of their dainties!

2: Let a good man strike or rebuke me in kindness,

1: But let the oil of the wicked never anoint my head;

2: For my prayer is continually against their wicked deeds.

1: When they are given over to those who shall condemn them,
Then they shall learn that the word of the LORD is true.

Psalm 141/14

1: I cry with my voice to the LORD,
With my voice I make supplication to the LORD,

2: When my spirit is faint,
Thou knowest my way!

1: In the path where I walk
They have hidden a trap for me.

2: I look to the right and watch,
But there is none who takes notice of me;

1: No refuge remains to me,
No man cares for me.

2: I cry to thee, O LORD;
I say, Thou art my refuge,
My portion in the land of the living.

Psalm 118/1:

1: Thy word is a lamp to my feet
And a light to my path.

2: I have sworn an oath and confirmed it,
To observe thy righteous ordinances.

1: I am sorely afflicted;
Give me life, O LORD, according to thy word!

2: Accept my offerings of praise, O LORD,
And teach me thy ordinances.

1: I hold my life in my hand continually,
But I do not forget thy law.

2: The wicked have laid a snare for me,
But I do not stray from thy precepts.

- 1: Praise the LORD, all nations!
Extol him, all peoples!
- 2: For great is his steadfast love toward us;
And the faithfulness of the LORD endures for ever.
Praise the LORD!
- 1: Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, From the eternity and forever. Amen.
- S: I call upon thee, O LORD;
Make haste to me!
(antiphon) Give ear to my voice, when I call to thee!
- S: Let us pray. Peace be with us.
- C: Lord, Kindly listen to us your servants, accept our prayers and bless us. You give health to our bodies and hope to our souls. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the Lord of all forever,
- A: Amen.**

(Optional Prayers/Psalms ends here)

(Hymn)

- D: Let us pray; peace be with us.
- C: O Lord, wounded and sacrificed on the cross, heal our wounds. All the creatures lamented over your grievous death. As we commemorate your passion and death, grant us the grace to die to this world and live a new life in you. We repent of our sins. Lord have mercy on us. Lord of all, forever, and ever.
- A: Amen.
- Trisagion**
- S: Brothers and sisters, Raise your voices and glorify the living God.

- A: Holy God,
Holy Mighty One,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy on us.
- S: Let us pray. Peace be with us.
- C: Glorious, Mighty, Immortal, and Holy God, You are pleased to dwell in the holy ones. We beseech You. Look upon us, pardon us, and show us compassion according to Your nature. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the Lord of all, forever.
- A: Amen
- S: Brothers and sisters, please be seated and listen attentively.

Frist Reading: Genesis 22:01-19

Some time afterward, God put Abraham to the test and said to him: Abraham! "Here I am!" he replied. Then God said: Take your son Isaac, your only one, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There offer him up as a burnt offering on one of the heights that I will point out to you. Early the next morning Abraham saddled his donkey, took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac, and after cutting the wood for the burnt offering, set out for the place of which God had told him.

On the third day Abraham caught sight of the place from a distance. Abraham said to his servants: "Stay here with the donkey, while the boy and I go on over there. We will worship and then come back to you." So Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, while he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two walked on together, Isaac spoke to his father Abraham. "Father!" he said. "Here I am," he replied. Isaac continued, "Here are the fire and the

wood, but where is the sheep for the burnt offering?" "My son," Abraham answered, "God will provide the sheep for the burnt offering." Then the two walked on together.

When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. Next he bound* his son Isaac, and put him on top of the wood on the altar. Then Abraham reached out and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, "Abraham, Abraham!" "Here I am," he answered. "Do not lay your hand on the boy," said the angel. "Do not do the least thing to him. For now I know that you fear God, since you did not withhold from me your son, your only one." Abraham looked up and saw a single ram caught by its horns in the thicket. So Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering in place of his son. Abraham named that place Yahweh-yireh; hence people today say, "On the mountain the LORD will provide."

A second time the angel of the LORD called to Abraham from heaven and said: "I swear by my very self—oracle of the LORD—that because you acted as you did in not withholding from me your son, your only one, I will bless you and make your descendants as countless as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore; your descendants will take possession of the gates of their enemies, and in your descendants all the nations of the earth will find blessing, because you obeyed my command."

Abraham then returned to his servants, and they set out together for Beer-sheba, where Abraham lived.

A: Praise be to the Lord our God

(Ps. 27)

S: The LORD is my light and my salvation;

Whom shall I fear?

(antiphon) God who knows secrets
Do not forsaken me from your holy presence

(community prays in two groups)

1: The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
Of whom shall I be afraid?

2: When evildoers assail me,
Uttering slanders against me,
My adversaries and foes,
They shall stumble and fall.

1: One thing have I asked of the LORD,
that will I seek after;

2: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,

1: Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud,
Be gracious to me and answer me!

2: My heart says to thee,
"Thy face, LORD, do I seek."
Hide not thy face from me.

1: Turn not thy servant away in anger,
Thou who hast been my help.

2: Teach me thy way, O LORD;
and lead me on a level path
because of my enemies.

1: Give me not up to the will of my adversaries;
For false witnesses have risen against me,
And they breathe out violence.

2: Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
From the eternity and forever. Amen

S: The LORD is my light and my salvation;
Whom shall I fear?
(antiphon) God who knows secrets
Do not forsaken me from your holy presence

Second Reading: Isaiah 52:13-53:09

See, my servant shall prosper, he shall be raised high and greatly exalted. Even as many were amazed at him—so marred were his features, beyond that of mortals his appearance, beyond that of human beings— So shall he startle many nations, 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; He had no majestic bearing to catch our eye, no beauty to draw us to him. He was spurned and avoided by men, a man of suffering, knowing pain, like one from whom you turn your face, spurned, and we held him in no esteem. Yet it was our pain that he bore, our sufferings he endured. We thought of him as stricken, struck down by God* and afflicted, but he was pierced for our sins, crushed for our iniquity. He bore the punishment that makes us whole, by his wounds we were healed. We had all gone astray like sheep, all following our own way; but the LORD laid upon him the guilt of us all. Though harshly treated, he submitted and did not open his mouth; like a lamb led to slaughter or a sheep silent before shearers, he did not open his mouth. Seized and condemned, he was taken away. Who would have thought any more of his destiny? For he was cut off from the land of the living, struck for the sins of his people. He was given a grave among the wicked, a burial place with evildoers, though he had done no wrong, nor was deceit found in his mouth.

A: Praise be to the Lord our God

Hymn

C: *“The heavens proclaim the glory of God”*

With the hymns of the Holy Spirit
and the hymns of Alleluia
Let us commemorate the Death of Lord Jesus
Let us now celebrate on this altar.

S: *“The firmament declares the work of His hands”*

A: With the hymns of the Holy Spirit
And the hymns of Alleluia
Let us commemorate the Death of Lord Jesus
Let us now celebrate on this altar.

S: *“The peoples proclaim your glory and bow before you.”*

A: With the hymns of the Holy Spirit
And the hymns of Alleluia
Let us commemorate the Death of Lord Jesus
Let us now celebrate on this altar.

C: *“Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit”*

A: With the hymns of the Holy Spirit
And the hymns of Alleluia
Let us commemorate the Death of Lord Jesus
Let us now celebrate on this altar.

S: *“From the eternity and forever”*

A: With the hymns of the Holy Spirit
And the hymns of Alleluia
Let us commemorate the Death of Lord Jesus
Let us now celebrate on this altar.

S: Let us pray, peace be with us.

C: O Lord, our God, illumine our minds and hearts so that we may carefully listen and understand the sweet voice of

your life-giving and divine commandments. Help us in your grace and mercy, to draw the fruits of love, hope and salvation, which are beneficial to the soul and the body. So that we might sing constant praise to you, without ceasing, at all times, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, forever and ever.

A: Amen.

Third Reading: Romans 05:06-16

For Christ, while we were still helpless, yet died at the appointed time for the ungodly. Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. How much more then, since we are now justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath. Indeed, if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, how much more, once reconciled, will we be saved by his life. Not only that, but we also boast of God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Therefore, just as through one person sin entered the world, and through sin, death, and thus death came to all, inasmuch as all sinned—for up to the time of the law, sin was in the world, though sin is not accounted when there is no law. But death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin after the pattern of the trespass of Adam, who is the type of the one who was to come.

But the gift is not like the transgression. For if by that one person's transgression the many died, how much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one person Jesus Christ overflow for the many. And the gift is not like the result of the one person's sinning. For after one sin there was the judgment

that brought condemnation; but the gift, after many transgressions, brought acquittal.

A: Praise be to Christ our Lord

Hyr

Gospel: The Passion Narrative

SPEAKER: When he had said this, Jesus went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to where there was a garden into which he and his disciples entered.

There was a garden by the name Gethsemani and they entered the garden. There, he told them;

JESUS: Sit here while I go over there and pray. Pray that you may not undergo the test.

SPEAKER: He took along Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and they began to feel sorrow and distress. Then he said to them,

JESUS: My soul is sorrowful even to death. Remain here and keep watch with me.

SPEAKER: Then Jesus walked a small distance, knelt down and prayed;

JESUS: Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me, not my will but yours be done.

SPEAKER: When he returned he found them asleep. He said to Peter,

JESUS: Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep watch for one hour? Watch and pray that you may not undergo the test. The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak.

SPEAKER: Withdrawing again, he prayed, saying the same thing.

JESUS: My Father, if it is not possible that this cup pass from me, let my will be done, not yours!

SPEAKER: When Jesus came back again, he found them sleeping. Their eyes were too heavy for want of sleep. They were very sad they had no reason to tell Jesus. Jesus left them and went to pray for the third time. He kept on repeating the same prayer. Suddenly, an angel appeared from heaven to assure and strengthen Jesus. As time passed and when the pain became unbearable, his prayers became more intense. His sweat came out and fell down as drops of blood. After his prayers, Jesus came back to his disciples for the third time. They were sad, tired and sleeping. Jesus said;

JESUS: Are you still sleeping and taking rest? Here, it's time for the Son of God to be handed over to the sinners. Get up, let us go. Look, my betrayer is at hand.

SPEAKER: Judas the betrayer also knew this place well as this was one place where Jesus met his disciples quite often. Judas came along with a group of soldiers and guards from the chief priests and the Pharisees. They carried torches and lanterns along with arms. They reached when Jesus was talking to his disciples. Judas the betrayer had told them,

NARRATOR: The man I shall kiss is the one; arrest him.

SPEAKER: Judas, when he reached close to Jesus, kissed him and said,

NARRATOR: Hail, Rabbi!

SPEAKER: Then Jesus asked him,

JESUS: My friend, did you come for this? Are you betraying the Son of God with a kiss?

SPEAKER: Jesus, who knew everything that was about to happen to him, went out and said to them,

JESUS: Whom are you looking for?

NARRATOR: They answered him,

CROWD: Jesus the Nazorean.

NARRATOR : He said to them,

JESUS : I AM

NARRATOR: Judas his betrayer was also with them. When said to them, "I AM," they turned away and fell to the ground. he again asked them,

JESUS: Whom are you looking for?

NARRATOR: They said,

CROWD: Jesus the Nazorean.

NARRATOR: Jesus answered,

JESUS: I told you that I AM, So, if you are looking for me, these men go

NARRATOR: This was to fulfill what he had said, "I have not let any of those you gave me." His disciples realized what was about to happen, and they asked,

NARRATOR: Lord, shall we strike with a sword?

SPEAKER: 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,

JESUS: Put your sword back into its sheath, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword.⁵³ Do you think that I cannot call upon my Father and he will not provide me at this moment with more than twelve legions of angels?⁵⁴ But then how would the scriptures be fulfilled which say that it must come to pass in this way? Shall I not drink the cup that my Father gave me?

SPEAKER: Then Jesus told the crowd,

JESUS: Have you come out against a robber, with swords and clubs? Day after day I was with you in the temple area, and you

did not seize me; but this is your hour, the time for the power of darkness. These things have to happen for the Holy Scriptures to come true.

NARRATOR: So the group of soldiers, the tribune, and the Jewish guards seized Jesus, and bound him. Seeing this all other disciples of Jesus ran away. A young man escorted Jesus, but the soldiers caught him. He left his clothes there and ran away to safety. Jesus was taken to Annas first. He was the Father-in Law of Caiaphas, who was the high priest that year. It was Caiaphas who had counselled the Jews that it was better that one man should die rather than the people. The high priest asked Jesus about his disciples and his teachings and Jesus replied,

JESUS: I have spoken publicly to the world. I have always taught in a synagogue or in the temple area where all the Jews gather, and in secret I have said nothing. Why ask me? Ask those who heard me what I said to them. They know what I said.

SPEAKER: When he had said this, one of the temple guards standing there struck Jesus and said,

NARRATOR: Is this the way you answer the high priest?

SPEAKER: Jesus answered him,

JESUS: If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong; but if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?

SPEAKER: Annas sent Jesus to Caiaphas, the High priest, bound. The chief priests and the entire Sanhedrin kept trying to obtain testimony against Jesus in order to put him to death, but they found none. Many gave false witness against him, but their testimony did not agree. Some took the stand and testified falsely against him, alleging,

CROWD: We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple made with hands and within three days I will build another not made with hands.'

NARRATOR: Even so their testimony did not agree. The high priest rose before the assembly and questioned Jesus, saying,

SPEAKER: Have you no answer? What are these men testify against you?

NARRATOR: But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said him,

SPEAKER: I order you to tell us under oath before the living God whether you are the Messiah, the Son of God.

NARRATOR: Jesus said to him in reply,

JESUS: You have said so. But I tell you: From now on you will see 'the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power' and 'coming on the clouds of heaven.'

NARRATOR: Then the high priest tore his robes and said,

SPEAKER: He has blasphemed! What further need have we witnesses? You have now heard the blasphemy; what is your opinion?

NARRATOR: They replied,

CROWD: He deserves to die!

NARRATOR: Then they spat in his face and struck him, and some slapped him, saying,

CROWD: Prophecy for us, Messiah: who is it that struck you?

NARRATOR: Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Now the other disciple was known to the high priest and entered the courtyard of the high priest with Jesus. But, Peter stood at the gate outside. So the other disciple, the acquaintance of the high priest, went out and spoke to the gate-keeper and brought Peter in. One of the maids came over to him and said,

SPEAKER (Female): You too were with Jesus the Galilean.

NARRATOR : But he denied it in front of everyone, saying,

SPEAKER: I do not know what you are talking about.

NARRATOR: Now the slaves and the guards were standing around a charcoal fire that they had made, because it was cold and they were warming themselves. Peter was also standing there, keeping warm. A maid saw him seated in the light, looked intently at him and said,

CROWD: This man too was with him.

NARRATOR: But he denied it saying,

SPEAKER : Woman, I do not know him.

NARRATOR: One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the one whose ear Peter had cut off, said,

CROWD: Didn't I see you in the garden with him?

NARRATOR; Again Peter denied it. And immediately, the cock crowed. Jesus looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word that Jesus had spoken: "Before the cock crows you will deny me three times." He went out and began to weep bitterly.

When it was morning, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death. Then Judas, his betrayer, seeing that Jesus had been condemned, deeply regretted what he had done. He returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying,

SPEAKER: I have sinned in betraying innocent blood.

NARRATOR: They said,

CROWD: What is that to us? Look to it yourself.

SPEAKER: Flinging the money into the temple, he departed and went off and hanged himself. The chief priests gathered up the money, but said,

CROWD: It is not lawful to deposit this in the temple treasury, for it is the price of blood.

SPEAKER: After consultation, they used it to buy the potter's field as a burial place for foreigners. That is why that field even today is called the Field of Blood. Then was fulfilled what had been said through Jeremiah the prophet, "And they took thirty pieces of silver, the value of a man with a price on his head, a price set by some of the Israelites, and they paid it out for the potter's field just as the Lord had commanded me." Then they brought Jesus from Caiaphas to the praetorium. It was morning. And they themselves did not enter the praetorium, in order not to be defiled so that they could eat the Passover. Pilate came out to them and said,

SPEAKER : What charge do you bring against this man?

NARRATOR: They answered and said to him,

CROWD: If he were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you.

NARRATOR: At this, Pilate said to them,

SPEAKER: Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law.

NARRATOR: The Jews answered him,

CROWD: We do not have the right to execute anyone!

NARRATOR: in order that the word of Jesus might be fulfilled that he said indicating the kind of death he would die. So Pilate went back into the praetorium and summoned Jesus and said to him,

SPEAKER: Are you the king of Jews?

NARRATOR: Jesus answered,

JESUS: Do you say this on your own or have others told you about me?

NARRATOR: Pilate answered,

SPEAKER: I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?

NARRATOR: Jesus answered,

JESUS: My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, My kingdom is not here.

NARRATOR: So Pilate said to him,

SPEAKER: Then are you a King?

NARRATOR: Jesus answered,

JESUS: You say 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

NARRATOR: Pilate said to him,

SPEAKER: What is the truth?

NARRATOR: When Pilate had said this, he again went out to the Jews and said to them,

SPEAKER: I find no guilt in him.

NARRATOR: But they were adamant and said,

CROWD: He is inciting the people with his teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to here.

NARRATOR: On hearing this Pilate asked if the man was a Galilean; and upon learning that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod who was in Jerusalem at that time. Herod was very glad to see Jesus; he had been wanting to

see him for a long time, for he had heard about him and had been hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him length, but he gave him no answer. The chief priests and scribes meanwhile, stood by accusing him harshly. [Even] Herod and his soldiers treated him contemptuously and mocked him, and after clothing him in resplendent garb, he sent him back to Pilate. Herod and Pilate became friends that very day, even though they had been enemies formerly. Pilate then summoned the chief priests, the rulers, and the people and said to them,

SPEAKER: You brought this man to me and accused him inciting the people to revolt. I have conducted my investigation in your presence and have not found this man guilty of the charges you have brought against him, nor did Herod, for he sent him back to us. So no capital crime has been committed against him. Therefore I shall have him flogged and then release him.

SPEAKER: Now on the occasion of the feast he used to release them one prisoner whom they requested. A man called Barabbas was then in prison along with the rebels who had committed murder in a rebellion. The crowd came forward and began to ask him to do for them as he was accustomed.

NARRATOR: Pilate asked the crowd,

SPEAKER: You have a custom that I release one prisoner to you at Passover. Do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?

NARRATOR: For he knew that it was out of envy that they had handed him over. While he was still seated on the bench, his wife sent him a message,

SPEAKER (Female): Have nothing to do with that righteous man. I suffered much in a dream today because of him.

NARRATOR: The chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas but to destroy Jesus. The governor said to them in reply,

SPEAKER: Which of the two do you want me to release to you?

NARRATOR: They answered,

CROWD: Barabbas!

SPEAKER: With the intent of freeing Jesus, Pilate again asked,

NARRATOR: What shall I do with Jesus known as the King of the Jews?

SPEAKER: Then the crowd said loudly,

CROWD: CRUCIFY HIM! CRUCIFY HIM!

NARRATOR: Pilate asked the crowd for the third time,

SPEAKER: Why? What evil has he done?

NARRATOR: So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas to them and, after he had Jesus scourged, handed him over to be crucified.

The soldiers led him away inside the palace, that is, the praetorium, and assembled the whole cohort. They clothed him in purple and, weaving a crown of thorns, placed it on him. They began to salute him with,

CROWD: Hail, King of the Jews.

NARRATOR: They spat upon him and took the reed and kept striking him on the head.³¹ And when they had mocked him, they dressed him in his own clothes and led him out. Once more Pilate went out and said to them,

SPEAKER: Look, I am bringing him out to you, so that you may know that I find no guilt in him.

NARRATOR: So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple cloak. And Pilate said to them,

SPEAKER: Behold, the man!

NARRATOR: When the chief priests and the guards saw that they cried out.

CROWD: CRUCIFY HIM! CRUCIFY HIM!

NARRATOR: Pilate said to them,

SPEAKER: Take him yourselves and crucify him. I find no guilt in him.

NARRATOR: The Jews answered,

CROWD: We have a law, and according to that law, he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God.

NARRATOR: Now when Pilate heard this statement, he became even more afraid, and went back into the praetorium and said to Jesus,

SPEAKER : Where are you from?

NARRATOR: Jesus did not answer him. So Pilate said to him,

SPEAKER : Do you not speak to me? Do you not know that I have the power to release you and I have the power to crucify you?

NARRATOR: Jesus answered him,

JESUS: You would have no power over me if it had not been given to you from above. For this reason the one who handed me over to you has the greater sin.

NARRATOR: Consequently, Pilate tried to release him, but the Jews cried out,

CROWD: If you release him, you are not a Friend of Caesar. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar.

NARRATOR: When Pilate heard these words he brought Jesus out and seated him on the judge's bench in the place called Stone Pavement, in Hebrew, Gabbatha. It was preparation day for Passover, and it was about noon. And he said to the Jews,

SPEAKER : Behold, your King!

NARRATOR : They cried out,

CROWD: Take him away, Take him away! Crucify him!

NARRATOR: Pilate said to them,

SPEAKER: Shall I crucify your king?

NARRATOR: The chief priests answered,

CROWD: We have no King but Caesar

SPEAKER: Assuming that his efforts were in vain and seeing that the situation was getting worse, Pilate took some water and washed his hands in front of the crowd and said,

NARRATOR: I am not responsible for this man's blood

SPEAKER: Hearing this the crowd shouted

CROWD: Let his blood be on us and upon our children.

NARRATOR: Then he handed Jesus over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus, removed his purple cloak and put on him, his own clothes. Carrying the cross himself, Jesus went out to what is called the Place of the Skull, in Hebrew, Golgotha. On the way, they met Simon from Cyrene who was the father of Alexander and Rufus. He was coming from his fields. They persuaded him to carry Jesus' cross and kept it on his shoulders for him to carry.

A large crowd followed Jesus on his way to the cross. The crowd included a lot of women from Jerusalem, who were weeping and crying for him. Seeing this, Jesus turned to them and said,

JESUS: Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; we instead for yourselves and for your children, for indeed, the days are coming when people will say, 'Blessed are the barren, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed.' that time people will say to the mountains, 'Fall upon us!' and the hills, 'Cover us!' for if these things are done when the world is green what will happen when it is dry?

NARRATOR: There, they crucified him along with two thieves, one on either side with Jesus in the middle. Thus the writing on the scriptures, 'He will be counted amongst the wicked', came true.

Everyone Kneel, Wooden Bells are Ringing

Psalm: 22

- 1: But I am a worm, and no man;
Scorned by men, and despised by the people.
- 2: All who see me mock at me,
They make mouths at me, they wag their heads;
- 1: "He committed his cause to the LORD;
Let him deliver him,
- 2: Let him rescue him
For he delights in him!"
- 1: Upon thee was I cast from my birth,
And since my mother bore me thou hast been my God.
- 2: Be not far from me,
For trouble is near
And there is none to help.
- 1: Many bulls encompass me,
Strong bulls of Bashan surround me;
They open wide their mouths at me,
Like a ravening and roaring lion.

- 2: I am poured out like water,
And all my bones are out of joint;
- 1: My heart is like wax,
It is melted within my breast;
- 2: My strength is dried up like a potsherd,
And my tongue cleaves to my jaws;
Thou dost lay me in the dust of death.
- 1: Yea, dogs are round about me;
A company of evildoers encircle me;
- 2: They have pierced my hands and feet
I can count all my bones
They stare and gloat over me;
- 1: They divide my garments among them,
and for my raiment they cast lots.

CONTINUATION OF THE PASSION NARRATIVE

NARRATOR: Around three in the afternoon, Jesus was crucified. Lying on the cross, Jesus said,

JESUS: Father, forgive them, they know not what they do.

NARRATOR: Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus the Nazorean, the King of the Jews." Now many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, Latin, and Greek. So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate,

CROWD: Do not write "The King of the Jews," but that he said, 'I am the King of the Jews.'

NARRATOR: Pilate answered,

SPEAKER: What I have written, I have written

NARRATOR: When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four shares, a share for each soldier. They also took his tunic, but the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top down. So they said to one another,

CROWD: Let's not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it will be,

NARRATOR: in order that the passage of scripture might be fulfilled [that says]: "*They divided my garments among them, and for my vesture they cast lots.*" This is what the soldiers did. Those passing by reviled him, shaking their heads and saying,

CROWD: Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself by coming down from the cross.

NARRATOR: Likewise the chief priests, with the scribes, mocked him among themselves and said,

CROWD: He saved others; he cannot save himself. So he is the king of Israel! Let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusted in God; let him deliver him now if he wants him. For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'

NARRATOR: Even the soldiers jeered at him. As they approached to offer him wine they called out,

CROWD: If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself.

NARRATOR: Now one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus, saying,

SPEAKER: Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us.

NARRATOR: The other, however, rebuking him, said in reply,

SPEAKER: Have you no fear of God, for you are subject to the same condemnation? And indeed, we have been condemned justly, for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes, but this man has done nothing criminal.

NARRATOR: Then he said,

SPEAKER: Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

NARRATOR: He replied to him,

JESUS: Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.

NARRATOR: Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother,

JESUS: Woman, behold, your son.

NARRATOR: Then he said to his disciple,

JESUS: Behold, your mother.

NARRATOR: And from that hour, the disciple took her into his home.

At noon darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And at three o'clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice,

JESUS: El El, l'ma shabkthaani? My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

NARRATOR: Some of the bystanders who heard it said,

CROWD: Look, he is calling Elijah.

NARRATOR: After this, aware that everything was now finished, in order that the scripture might be fulfilled, Jesus said,

JESUS: I thirst.

NARRATOR: There was a vessel filled with common wine. So they put a sponge soaked in wine on a sprig of Hyssop and put it up to his mouth. Seeing this, people said,

CROWD: Wait, let us see if Elijah comes to take him down.

NARRATOR: When Jesus had taken the wine, he said,

JESUS: It is finished.

NARRATOR: Jesus cried loudly and said,

JESUS: Father, into your hands I commend my spirit

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NARRATOR: He bowed his head, and breathed his last.

All kneel down and pause for few momer

(Hymn)

HOMILY

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

S: Kneel down and with repentance and reverence, let pray "Lord be kind to us"

A: Lord be kind to us

S: Jesus who came to call sinners to the repentance,

A: Lord be kind to us

S: Living Christ who healed our wounds with his and w won over death with his death

A: Lord be kind to us

S: Jesus who made the sun and the moon dark during t hours of pain on the cross

A: Lord be kind to us

S: Jesus who consoled the heavenly and saved those w crucified him through his death by the cross

A: Lord be kind to us

S: Jesus who went to hell and delivered the Gospel to them

A: Lord be kind to us
 S: Jesus, who resurrected the saints and humbled his crucifiers with his death on the cross
 A: Lord be kind to us
 S: Jesus who paid for our sins with his sacrifice on Gagultha
 A: Lord be kind to us
 S: Jesus who drank the bitter during his crucification for the goodness of mankind
 A: Lord be kind to us
 S: Jesus who sacrificed himself for his lambs with his blood
 A: Lord be kind to us
 S: Lord who rules over everything with utmost kindness
 A: Lord be kind to us
 S: God who is hailed by the whole of heaven and revered by all on earth in truth and in spirit
 A: Lord be kind to us
 S: Jesus our saviour, save the church from all evils. Remove our sins and restore peace and happiness. Show kindness to the whole of mankind.
 All: Amen.

Second Karosutha

S: Lets humbly pray to our Lord to deliver us our prayers.
A: Amen
 S: We pray almighty God to take care of the Catholic Church in all its glory
 A: Amen

S: We pray almighty God to keep the Holy Church shining the brightness of the Gospel
 A: Amen
 S: We pray almighty God, to bless the Head of our Church Pope Francis the first and all our Cardinals and Bishop (enter names wherever necessary) and all the clergy of the Catholic Church.
 A: Amen.
 S: We pray almighty God, to bless our Bishops and Leaders in their words and deeds so that they are protected from evil forces, and they guide our church forward.
 A: Amen
 S: We pray almighty God that the ministers in the church with the the qualities of angels from heaven, be able to perform their duties in the Madbaha according to the wishes of the Lord.
 A: Amen
 S: We pray almighty God, that you bless the laymen in the Church so that they live a peaceful life and be models to their family and the society.
 A: Amen.
 S: We pray almighty God, that we get good people for the Church as Clergy from the families in abundance, so that they can carry on the good work by their predecessors.
 A: Amen.
 S: We pray almighty God, that you bless us to be eligible for the divine powers vested in Mother Mary, the mother of Jesus Christ the Lord, so that it cleanses us of all sins and evil.

A: Amen.

S: We pray almighty God, that we become eligible for heaven through the mediation of all saints, disciples, martyrs and all Holy people.

A: Amen.

S: We pray almighty God, that we see the truth through all the leaders of the Church including Priests and that this Holy truth stays high in the whole world.

A: Amen

S: We pray almighty God, that all the judges on earth, make their judgement in all fairness and according to the law without any external interference.

A: Amen

S: We pray almighty God, That the rich do not depend on money alone, and to trust in God to share his wealth with the poor and the needy.

A: Amen

S: We pray almighty God, the hungry get food, the ill gets healed , and the orphans get support.

A: Amen

S: We pray almighty God, that the bound be freed so that they can live in the world with all the freedom

A: Amen

S: We pray almighty God, that the children of the Holy Church be protected from all evil.

A: Amen

S: We pray almighty God, for good climate , required water, and for the trees and plants to bear fruit in abundance

A: Amen

S: We pray almighty God, that we admit and adore the Holy Trinity so that the Lord will want to bless us abundance and for us to enter the Lords kingdom.

A: Amen

S: Let's all rise and pray.

Third Karosutha

S: We pray almighty God, that you send the angels of peace and blessings to us.

A: To the Lord, we pray

S: We seek to have sinless days and nights throughout our life and perpetual peace for the Church.

A: To the Lord, we pray

S: We pray for the togetherness in love, through the Holy Spirit.

A: To the Lord, we pray

S: We seek the freedom from all our sins and the required blessings

A: To the Lord, we pray

S: We seek blessings for our leaders so that they are true, just and soulful in all their words and deeds.

A: To the Lord, we pray

S: We seek your blessings for the Holy Church

A: To the Lord, we pray

S: Let's all offer ourselves as sacrifice to the Holy Trinity.

A: Our Lord, Our God, we offer ourselves to thee.

S: Let's pray, Peace be with us.

C: O Lord, we humbly pray to thee, Fill us with your blessings, Please prepare us so that we are able to live our lives in your Spirit. Let us all live a peaceful life in prayer through all the good words and deeds in our life. The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, the Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen

S: God, bless us. Let's all bow down our heads to receive the blessings.

C: May the blessings of the benevolent, consoling and gracious God, be with you and all mankind. Now, always, and forever.

A: Amen.

C: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, now, always, and forever.

A: Amen.

S: Let us approach the mysteries / of the Precious Body and Blood of our Savior with reverence and respect. With the hope arising from repentance, let us turn away from wrong-doing, repent of our sins, and forgive the trespasses of our brothers and sisters. Let us pray to God, the Lord of all, for mercy and forgiveness.

A: Lord, forgive the sins and offences of your servants.

S: Let us cleanse our hearts, turning away from dissensions and conflicts.

A: Lord, forgive the sins and offences of your servants.

S: Let us free our souls from enmity and hatred.

A: Lord, forgive the sins and offences of your servants.

S: Let us receive the Holy Qurbana and be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

A: Lord, forgive the sins and offences of your servants.

S: Let us receive these sacred mysteries in peace and unity with one another.

A: Lord, forgive the sins and offences of your servants.

S: O Lord! May these sacred mysteries be for the resurrection of our bodies and the salvation of our souls.

A: Lord, forgive the sins and offences of your servants.

S: Let's pray. Peace be with us.

C: Lord, Our God, in Your mercy forgive the sins and offences of Your servants. Sanctify our lips to praise You O Most High, together with all the saints in the kingdom of heaven.

S: Let's pray. Peace be with us.

C: Lord, our God, make us worthy to be in Your presence with the confidence You have mercifully bestowed on us. Enable us to stand in Your presence with cheerful faces and pure hearts. Calling upon You together, we pray:

C: Our Father in heaven,
the congregation joins
 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation. But deliver us from the evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

- C: Lord, God Almighty! Fullness of all Goodness! Our Merciful Father! We entreat You for Your mercy. Do not lead us to temptation. Deliver us from the evil one and his hosts. For, thine is the kingdom, the might, the power and the dominion in heaven and on earth. Now, always, and forever.
- A: Amen.
- C: Peace + be with you
- A: With you and with your spirit.
- C: The Holy Qurbana is for the holy people.
- A: God, the Father alone is Holy. God, the Son alone is Holy. God, the Spirit alone is Holy. Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit forever. Amen.
- S: Let us praise the Living God.
- A: Let there be eternal praise to Him in the Church. Let His blessings and mercy be on us at all times.
- C: **(Raising the Holy Host)** Lord Jesus, behold, the treasure of your grace is in my hands in spite of my unworthiness. Help me with the grace of this awe inspiring mysteries that I receive as a gift of your mercy.
- C: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ who gives us life, be made perfect in us through His mercy.
- A: Always and forever. Amen.
- S: Brothers and Sisters, the holy Church invites you to receive the Body and Blood of the Son of God, with faith in the heavenly kingdom.

Communion Hymn

Gospel Reading: John 19:31-42

Now since it was preparation day, in order that the bodies might not remain on the cross on the sabbath, for the sabbath day that week was a solemn one, the Jews asked Pilate that their legs be broken and they be taken down. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and then of the other one who was crucified with Jesus. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs, but one soldier thrust his lance into his side, and immediately blood and water flowed out. An eyewitness has testified, and his testimony is true; he knows that he is speaking the truth, so that you also may [come to] believe. For this happened so that the scriptural passage might be fulfilled: *“Not a bone of it will be broken.”* And again another passage says: *“They will look upon him whom they have pierced.”*

After this, Joseph of Arimathea, secretly a disciple of Jesus for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate if he could remove the body of Jesus. And Pilate permitted it. So he came and took his body. Nicodemus, the one who had first come to him at night, also came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes weighing about one hundred pounds. They took the body of Jesus and bound it with burial cloths along with the spices, according to the Jewish burial custom. Now in the place where he had been crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had yet been buried. So they laid Jesus there because of the Jewish preparation day; for the tomb was close by.

A: Glory to You, Christ our Lord

Veneration of the Cross- Song

Procession

After the procession the Crucifix is placed on the
Bema or Altar

S: Let us pray, Peace be with us.

C (at the Bema/Table of the Word) Lord our God, shower your peace over the whole world. Srenghten the Church by your cross and protect all her children. Grant us the grace to offer you unending praise, homage, and adoration. The Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen

the congregation prays in two groups

1: They have pierced my hands and feet
I can count all my bones
They stare and gloat over me;

2: They divide my garments among them,
And for my raiment they cast lots.

1: But thou, O LORD, be not far off!
O thou my help, hasten to my aid!

2: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy
Spirit, From the eternity and forever. Amen.

S: Let us pray, Peace be with us.

C: Lord Jesus, we adore you who are the glory of the God the Father, the first born before all ages, before all creatures and before all times, who began the public ministry with baptism of John at Jordan, who proclaimed divinity through signs and miracles, who triumphantly entered into Jerusalem temple, who endured the passion and offered your life on the cross, and who blessed us with the hope in the resurrection through your resurrection. We trust in you the lord and protector of all. Make us worthy of your kingdom with the good thief by forgiving the sins

and debts of us who are repentant in your presence. Save us from all evil visible and invisible through the power of your holy Cross. Now, always, and forever.

A: Amen.

Veneration of Cross

After the veneration the cross is placed
the altar and is incensed.