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Good Friday

Gather in silence.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Hosea 5:15-6:6

Thus says the Lord: I will return again to my place, until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face, and in their distress earnestly seek me.

“Come, let us return to the LORD; for he has torn us, that he may heal us; he has struck us down, and he will bind us up. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. Let us know; let us press on to know the LORD; his going out is sure as the dawn; he will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth.”

What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes early away. Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets; I have slain them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light. For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

O LORD, I have heard the re- | port of you,*
and your work, O LORD, | do I fear.

In the midst of the years revive it; in the midst of the years | make it known;*
in wrath remember | mercy.

God came from | Teman,*
and the Holy One from | Mount Paran.

His splendor covered the | heavens,*
and the earth was full | of his praise.

His brightness was like the light; rays flashed | from his hand;*
and there he veiled his | power.

Before him went | pestilence,*
and plague followed | at his heels.

He stood and meas- | ured the earth;*
he looked and shook the | nations;

then the eternal mountains were scattered; the everlasting | hills sank low.*
His were the ever- | lasting ways.

I saw the tents of Cushan in af- | fliction;*
the curtains of the land of Midian did | tremble.

Was your wrath against the rivers, O LORD? Was your anger against the rivers,
or your indignation a- | gainst the sea,*
when you rode on your horses, on your chariot of sal- | vation?

You stripped the sheath from your bow, calling for many | arrows.*
You split the earth with | rivers.

The mountains saw you and writhed; the raging waters | swept on;*
the deep gave forth its voice; it lifted its | hands on high.

The sun and moon stood still in their place at the light of your arrows | as they
sped,*

at the flash of your | glittering spear.
You marched through the earth in | fury;*
you threshed the nations in | anger.

You went out for the salvation of your | people,*
for the salvation of your a- | noointed.*

You crushed the head of the house of the | wicked,*
laying him bare from | thigh to neck.

You pierced with his own arrows the heads of his warriors, who came like a
whirlwind to | scatter me,*

rejoicing as if to devour the poor in | secret.
You trampled the sea with your | horses,*
the surging of mighty | waters.

I hear, and my body trembles; my lips quiver | at the sound;*

**rottenness enters into my bones; my legs tremble be- | neath me.
Yet I will quietly wait for the day of | trouble*
to come upon people who in- | vade us.**

Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be | on the vines,*
the produce of the olive fail and the fields | yield no food,
the flock be cut off | from the fold*
and there be no herd | in the stalls,
yet I will rejoice | in the LORD;*

**I will take joy in the God of my sal- | vation.
GOD, the Lord, | is my strength;***

he makes my feet like the deer's; he makes me tread on my high | places.

Stand

COLLECT

[P] Let us pray.

[P] O God, from whom Judas received the punishment of his guilt, and the thief the reward of his confession, grant us the effect of Your clemency, that, as our Lord Jesus Christ in His passion gave to each a different reward according to his faith, so may He deliver us from our sins and grant us the grace of His resurrection; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

[C] Amen.

Sit

EPISTLE

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted. As many were astonished at you—his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—so shall he sprinkle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand. Who has believed what they heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, 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 transgres-

sions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, 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 silent, 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 crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see 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 many, 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 makes intercession for the transgressors.

TRACT

Psalm 140

Deliver me, O LORD, from | evil men;*

preserve me from | violent men,

who plan evil things | in their heart*

and stir up wars con- | tinually.

They make their tongue sharp as a | serpent's,*

and under their lips is the ven- | om of asps.

Guard me, O LORD, from the hands of the wicked; preserve me from | violent men,*

who have planned to trip | up my feet.

The arrogant have hidden a trap for me, and with cords they have | spread a net;*

beside the way they have set | snares for me.

I say to the LORD, You | are my God;*

give ear to the voice of my pleas for mercy, | O LORD!

O LORD, my Lord, the strength of my sal- | vation,*

you have covered my head in the day of | battle.

Grant not, O LORD, the desires of the | wicked;*

do not further their evil plot or they will be ex- | alted!

As for the head of those who sur- | round me,*

let the mischief of their lips over- | whelm them!
Let burning coals fall up- | on them!*
Let them be cast into fire, into miry pits, no | more to rise!
 Let not the slanderer be established | in the land;*
 let evil hunt down the violent man | speedily!
I know that the LORD will maintain the cause of the af- | flicted,*
and will execute justice for the | needy.
 Surely the righteous shall give thanks | to your name;*
 the upright shall dwell in your | presence.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 18:1-19:42

[P] The Passion of our Lord according to St. John.

[L] When Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the Kidron Valley, where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with his disciples. So Judas, having procured a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons. Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to him, came forward and said to them,

[P] “Whom do you seek?”

[L] They answered him,

[C] “**Jesus of Nazareth.**”

[L] Jesus said to them,

[P] “I am he.”

[L] Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. When Jesus said to them, “I am he,” they drew back and fell to the ground. So he asked them again,

[P] “Whom do you seek?”

[L] And they said,

[C] “**Jesus of Nazareth.**”

[L] Jesus answered,

[P] “I told you that I am he. So, if you seek me, let these men go.”

[L] This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken: “Of those whom you gave me I have lost not one.” Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest’s servant and cut off his right ear. (The servant’s name was Malchus.) So Jesus said to Peter,

[P] “Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given me?”

[L] So the band of soldiers and their captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound him. First they led him to Annas, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. It was Caiaphas who had advised

the Jews that it would be expedient that one man should die for the people. Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he entered with Jesus into the court of the high priest, but Peter stood outside at the door. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the servant girl who kept watch at the door, and brought Peter in. The servant girl at the door said to Peter,

A “You also are not one of this man’s disciples, are you?”

L He said,

A “I am not.”

L Now the servants and officers had made a charcoal fire, because it was cold, and they were standing and warming themselves. Peter also was with them, standing and warming himself. The high priest then questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching. Jesus answered him,

P “I have spoken openly to the world. I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. Why do you ask me? Ask those who have heard me what I said to them; they know what I said.”

L When he had said these things, one of the officers standing by struck Jesus with his hand, saying,

A “Is that how you answer the high priest?”

L Jesus answered him,

P “If what I said is wrong, bear witness about the wrong; but if what I said is right, why do you strike me?”

L Annas then sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest. Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. So they said to him,

C “You also are not one of his disciples, are you?”

L He denied it and said,

A “I am not.”

L One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked,

A “Did I not see you in the garden with him?”

L Peter again denied it, and at once a rooster crowed. Then they led Jesus from the house of Caiaphas to the governor’s headquarters. It was early morning. They themselves did not enter the governor’s headquarters, so that they would not be defiled, but could eat the Passover. So Pilate went outside to them and said,

A “What accusation do you bring against this man?”

L They answered him,

C “If this man were not doing evil, we would not have delivered him over to you.”

- L** Pilate said to them,
- A** “Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law.”
- L** The Jews said to him,
- C** **“It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death.”**
- L** This was to fulfill the word that Jesus had spoken to show by what kind of death he was going to die. So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him,
- A** “Are you the King of the Jews?”
- L** Jesus answered,
- P** “Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?”
- L** Pilate answered,
- A** “Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?”
- L** Jesus answered,
- P** “My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world.”
- L** Then Pilate said to him,
- A** “So you are a king?”
- L** Jesus answered,
- P** “You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.”
- L** Pilate said to him,
- A** “What is truth?”
- L** After he had said this, he went back outside to the Jews and told them,
- A** “I find no guilt in him. But you have a custom that I should release one man for you at the Passover. So do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?”
- L** They cried out again,
- C** **“Not this man, but Barabbas!”**
- L** Now Barabbas was a robber. Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged him. And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head and arrayed him in a purple robe. They came up to him, saying,
- C** **“Hail, King of the Jews!”**
- L** and struck him with their hands. Pilate went out again and said to them,
- A** “See, I am bringing him out to you that you may know that I find no guilt in him.”
- L** So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them,
- A** “Behold the man!”

- L** When the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out,
C **“Crucify him, crucify him!”**
L Pilate said to them,
A **“Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no guilt in him.”**
L The Jews answered him,
C **“We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has made himself the Son of God.”**
L When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid. He entered his headquarters again and said to Jesus,
A **“Where are you from?”**
L But Jesus gave him no answer. So Pilate said to him,
A **“You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have authority to release you and authority to crucify you?”**
L Jesus answered him,
P **“You would have no authority over me at all unless it had been given you from above. Therefore he who delivered me over to you has the greater sin.”**
L From then on Pilate sought to release him, but the Jews cried out,
C **“If you release this man, you are not Caesar’s friend. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar.”**
L So when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Stone Pavement, and in Aramaic Gab-batha. Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews,
A **“Behold your King!”**
L They cried out,
C **“Away with him, away with him, crucify him!”**
L Pilate said to them,
A **“Shall I crucify your King?”**
L The chief priests answered,
C **“We have no king but Caesar.”**
L So he delivered him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus, and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.” Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate,
C **“Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but rather, ‘This man said, I am King of the Jews.’”**
L Pilate answered,

- A** “What I have written I have written.”
- L** When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, so they said to one another,
- C** **“Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be.”**
- L** This was to fulfill the Scripture which says, “They divided my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.” So the soldiers did these things, but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother,
- P** “Woman, behold, your son!”
- L** Then he said to the disciple,
- P** “Behold, your mother!”
- L** And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home. After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture),
- P** “I thirst.”
- L** A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said,
- P** “It is finished,”
- L** and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Silence for meditation

- L** Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe. For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: “Not one of his bones will be broken.” And again another Scripture says, “They will look on him whom they have pierced.” After these things Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took away his body. Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight. So they took the body

of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

HYMN OF THE DAY: "A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth," Sts. 1-5

All:



1. A Lamb goes un - com - plain - ing forth, The guilt of all men
2. This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great Friend, The Lamb of God, our
3. "Yea, Fa - ther, yea, most will - ing - ly I'll bear what Thou com -



bear - ing; And lad - en with the sins of earth, None else the bur - den
Sav - ior; Him God the Fa - ther chose to send To gain for us His
mand - est; My will con - forms to Thy de - cree, I do what Thou de -



shar - ing! Goes pa - tient on, grows weak and faint, To
fa - vor. "Go forth, My Son," the Fa - ther saith, "And
mand - est." O won - drous Love, what hast Thou done! The



slaugh - ter led with - out com - plaint, That spot - less life to of - fer;
free men from the fear of death, From guilt and con - dem - na - tion.
Fa - ther of - fers up His Son; The Son, con - tent, de - scend - eth!



Bears shame and stripes, and wounds and death, An - guish and mock - er -
The wrath and stripes are hard to bear, But by Thy Pas - sion
O Love, how strong Thou art to save! Thou lay - est Him with -



y, and saith, "Will - ing all this I suf - - - fer.
men shall share The fruit of Thy sal - va - - - tion.
in the grave Whose might the boul - ders rend - - - eth.

*Choir: 4 Upon the cross Thou off'rest Him,
 Nails, spear, deep wounds besowing;
 Thou slaught'rest Him e'en as a lamb,
 His soul and veins are flowing;
 From veins it is the crimson flood
 Of His most holy, precious blood,
 From soul His mighty sighing.
 O dearest Lamb, what shall I do
 To show Thee my devotion true
 For such great good supplying. (Setting by Richard Wienhorst)*

All: 5 Lord, all my life I'll cling to Thee,
 Thy love fore'er beholding,
 Thee ever, as Thou ever me,
 With loving arms enfolding.
 Yea, Thou shalt be my precious Light
 To guide me safe through death's dark night,
 My heart in sorrow cheering;
 Henceforth myself and all I have
 To Thee, my Savior, e'er I'll give,
 Into Thy cause all pouring.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: "A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth," Sts. 6-10

All: 6 From morn till eve my theme shall be
 Thy mercy's wondrous measure;
 To sacrifice myself to Thee
 Shall be my aim and pleasure.
 My stream of life shall ever be,
 A current flowing ceaselessly
 Thy constant praise outpouring;
 I'll treasure in my memory,
 O Lord, all Thou hast done for me,
 Thy gracious love adoring.

All: 7 *Enlarge, O thou, my heart, thy shrine,
 To hold this treasure given;
 Far greater treasure here is thine*

*Than earth and sea and heaven.
Away, gold of Arabia,
Away, myrrh, aloes, cassia!
I've found a better portion,
My greater treasure, Jesus Christ,
Is this which from Thy wounds most blest
Flowed forth for my salvation.*

All: 8 This treasure ever I'll employ,
This ev'ry aid shall yield me;
In sorrow it shall be my joy,
In conflict it shall shield me;
In joy, the music of my feast,
And when all else has lost its zest,
This manna still shall feed me;
In thirst my drink; in want my food;
My company in solitude,
To comfort and to lead me.

*Choir: 9 Of death I am no more afraid,
New life from Thee is flowing;
Thy cross affords me cooling shade
When day's hot sun is glowing.
When by my grief I am oppressed,
On Thee my weary soul shall rest,
And o'er grief's ills so conquer,
And when beneath life's stormy woe
My ship is driven to and fro
So art Thou then my Anchor.*

All: 10 And when Thy glory I shall see
And taste Thy kingdom's pleasure,
Thy blood my royal robe shall be,
And joy beyond all measure;
When I appear before Thy throne,
Thy righteousness shall be my crown,
With these I need not hide me;
And there, in garments richly wrought,
As Thine own bride, I shall be brought,
To stand in joy beside Thee.

THE BIDDING PRAYER

A Brethren, let us pray for the whole Christian Church, that our Lord God would defend it against all the assaults of the Adversary and keep it perpetually upon the true foundation, Jesus Christ.

P Let us pray.

Silent prayer

P Almighty and everlasting God, who has revealed Your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ and the Word of His truth, keep in safety, we implore You, the works of mercy so that Your Church, spread throughout all nations, may serve You in true faith and persevere in the confession of Your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen

A Let us pray for the ministers of the Word, for all estates of men in the Church, and for all the people of God.

P Let us pray.

Silent prayer

P Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified, receive the supplications and prayers which we offer before You for all estates of men in Your holy Church, that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may truly and godly serve You; through Christ, our Lord.

C Amen

A Let us pray for our catechumens, that our Lord God would open their hearts and the door of His mercy, that, having received the remission of all their sins by the washing of regeneration, they may be mindful of their baptismal covenant and evermore be found in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

P Let us pray.

Silent prayer

P Almighty and everlasting God, who does always multiply Your Church and with Your light and grace does strengthen the hearts of those whom You have

regenerated, confirming to them Your covenant and faithfulness, grant that our catechumens increase both in faith and knowledge that they may rejoice in their baptism and really and heartily renew their covenant with You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen

A Let us pray for all in authority, and especially for the government of the United States, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

P Let us pray.

Silent prayer

P O merciful Father in heaven, who holds in Your hand all the might of man and who has ordained the powers that be for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of them who do well, and of whom is all rule and authority in the kingdoms of the world, we humbly implore You, graciously regard Your servants, the President and Congress of the United States, the Governor of this state, our judges and magistrates, and all the rulers of the earth, that all who receive the sword as Your ministers may bear it according to Your commandment; through Christ, our Lord.

C Amen

A Let us pray our Lord God Almighty that He would deliver the world from all error, take away disease, ward off famine, set free all those who are in chains and bondage, grant a safe return to all who travel, health to the sick, and safety to those who are at sea.

P Let us pray.

Silent prayer

P Almighty and everlasting God, the consolation of the sorrowful and the strength of the weak, may the prayers of those who in any tribulation or distress cry to You graciously come before You, so that in all their necessities they may mark and receive Your manifold help and comfort; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen

A Let us pray for heretics and schismatics, that our God and Lord would deliver them from all their errors and recall them to the truth of His Church.

P Let us pray.

Silent prayer

P Almighty, merciful, and gracious God and Father, we implore You with our whole heart for all who have forsaken the Christian faith, all who have wandered from any portion thereof or are in doubt or temptation through the corruption of Your Word, that You would visit them as a Father, reveal to them their error, and bring them back from their wanderings, that they, in singleness of heart, taking pleasure alone in the pure truth of Your Word, may be made wise to everlasting life through faith in Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

C Amen

A Let us pray for those outside the Church, that almighty God would remove iniquity from their hearts that, forsaking their idols, they may be converted to the living and true God, and His only Son, Jesus Christ, our God and Lord.

P Let us pray.

Silent prayer

P Almighty and everlasting God, who desires not the death of the sinner, but would have all repent and live, hear our prayers for the heathen, turn them from their false gods to You, and gather them into Your holy Church to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen

A Let us pray for peace, that we may come to the knowledge of God's holy Word and walk before Him as becomes Christians.

P Let us pray.

Silent prayer

P Almighty and everlasting God, King of Glory, and Lord of heaven and earth, by whose Spirit all things are governed, by whose providence all things are ordered, who are the God of peace and the author of all concord, grant us, we implore You, Your heavenly peace and concord that we may serve You in true fear, to the praise and glory of Your name.

C Amen

A Let us pray for our enemies, that God would remember them in mercy and graciously give to them such things as are both needful for them and profitable to their salvation.

P Let us pray.

Silent prayer

P O almighty, everlasting God, who through Your only Son, our blessed Lord, has commanded us to love our enemies, to do good to those who hate us, and to pray for those who persecute us, we earnestly implore You that by Your gracious visitation our enemies may be led to true repentance and may have the same love and be of one accord and of one mind and heart with us and with Your whole Christian Church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen

A Let us pray for the fruits of the earth, that God would send down His blessing upon them and graciously dispose our hearts to enjoy them in submission His holy will.

P Let us pray.

Silent prayer

P O Lord, Father Almighty, who by Your Word has created, and does bless and uphold, all things, we pray You to reveal unto us Your Word, our Lord Jesus Christ, that, He dwelling in our hearts, we may by Your grace be made fit to receive Your blessing on all the fruits of the earth and whatsoever pertains to our bodily need; through Christ, our Lord.

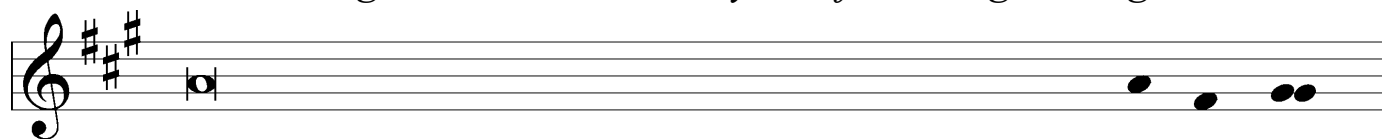
C Amen

A Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask, saying,

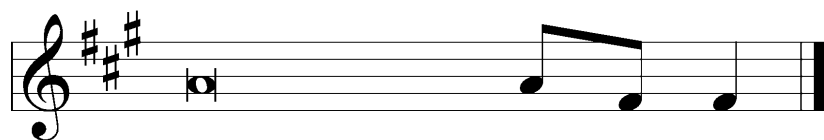
C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by Thy name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE CROSS

As the cross is brought into the sanctuary, the following is sung three times.



Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the world.



O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Sit

REPROACHES

sung by the choir
Setting by Tomás Luis de Victoria

O my people, what have I done to you? Or how have I offended you? Answer me.

I led you out of Egypt, from slavery to freedom, but you led your Savior to the cross.

Agios o Theos. Holy God. Agios ischyros. Holy and strong. Agios athanatos eleison imas. Holy immortal one, have mercy on us.

For forty years I led you safely through the desert. I fed you with manna from heaven, and brought you to a land of plenty, but you led your Savior to the cross. Holy...

What more could I have done for you, and have not done? I planted you as my fairest vine, but you yielded only bitterness, when I was thirsty you gave me vinegar to drink, and you pierced your Savior with a lance. Holy...

I scourged for your sake Egypt with its first-born, and you have scourged Me and delivered Me up.

I brought you out of Egypt having drowned Pharaoh in the Red Sea, and you have delivered Me to the chief priests. O my people...

I opened the sea before you, and you with a spear have opened My side. I went before you in a pillar of cloud, and you have brought Me to the judgment hall of Pilate. O my people...

I fed you with manna in the desert, and you have beaten me with blows and scourges.

I gave you the water of salvation to drink, and you have given me gall and vinegar. O my people...

I struck for you the kings of the Canaanites, and you have struck My head

with a reed.

*I gave you a royal scepter, and you have given to My head a crown of thorns.
O my people...*

*I have exalted you with great power, and you have hanged Me on the gibbet of
the cross. O my people...*

ANTIPHON

sung by the choir

*We adore You, O Lord, and we praise and glorify Your holy resurrection. For behold, by the wood of Your cross joy has come into all the world.
May God be gracious to us and bless us, and make His face to shine upon us,
and have mercy upon us.*

HYMN: “Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle”

All: 1 Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle,
 Sing the ending of the fray;
 O’er the cross, the victor’s trophy,
 Sound the high triumphal lay:
 Tell how Christ, the world’s Redeemer,
 As a victim won the day.

All: 2 God in pity saw us fallen,
 Shamed and sunk in misery,
 When we fell on death by tasting
 Fruit of the forbidden tree:
 Then another tree was chosen
 Which the world from death should free.

Choir: 3 *Thus the scheme of our salvation
 Was of old in order laid,
 That the manifold deceiver’s
 Art by art might be outweighed,
 And the lure the foe put forward
 Into means of healing made.*

All: 4 Therefore, when th’appointed fullness
 Of the holy time was come,
 He was sent, who maketh all things,

Forth from God's eternal home;
Thus He came to earth incarnate,
Offspring of a Virgin's womb.

All: 5 Weeps the Infant in the manger
 That in Bethl'hem's stable stands;
 And His limbs the Virgin Mother
 Doth compose in swaddling bands,
 Meetly thus in linen folding
 Of her God the feet and hands.

All: 6 Thirty years among us dwelling,
 His appointed time fulfilled,
 Born for this, He meets His Passion,
 For that this He freely willed,
 On the cross the Lamb is lifted
 Where His life-blood shall be spilled.

All: 7 He endured the nails, the spitting,
 Vinegar, and spear, and reed;
 From that holy Body broken
 Blood and water forth proceed:
 Earth and stars and sky and ocean
 By that flood from stain are free.

Choir: 8 *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!*

All: 9 Bend thy boughs, O Tree of glory!
 Thy relaxing sinews bend;
 For a while the ancient rigor,
 That thy birth bestowed, suspend;
 And the King of heavenly beauty
 On thy bosom gently tend!

All: 10 Thou alone wast counted worthy
 This world's ransom to uphold;

For a shipwrecked race preparing
Harbor, like the ark of old;
With the sacred blood anointed
From the smitten Lamb that rolled.

All: 11 To the Trinity be glory
 Everlasting, as is meet;
 Equal to the Father, equal
 To the Son and Paraclete:
 O Thou Three in One, whose praises
 All created things repeat.

Depart in silence.

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