

Good Friday

An Outline of the Service for Good Friday

Gathering

Call to Worship
Prayer of the Day
Hymn, Psalm, Canticle, or Spiritual

The Word

Prayer for Illumination
First Reading
Psalm
Second Reading
Anthem, Hymn, Psalm, Canticle, or Spiritual
Gospel Reading
Sermon
Hymn
Prayers of the People
Lord's Prayer
Solemn Reproaches of the Cross
Psalm, Hymn, or Spiritual

GATHERING

Call to Worship

O crucified Jesus,
Son of the Father,
Conceived by the Holy Spirit,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Eternal Word of God,

We worship you.

O crucified Jesus,
Holy temple of God,
Dwelling place of the Most High,
Gate of heaven,
Burning flame of love,

We worship you.

O crucified Jesus,
Sanctuary of justice and love,
Full of kindness,
Source of all faithfulness,

We worship you.

O crucified Jesus,
Ruler of every heart,
In you are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge,
In you dwells all the fullness of the Godhead,

We worship you.

Jesus, Lamb of God,

Have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins,

Have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world,

Grant us peace.

Merciful God,

You gave your Son to suffer the shame of the cross.
Save us from hardness of heart,
that, seeing him who died for us,
we may repent, confess our sin,
and receive your overflowing love,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn #92

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

St. Christopher

THE WORD IS PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Reading from the Psalms

Psalm 22

Hymn #93

Ah, Holy Jesus

Herzliebster Jesu

Gospel Lesson

Last Words

John 19:1-42

Meditation

Prayers of the People

The pastor will offer prayers for the whole family of God and the afflictions of the world. Every time the pastor says, "Lord, in your mercy," the congregation will respond with, "Hear our prayer."

The Lord's Prayer

SOLEMN REPROACHES OF THE CROSS

Behold the cross on which was hung the salvation of the whole world.

Come, let us worship.

The congregation sings the following verse:

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

O my people, O my church,
What have I done to you,
Or in what have I offended you?
Answer me.
I led you forth from the land of Egypt
And delivered you by the waters of baptism,
But you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God,
Holy and mighty,
Holy immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.**

I led you through the desert forty years,
And fed you with manna:
I brought you through tribulation and penitence,
And gave you my body, the bread of heaven,
But you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God,
Holy and mighty,
Holy immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.**

I went before you in a pillar of cloud,
And you have led me to the judgment hall of Pilate.
I scourged your enemies and brought you to a land of freedom,
But you have scourged, mocked, and beaten me.
I gave you the water of salvation from the rock,
But you have given me gall and left me to thirst,
And you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God,
Holy and mighty,
Holy immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.**

I gave you a royal scepter,
And bestowed the keys to the kingdom,
But you have given me a crown of thorns.
I raised you on high with great power,
But you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God,
Holy and mighty,
Holy immortal One,**

Have mercy upon us.

My peace I gave, which the world cannot give,
And washed your feet as a sign of my love,
But you draw the sword to strike in my name
And seek high places in my kingdom.
I offered you my body and blood,
But you scatter and deny and abandon me,
And you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God,
Holy and mighty,
Holy immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.**

What more could I have done for you
That I have not done?
I planted you, my chosen and fairest vineyard,
I made you the branches of my vine;
But when I was thirsty, you gave me vinegar to drink
And pierced with a spear the side of your Savior,
And you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

The congregation sings the following verse:

*Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?*

*Were you there when they pierced Him in the side?
Were you there when they pierced Him in the side?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they pierced Him in the side?*

I sent the Spirit of truth to guide you,
And you close your hearts to the Counselor.
I pray that all may be one in the Father and me,
But you continue to quarrel and divide.
I call you to go and bring forth fruit,
But you cast lots for my clothing,
And you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God,
Holy and mighty,**

**Holy immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.**

I grafted you into the tree of my chosen Israel,
And you turned on them with persecution and mass murder.
I made you joint heirs with them of my covenants
But you made them scapegoats for your own guilt,
And you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God,
Holy and mighty,
Holy immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.**

I came to you as the least of your brothers and sisters;
I was hungry and you gave me no food,
I was thirsty and you gave me no drink,
I was a stranger and you did not welcome me,
Naked and you did not clothe me,
Sick and in prison and you did not visit me,
And you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God,
Holy and mighty,
Holy immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.**

The congregation sings the following verse:

***Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?***

ALL DEPART IN SILENCE