

# Good Friday Morning Prayer

Presider: O Lord, open my lips. *(Stand)*

All: *And my mouth will proclaim your praise.*

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## Invitatory Psalm

## Psalm 99 (100)

**Presider:** Come, let us worship Christ the Lord, who was tempted and suffered for us.

**All:** – *Come, let us worship Christ the Lord, who was tempted and suffered for us.*

**Presider:** Rejoice in the Lord, all the earth,  
and serve him with joy.  
Exult as you enter his presence.

**All:** – *Come, let us worship Christ the Lord, who was tempted and suffered for us.*

**Presider:** Know that the Lord is God.  
He made us and we are his  
– his people, the sheep of his flock.

**All:** – *Come, let us worship Christ the Lord, who was tempted and suffered for us.*

**Presider:** Cry out his praises as you enter his gates,  
fill his courtyards with songs.  
Proclaim him and bless his name;  
for the Lord is our delight.  
His mercy lasts for ever,  
his faithfulness through all the ages.

**All:** – *Come, let us worship Christ the Lord, who was tempted and suffered for us.*

**Presider:** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

## Hymn

## Were You There

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?

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 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?

Were you there when God raised him from the tomb?  
Were you there when God raised him from the tomb?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when God raised him from the tomb?

*(Sit)*

**Presider** *God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for the sake of us all.*

**TS** Take pity on me, Lord, in your mercy;  
in your abundance of mercy wipe out my guilt.  
Wash me ever more from my guilt  
and cleanse me from my sin.

**PS** For I know how guilty I am:  
my sin is always before me.

**TS** Against you, you alone have I sinned,  
and I have done evil in your sight.  
Know this, so that you may give just sentence  
and an unbiased judgment.

**PS** See, I was conceived in guilt,

in sin my mother conceived me;  
but you love truth in the heart,  
and deep within me you have shown me your wisdom.

**TS** You will sprinkle me with hyssop, and I will be made clean;  
you will wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.  
You will make me hear the sound of joy and gladness;  
the bones you have crushed will rejoice.

**PS** Turn your face away from my sins  
and wipe out all my transgressions;  
create a pure heart in me, God,  
put a steadfast spirit into me.

**TS** Do not send me away from your presence,  
or withdraw your holy spirit from me;  
give me again the joy of your salvation,  
and be ready to strengthen me with your spirit.

**PS** I will teach the unjust your ways,  
and the impious will return to you.  
Free me from the guilt of bloodshed, God, God my saviour,  
and my voice will glory in your justice.

**TS** Open my lips, Lord,  
and my mouth will proclaim your praise;  
for you do not delight in sacrifices:  
if I offered you a burnt offering, it would not please you.

**PS** The true sacrifice is a broken spirit:  
a contrite and humble heart, O God, you will not refuse.

**TS** Be pleased, Lord, to look kindly on Zion,  
so that the walls of Jerusalem can be rebuilt,  
Then indeed you will accept the proper sacrifices, gifts and  
burnt offerings;  
then indeed will bullocks be laid upon your altar.

**All** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

**All:** *God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for the sake of us all.*

**Canticle**

**Habakkuk 3**

**Presider** *Jesus Christ loves us, and he has washed away our sins with his blood.*

**PS** Lord, I heard what you gave me to hear,  
and I was struck with awe of your work.  
In the midst of the years, bring it to life;  
in the midst of the years you will make it known.

**TS** When you are angry, you will remember your mercy.  
God will come from Theman,  
the holy one from the mountain of Pharan.

**PS** His glory has covered the heavens  
and the earth is full of his praise.  
His brightness shall be like light itself,  
rays shining from his hands –  
there is his strength hidden.

**TS** You went forth for the salvation of the people,  
for salvation with your anointed one.  
You made a way through the sea for your horses,  
in the silt of many waters.

**PS** I have heard you, Lord,  
and my stomach churns within me;  
at the sound of your voice my lips tremble.  
My bones rot away, my steps stumble.

**TS** I will rest and be quiet on the day of tribulation  
and let it overtake those who have invaded us.  
For the fig will not flower,  
the vines will not fruit,  
the work of the olive will be lost.

**PS** The fields will yield no food,

the flocks will be cut off from the sheepfold,  
there will be no cattle in the stalls.  
But I will rejoice in the Lord, take joy in God my saviour.  
The Lord God is my strength.

**TS** He will make me as sure-footed as the deer.  
He will lead me up to the heights.

**All** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.  
Amen.

**All:** *Jesus Christ loves us, and he has washed away our sins with his blood.*

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**Psalm 147 (147B)**

**God, the foundation of Jerusalem**

**Presider** *Lord, we venerate your Cross and we give praise and glory to your holy resurrection. Through the wood of the cross joy has come to the whole world.*

**PS** Praise the Lord, Jerusalem  
— Zion, praise your God.  
For he has strengthened the bars of your gates,  
he has blessed your children.

**TS** He keeps your borders in peace,  
he fills you with the richest wheat.  
He sends out his command over the earth,  
and swiftly runs his word.

**PS** He sends down snow that is like wool,  
frost that is like ashes.  
He sends hailstones like crumbs  
— who can withstand his cold?

**TS** He will send out his word, and all will be melted;

his spirit will breathe, and the waters will flow.  
He proclaims his word to Jacob,  
his laws and judgments to Israel.

**PS** He has not done this for other nations:  
he has not shown them his judgments.

**All** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

**All** *Lord, we venerate your Cross and we give praise and glory to your holy resurrection. Through the wood of the cross joy has come to the whole world.*

### **Short reading**

**Isaiah 52:13-15**

See, my servant will prosper, he shall be lifted up, exalted, rise to great heights. As the crowds were appalled on seeing him – so disfigured did he look that he seemed no longer human – so will the crowds be astonished at him, and kings stand speechless before him; for they shall see something never told and witness something never heard before.

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### **Short Responsory**

I will call upon the Lord, the Most High, because of his kindness to me.

*– I will call upon the Lord, the Most High, because of his kindness to me.*

He will send help from heaven and set me free.

*– I will call upon the Lord, the Most High, because of his kindness to me.*

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

*– I will call upon the Lord, the Most High, because of his kindness to me.*

*Presider: Above his head was placed the charge against him. it read:  
'Jesus the Nazarene, the King of the Jews.'*

PS Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;  
he has come to his people and set them free.  
He has raised up for us a mighty savior,  
born of the house of his servant David.

TS Through his holy prophets he promised of old  
that he would save us from our enemies,  
from the hands of all who hate us.  
He promised to show mercy to our fathers  
and to remember his holy covenant.

PS This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham:  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
free to worship him without fear,  
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

TS You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High;  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,  
to give his people knowledge of salvation  
by the forgiveness of their sins.

PS In the tender compassion of our God  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of  
death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

All Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and will be for ever. Amen.

*All: Above his head was placed the charge against him. it read:  
'Jesus the Nazarene, the King of the Jews.'*

## **Prayers and Intercessions**

Presider: Our Redeemer suffered and was buried for us, later to rise again. With sincere devotion we worship him and bring him our petitions:

All: – *Lord, have mercy on us.*

Presider: O Lord and Master, for our sake you became obedient even to death: teach us always to obey the will of the Father.

All: – *Lord, have mercy on us.*

Presider: You are our life, who died on the cross and destroyed death and Hell. Grant that we may die with you, and with you be raised up in glory.

All: – *Lord, have mercy on us.*

Presider: You are our King and became the most despised of people, like a worm trodden underfoot: help us to acquire humility and be saved.

All: – *Lord, have mercy on us.*

Presider: O Savior, you stretched out your arms on the cross and drew all ages into your embrace: gather into your kingdom all the scattered children of God.

All: – *Lord, have mercy on us.*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

All: Our Father, who art in Heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us,  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

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## **Concluding Prayer**

**Presider:**

Look down in kindness, Lord, on this, your family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ unhesitatingly allowed himself to be given in to the hands of his enemies and to undergo the torture of the Cross. He lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

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**Presider:**

May the Lord bless us and keep us from all harm; and may he lead us to eternal life.

**All:** AMEN

