

The Celebration of The Passion and Death of Our Lord

The Priest and Sacred Ministers, wearing red or black vestments as for Mass, go to the altar in silence. After making a reverence to the altar, they prostrate themselves or, if appropriate, they kneel and pray for awhile in silence.

All others kneel.

Their prayers being finished, the Priest shall go to the sedilia or to the altar where he says the following Collect, omitting the invitation Let us pray.

Almighty God, we beseech thee graciously to behold this thy family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed, and given up into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the Cross; who now liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

THE LESSON *Isaiah 52:13-53:12*

RESPOND *Domine, exaudi Psalm 102:2-5,13*

Hear my prayer, O Lord, * and let my crying come unto thee.

℣. Hide not thy face from me in the time of my trouble; * incline thine ear unto me when I call;

℣. O hear me, and that right soon. For my days are consumed away like smoke, * and my bones are burnt up as it were a fire-brand.

℣. My heart is smitten down, and withered like grass; * so that I forget to eat my bread.

℣. Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Sion; * for it is time that thou have mercy upon her, yea the time is come.

THE EPISTLE *Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9*

GRADUAL *Christus factus est Phillipians 2:8,9*

Christ became obedient for our sakes unto death: even to the death of the Cross.

℣. Wherefore God also hath also highly exalted him: and given him a Name which is above every name.

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John

The Narrative of the Passion of the Lord is read without candles and without incense, with no greeting or signing of the book. The proclamation of the Passion of the Lord being ended, the Priest gives a brief Homily.

The Solemn Prayers

First, the deacon or lay minister sings or says the invitation in which the intention is expressed. Then all pray in silence for a while. The Priest, at the sedilia or at the altar, sings or says the prayer with hands extended.

The People may remain kneeling throughout the entire period of the prayers.

FOR HOLY CHURCH

Dearly beloved brethren, let us pray for the holy Church of God: that the Lord our God may vouchsafe to preserve her throughout all the world in unity, peace, and safety: making subject unto her all principalities and powers: and that he may grant unto us to dwell in such quiet and tranquility that we may duly show forth the glory of God the Father almighty.

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast in Christ made manifest thy glory unto all mankind: we beseech thee that thou wouldest preserve those things which of thy mercy thou hast created; that thy Church being spread abroad through all the world may steadfastly abide in the confession of thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

FOR THE POPE

Let us pray likewise for our most Holy Father Pope N: that like as the Lord our God hath appointed him to the office of a Bishop, so he may preserve him in all peace and safety for the governance of the holy people of God.

Almighty and everlasting God, in whose counsels all things are established: we beseech thee to have respect unto our prayers and to defend thy servant who hath been chosen to be our Pope; that the Christian people which acknowledgeth thee to be its Creator and Guide may so prosper by his care that it may continually bring forth with increase the fruits of its profession; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

FOR ALL ORDERS AND ESTATES OF THE FAITHFUL

Let us pray likewise for N. our Bishop (Ordinary); all Bishops, Priests and Deacons; and for all the elect people of God.

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before thee for all estates of men in thy holy Church; that, every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may truly and godly serve thee; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

FOR CATECHUMENS

Let us pray likewise for all them that are Catechumens: that the Lord our God may open the ears of their hearts that they may enter in at the gate of his mercy; that by the washing of regeneration they may obtain the remission of all their sins, and be found faithful servants of Christ Jesus our Lord.

Almighty and everlasting God, who dost ever increase thy Church with the abundance of a new generation: we beseech thee, that thou wouldest multiply in faith and understanding them that are being taught in thy holy word; that being born again in the water of Baptism, they may be numbered among the sons of thine adoption; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

FOR THE UNITY OF CHRISTIANS

Let us pray likewise for all them that are in heresy and schism: that the Lord our God may deliver them from all false doctrines, and vouchsafe to restore them to their holy mother the Catholic and Apostolic Church.

Almighty and everlasting God, who wouldest not that any should perish, but rather that they should be saved: we beseech thee mercifully to look upon the hearts of them which have gone astray; that they may be delivered from their errors and restored to the way of truth and to the unity of thy holy Church; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

FOR THE JEWISH PEOPLE

Let us pray likewise for the Jewish people, to whom the Lord our God spoke first, that he may grant them to advance in love of his Name and in faithfulness to his covenant.

Almighty and everlasting God, who didst bestow thy promises on Abraham and his descendants: graciously hear the prayers of thy Church; that the people whom thou didst first make thine own may attain the fulness of redemption; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

FOR THEM THAT BELIEVE NOT IN CHRIST

Let us pray likewise for them that believe not in our Lord Jesus Christ, that, enlightened by the Holy Spirit, they also may enter on the way of salvation.

Almighty and everlasting God, grant to them that do not confess Christ: that, walking before thee in sincerity of heart they may find the truth; and that we thy servants, being constant in mutual love, and striving to understand more fully the mystery of thy life, may be more perfect witnesses to thy love in the world; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

FOR THEM THAT BELIEVE NOT IN GOD

Let us pray also for those who do not acknowledge God, that following what is right in sincerity of heart they may find the way to God himself.

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast created all men to seek thee always by desiring thee, and, by finding thee, come to rest: grant, we beseech thee; that despite every harmful obstacle, all may recognize the signs of thy fatherly love and the witness of the good works done by those who believe in thee, that so in gladness they may confess thee, the true God and Father of mankind; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

FOR ALL GOVERNORS AND RULERS

Let us pray for all who bear rule over the nations; and for all in any office and authority therein: that the Lord our God would direct their hearts and minds according to his will to the preservation of our perpetual peace.

Almighty and everlasting God, in whose hand is the dominion of all things, and the governance of all peoples: look down in mercy upon those who are set in authority over us; that by the protection of thy right hand, both freedom of religion and the safety of the nations may everywhere stand unshaken; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

FOR THE NEEDS OF THE FAITHFUL

Dearly beloved brethren, let us pray likewise to God the Father Almighty, that he would vouchsafe to cleanse the world from all false doctrine: to deliver it from pestilence and famine; to set free them that are in captivity; granting unto pilgrims a safe return; to the sick healing; and to them that travel to attain unto the haven that they desire.

Almighty and everlasting God, the comforter of them that mourn, the strength of them that travail: we beseech thee to hear the prayers of them that in any necessity make their supplications unto thee; that in all their troubles and adversities they may rejoice in the present succour of thy loving-kindness;

through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Let us remember before God those of our brethren who have departed this life with the sign of faith; and likewise yield high praise and hearty thanks for the wonderful grace and virtue declared in all his Saints.

Almighty and everlasting God, we pray for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear; and we bless thy holy Name for all who in life and death have glorified thee: chiefly the glorious and ever-Virgin Mary, Mother of thy Son Jesus Christ, our Lord and God, the holy Patriarchs, Prophets, Apostles and Martyrs, and all thy Saints; beseeching thee to give us grace that, rejoicing in their fellowship and prayers, we may follow their good examples, and with them be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

The Adoration of the Holy Cross

The Showing of the Holy Cross

The Priest or Deacon, accompanied by servers, goes to the door of the church, where he receives the unveiled Crucifix. The servers take lighted candles and the procession sets off through the church to the sanctuary. Near the door, in the middle of the church, and before the entrance to the sanctuary, the one who carries the Crucifix elevates it, singing

Behold the wood of the Cross, Whereon was hung the Saviour of the World.

℟ **O come, let us adore.**

After each response, all kneel and for a brief moment adore in silence.

The Adoration of the Holy Cross

For the Adoration of the Holy Cross, first the Priest alone approaches, with chasuble and shoes removed. The Ministers, servers, and People then approach, moving as if in procession, and show reverence to the Cross by a genuflection, by kissing the Crucifix, or by some other appropriate sign.

While the Adoration of the Holy Cross is taking place, the anthem We worship thy holy Cross, O Lord, the Reproaches, the hymn Crux Fidelis, or other suitable chants may be sung, according to local custom.

THE REPROACHES

℣ O my people, what have I done unto thee, or wherein have I wearied thee? Testify against me.

℣ Because I brought thee forth from the land of Egypt: thou hast prepared a Cross for thy Saviour.

℣ Hágios o Theós.

℟ Holy God.

℣ Hágios íschyros.

℟ Holy mighty.

℣ Hágios athánatos, eléison himas.

℟ Holy and immortal, have mercy upon us.

℣ Because I led thee through the desert forty years, and fed thee with manna, and brought thee into a land exceeding good: thou hast prepared a Cross for thy Saviour.

℣ Hágios o Theós.

℟ Holy God.

℣ Hágios íschyros.

℟ Holy mighty.

℣ Hágios athánatos, eléison himas.

℟ Holy and immortal, have mercy upon us.

℣ What more could I have done unto thee that I have not done? I indeed did plant thee, O my vineyard, with exceeding fair fruit: and thou art become very bitter unto me: for vinegar, mingled with gall, thou gavest me when thirsty: and hast pierced with a spear the side of thy Saviour.

℣ Hágios o Theós.

℟ Holy God.

℣ Hágios íschyros.

℟ Holy mighty.

℣ Hágios athánatos, eléison himas.

℟ Holy and immortal, have mercy upon us.

When the Adoration of the Holy Cross has been concluded, the Crucifix is carried by the Deacon or Minister to its place at the altar. Lighted candles are placed near the Crucifix.

The Holy Communion

The Priest, putting on the humeral veil, brings the Blessed Sacrament from the place of repose to the altar by a shorter route, while all stand in silence.

The Priest goes to the altar, genuflects, and with hands joined says aloud:

As our Saviour Christ hath commanded and taught us, we are bold to say:

The Priest, with hands extended says, and all present continue:

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.

The Priest continues alone:

Deliver us, O Lord, we beseech thee, from all evils, past, present, and to come; and at the intercession of the blessed and glorious ever-Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with thy blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, and with Andrew, and all the Saints, favourably grant peace in our days, that by the help of thine availing mercy we may ever both be free from sin and safe from all distress.

The People respond:

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

The Priest genuflects, takes a Host and, holding it slightly raised over the ciborium, turns to the people in the usual manner and says in a clear voice:

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him that taketh away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.

The People respond thrice:

Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof, but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.

The Priest genuflects and says in a low voice:

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for me, preserve my body and soul unto everlasting life. Amen.

And he reverently consumes the Body of Christ.

Holy Communion is administered in the usual manner but in one kind only, during which Psalm 22 or another appropriate chant may be sung.

After a period of silence, the Priest says the Prayer after Communion, prefacing it with Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God, who by the blessed Passion and Death of thy Christ hast redeemed us: preserve in us the work of thy mercy; that as we have partaken of these holy mysteries, so we may ever live in devotion to thy service; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Or:

O Lord Jesu Christ, Son of the living God, we pray thee to set thy Passion, Cross, and Death between thy judgement and our souls, now and in the hour of our death; vouchsafe to grant mercy and grace to the living, rest to the dead, to thy holy Church peace and concord, and to us sinners everlasting life and glory; who livest and reignest with the Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

After genuflecting to the Crucifix, the Ministers and servers return to the sacristy in silence. The altar is stripped, but the Crucifix remains in the sanctuary with two or four candlesticks.

The People depart in silence.