

The priest enters in silence, prostrates and all kneel.

FIRST READING

IS 52:13-53:12

See, my servant shall prosper, he shall be raised high and greatly exalted. Even as many were amazed at him -- so marred was his look beyond human semblance and his appearance beyond that of the sons of man--so shall he startle many nations, because of him 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; there was in him no stately bearing to make us look at him, nor appearance that would attract us to him. He was spurned and avoided by people, a man of suffering, accustomed to infirmity, one of those from whom people hide their faces, spurned, and we held him in no esteem.

Yet it was our infirmities that he bore, our sufferings that he endured, while we thought of him as stricken, as one smitten by God and afflicted. But he was pierced for our offenses, crushed for our sins; upon him was the chastisement that makes us whole, by his stripes we were healed. We had all gone astray like sheep, each following his own way; but the LORD laid upon him the guilt of us all.

Though he was harshly treated, he submitted and opened not his mouth; like a lamb led to the slaughter or a sheep before the shearers, he was silent and opened not his mouth. Oppressed and condemned, he was taken away, and who would have thought any more of his destiny? When he was cut off from the land of the living, and smitten for the sin of his people, a grave was assigned him among the wicked and a burial place with evildoers, though he had done no wrong nor spoken any falsehood. But the LORD was pleased to crush him in infirmity.

If he gives his life as an offering for sin, he shall see his descendants in a long life, and the will of the LORD shall be accomplished through him.

Because of his affliction he shall see the light in fullness of days; through his suffering, my servant shall justify many, and their guilt he shall bear. Therefore I will give him his portion among the great, and he shall divide the spoils with the mighty, because he surrendered himself to death and was counted among the wicked; and he shall take away the sins of many, and win pardon for their offenses.

The Word of the Lord

R/ Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM**PS 31:2,6,12-13,15-16,17,25****R. Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.**

In you, O LORD, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame. In your justice rescue me. Into your hands I commend my spirit; you will redeem me, O LORD, O faithful God. **R/**

For all my foes I am an object of reproach, a laughingstock to my neighbors, and a dread to my friends; they who see me abroad flee from me. I am forgotten like the unremembered dead; I am like a dish that is broken. **R/**

But my trust is in you, O LORD; I say, "You are my God. In your hands is my destiny; rescue me from the clutches of my enemies and my persecutors." **R/**

Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your kindness. Take courage and be stouthearted, all you who hope in the LORD. **R/**

SECOND READING**HEB 4:14-16,5:7-9**

Brothers and sisters: Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has similarly been tested in every way, yet without sin. So let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help. In the days when Christ was in the flesh, he offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered; and when he was made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

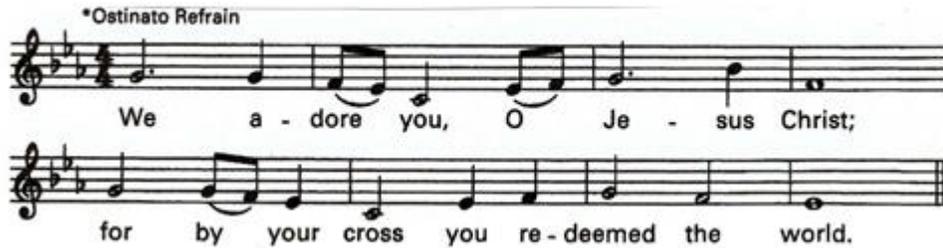
The Word of the Lord**R/ Thanks be to God****Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless Glory****Phil 2:8-9**

Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every other name.

During the reading of The Passion, the Bishop's Conference has asked the Church to participate in a faithful response.

*Ostinato Refrain



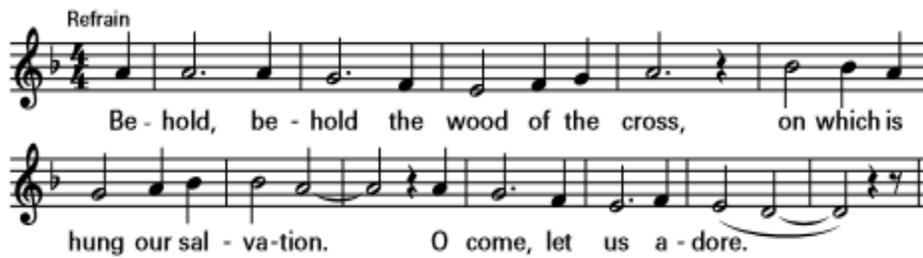
We a - dore you, O Je - sus Christ;
for by your cross you re - deemed the world.

PROCESSION OF THE CROSS

BEHOLD THE WOOD

Dan Schutte

Refrain



Be - hold, be - hold the wood of the cross, on which is
hung our sal - va-tion. O come, let us a - dore.

Collection for The Holy Land as the Altar is being prepared.

VENERATION OF THE CROSS AND COMMUNION

The ushers will offer you direction as you approach the Cross. You may Venerate the Cross this year by a bow or a genuflection before approaching the Priest for Communion.

PASTURES OF THE LORD

Curtis Stephan



1. Lord, now your ser - vant may go in peace;
2. The day is gone, the work is done;
3. Lord, lay me down in ver-dant fields,
4. Lord, let this trav - 'ler find sweet re - pose.
5. Lord, now your ser - vant may go in peace;



1. $\frac{7}{4}$ your sal - va - tion mine eyes have seen.
2. $\frac{7}{4}$ man - y bat - tles I've lost and won.
3. $\frac{7}{4}$ in green val - leys with gold - en hills,
4. From pain and sor - row your mer - cy leads
5. $\frac{7}{4}$ your sal - va - tion mine eyes have seen.



1. $\frac{7}{4}$ I will walk near run - ning streams
2. $\frac{7}{4}$ I shall rest and find wel - come
3. $\frac{7}{4}$ there to find your face re - vealed
4. to liv - ing wa - ters, where an - gels sing
5. $\frac{7}{4}$ On - ly good - ness shall fol - low me



1-5. in the pas-tures of the Lord.

WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS

HAMBURG

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'When I Survey the Wondrous Cross'. It consists of three staves of music in G major, 2/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. Below each staff are four numbered verses of lyrics.

1. When I sur - vey the won-drous cross On which the
2. For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the
3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet, The pain and
4. Were ev - 'ry realm of na - ture mine, My gift would

1. Prince of glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I
2. death of Christ, my Lord; The vain things that now
3. love flow min - gled down; Did e'er such love and
4. still be far too small: Love so a - maz - ing,

1. count but loss, And pour con-tempt on all my pride.
2. tempt me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
3. sor - row meet, Or thorns com-pose so rich a crown?
4. so di - vine, De-mands my soul, my life, my all.

Text: LM; Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt. Music: Lowell Mason, 1792–1872.

Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion My good Jesus, I thank You with all my heart for giving me Yourself, the Source of all graces, in holy communion. I thank You for all the blessings that I have received from You, especially through the Holy Eucharist, in which You are ever present to console us and to help us in our needs. In thanksgiving of all Your favors, I offer You all that I am and have. Dispose of me according to Your pleasure. May Your will be done in me and through me, now and forever.

MEDITATION

Jesus, Remember Me

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The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Jesus, Remember Me". It is written in 3/4 time and the key of E-flat major (three flats). The score consists of two systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom." The first system has four measures with chords E♭, Fm7, B♭, and E♭. The second system has four measures with chords Cm, Fm/Ab, B♭, and E♭. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords in the right hand.

After the Benediction and dismissal all depart in silence.

