

THE TRIDUUM SACRUM

MAUNDY THURSDAY

The Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

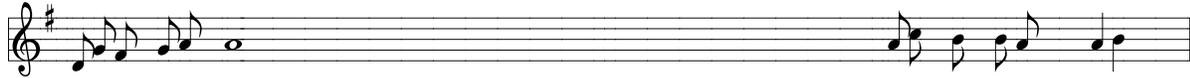
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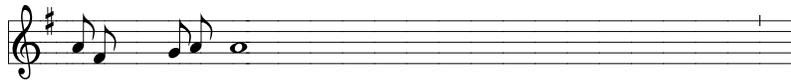
INTROIT + GALATIANS 6.14; PSALM 67.1

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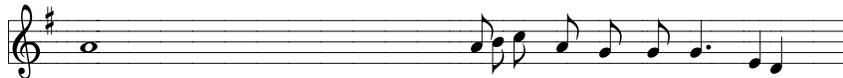
ANTIPHON



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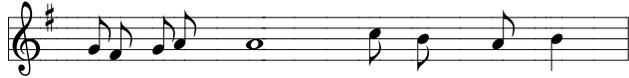


In Whom is our salvation, life and resurrection;

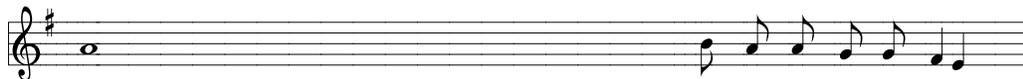


And by Whom we are saved and set at li-ber-ty.

PSALM

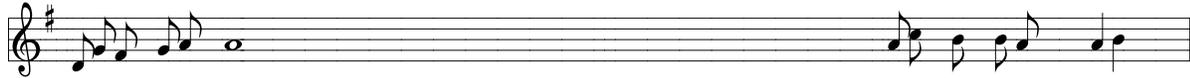


God be merciful to us and bless us:



And cause His face to shine upon us and be mer-ci-ful un-to us.

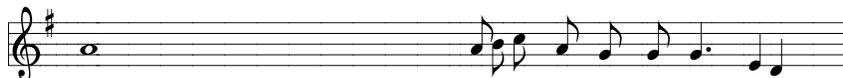
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And by Whom we are saved and set at li-ber-ty.

The Gloria in Excelsis is sung.

*The bells ring throughout the Gloria in Excelsis, and the organ is played.
Then both are silent until the Gloria in Excelsis at the Great Vigil of Easter.*

COLLECT

O God, from whom Judas received the punishment of his guilt, and the thief the reward of his confession:

grant unto us the full fruit of Your mercy;

that having taken away our sins by the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ, He may also bestow on us the grace of His Resurrection,

who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit:

one God, now and forever.

EPISTLE + 1 CORINTHIANS 11.20-32

A reading from the epistle of blessed Paul the Apostle to the Corinthians.

Brethren: When you come together in one place, it is not to eat the Lord's Supper. For in eating, each one takes his own supper ahead of others; and one is hungry and another is drunk. What! Do you not have houses to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God and shame those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you in this? I do not praise you.

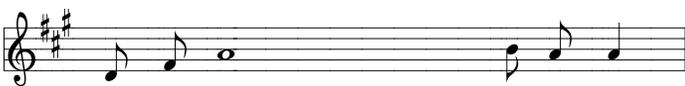
For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me." In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.

Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep. For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged. But when we are judged, we are chastened by the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the world.

The Word of the Lord.

GRADUAL + PHILIPPIANS 2.8-9

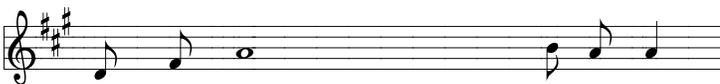
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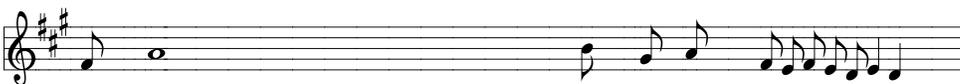
Christ be-came obedient for us un-to death:



Even the death of the cross.



There-fore God also has highly ex-alt-ed Him:



And given Him the name which is a-bove ev-ery name.

GOSPEL + ST. JOHN 13.1-15

The Lord be with you.

The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to St. John.

✠ Before the feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that His hour had come that He should depart from this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.

And supper being ended, the devil having already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray Him, Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going to God, rose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself. After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded.

Then He came to Simon Peter. And Peter said to Him, "Lord, are You washing my feet?"

Jesus answered and said to him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but you will know after this."

Peter said to Him, "You shall never wash my feet!"

Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me."

Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head!"

Jesus said to him, "He who is bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all of you." For He knew who would betray Him; therefore He said, "You are not all clean."

So when He had washed their feet, taken His garments, and sat down again, He said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you."

The Gospel of the Lord.

The Creed is omitted.

OFFERTORIUM + PSALM 118.16,17

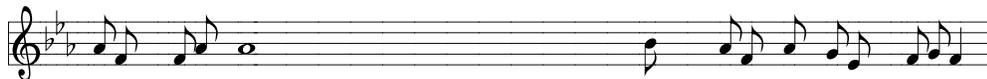
TONE II



The right hand of the Lord is exalt-ed;



The right hand of the Lord does va - liant-ly.



I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.

SECRETA

Grant, we beseech You, O Lord holy, Father almighty, everlasting God: that He, who on this day commanded His disciples saying, 'Do this in remembrance of Me;' may make our bounden sacrifice acceptable in Your sight, through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit: one God, now and forever.

PREFACE

Passiontide

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, from Your tender mercy You gave Your only Son, Jesus Christ, to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. By the one oblation of Himself, once offered, He made there a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world. On this day He instituted and handed down to His disciples the mysteries of His Body and Blood; and in His Holy Gospel, He commanded us to celebrate a perpetual remembrance of His precious death until He comes again.

For Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had ble^xssed and given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said:

Take, eat;

THIS IS MY BODY,

which is given for you.

This do in remembrance of me.

Genuflect, elevate (bells are rung), genuflect.

In the same way also, He took the cup after supper, and when He had given ^x thanks, He gave it to them saying:

Drink of it, all of you;

THIS IS MY BLOOD

of the New Testament,

which is shed for you for the remission of sins.

This do as often as you drink it in remembrance of me.

Genuflect, elevate (bells are rung), genuflect.

Therefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of Your dearly beloved Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, we Your humble servants cele^xbrate and ma^xke here, before Your divine majesty, with these Your ho^xly gi^xfts, the commemoration Your Son has willed us to make. Remembering His blessed Passion, mighty Resurrection and glorious Ascension, we give You most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits which He has procured for us.

And of Your almighty goodness we most humbly beseech You, O merciful Father, to hear us. And send down Your Holy Spirit upon us and upon Your gifts of bre^xad and wi^xne, and bless them and hallow them; and show that this bread is the precious Bo^xdy of Our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ; and this cup is the precious Blo^xod of our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ, which was shed for the life of the world.

Earnestly desiring Your fatherly goodness, mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of pra^xise and thanks^xgiving: we most humbly beseech You to grant that, by the merits and death of Your Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in His blood, we and Your whole church may obtain remission of our sins and all other benefits of His Passion.

And here we offer and present to You, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice unto You. We humbly beseech You that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Bo^xdy and Blo^xod of Your Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with Your grace and heavenly benediction, and being made one body with Him, may dwell in Him, even as He dwells in them.

And although we are unworthy, because of our many sins, to offer You any sacrifice; yet we beseech You to accept this our bounden duty and service. And command that our prayers and supplications, by the ministry of Your holy angels, may be brought to Your holy tabernacle before the sight of Your divine majesty, not weighing our merits but pardoning our offenses, through Christ Our Lord.

Genuflect, elevate (bells are rung).



Through ✠ Him, with ✠ Him, in ✠ Him, in the unity of the Ho-ly ✠ Spir - it,



all glory and honor are Yours, al - migh - ty ✠ Fa - ther, now and for-ev - er.

Amen

genuflect

THE PATER NOSTER



As Our Savior Christ has command-ed and taught us, we are bold to say:



Our Fa-ther who art in heav-en. Hal-low-ed be Thy Name.



Thy king-dom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heav-en.



Give us this day our dai-ly bread. And for-give us our tres-pass-es,



as we for-give those who tres-pass a-gainst us.



And lead us not in-to temp-ta- tion. But de-liv-er us from ✠ e - vil. A-men

THE EMBOLISM

Deliver us, O Lord, we beseech You:
from every evil past, present and to come;

and at the intercession of the blessed and glorious ever Virgin Mary, Mother of God,
your blessed Apostles Peter and Paul,
and with Andrew, and all the Saints,

and graciously grant peace in our days,
that by Your compassionate aid, we may ever be free from all sin and sheltered from all
turmoil,

through ✠ Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord;
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit:
one God, now and forever.

Amen

THE PAX DOMINI

The Celebrant turns toward the people and blesses them saying:

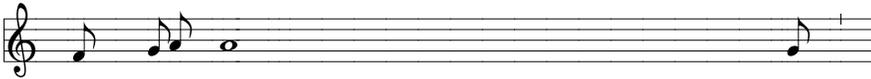


The peace ✠ of the Lord ✠ be with you ✠ al - ways!

And with your spirit.

COMMUNIO + ST. JOHN 13.12,13,15

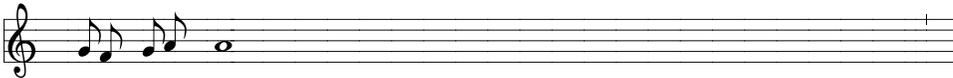
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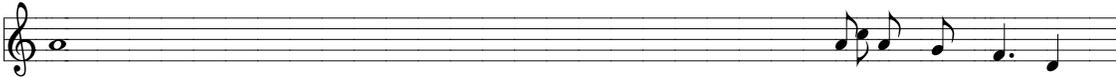
The Lord Jesus, after He had supped with His disci-ples,



washed their feet and said to them:



Do you know what I, your Lord and Master, have done to you?



I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you.

POST COMMUNION COLLECT

O Lord God, who has refreshed us with this life-giving sustenance:
we beseech You, that we, who observe the institution of Your Sacrament during our mortal life;
may receive from it Your gift of immortality,
through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord;
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit:
one God, now and forever.

Immediately after the Collect, the Dismissal is sung as follows:

THE DISMISSAL

The Lord be with you.

Let us bless the Lord.

Then follows immediately the Repositioning of the Sacrament.

The Repositioning of the Blessed Sacrament

The Celebrant kneels and three times incenses the Sacrament on the main Altar.

*After taking a white Hummeral Veil, he genuflects before the Sacrament, stands, and takes the Ciborium from the Deacon, covering it with the ends of the veil.
(The Deacon may take the flagon, if both kinds are reserved.)*

Then, led by the cross and lighted torches with incense immediately in front of him, and flanked by the Deacon and Subdeacon, the Celebrant takes the Blessed Sacrament to the altar of repose.

When they arrive, one of the assistants lights a sanctuary lamp, and the Sacrament is placed on the altar of repose.

The hymn "Pange Lingua gloriosi" is sung during this solemn and reverent procession.

THE HYMN + PANGE LINGUA GLORIOSI

Now, my tongue, the myst'ry telling
Of the glorious Body sing,
And the Blood all price excelling,
While the Gentiles' Lord and King,
Once upon the earth among us dwelling,
Shed for this world's ransoming.

Giv'n for us, and condescending
To be born for us below,
He with us in converse blending
Dwelt, the seed of truth to sow,
Till He closed with wondrous ending
His most patient life of woe.

That last night at the supper lying
Mid the Twelve, His chosen band,
Jesus, with the Law complying,
Keeps the feasts its rites demand;
Then, more precious Food supplying,
Gives Himself with His own hand.

Word made Flesh, the bread He taketh,
By His Word His Flesh to be;
Wine His sacred Blood He maketh,
Though the senses fail to see;
Faith alone the true heart waketh
To behold the mystery.

*During the following stanza, the Celebrant, clergy and Faithful genuflect before the Blessed Sacrament.
While kneeling, the Celebrant incenses the Blessed Sacrament throughout the stanza.*

Therefore we, before Him bending,
This great Sacrament revere;
Types and shadows have their ending,
For the newer rite is here;
Faith, our outward sense befriending,
Makes our inward vision clear.

All stand and bow.

Glory let us give and blessing
To the Father and the Son,
Honor, thanks and praise addressing,
While eternal ages run;
Ever too His love confessing
Who from Both with Both is One.

After the hymn, a time of silence is kept before the Blessed Sacrament.

At the Celebrant's signal, the clergy stand and move to the main altar for the Stripping of the Altar.

The Stripping of the Altar

The Celebrant and Deacon put on a violet stole while the clergy and servers prepare to strip the Altar.

The Celebrant stands before the Altar and chants the Antiphon plus the first half-verse of the Psalm.

The Cantor (or Celebrant) then chants the entire Psalm, with the Celebrant repeating the Antiphon at the end.

THE ANTIPHON

-tone VIII



They di-vice My gar- ments a-mong them:



And for My cloth- ing they cast lots.

PSALM 22

-tone VIII



My God, My God, why have You for / saken Me? *

Why are You so far from helping Me, and from the words / of My groaning?

O My God, I cry in the daytime, but You / do not hear; *

And in the night season, and / am not silent.

But You are / holy, *

Enthroned in the prais / es of Israel.

Our fathers trusted in / You; *

They trusted, and / You delivered them.

They cried to You, and were de / livered; *

They trusted in You, / and were not ashamed.

But I am a worm, and no / man; *

A reproach of men, and despised / by the people.

All those who see Me ridicule / Me; *

They shoot out the lip, they shake / the head, saying,

“He trusted in the Lord, let Him / rescue Him; *

Let Him deliver Him, since / He delights in Him!”

But You are He who took Me out of the / womb; *

You made Me trust while / on My mother’s breasts.

I was cast upon You from / birth. *

From My mother’s womb / You have been My God.

Be not far from Me, For trouble is / near; *

For / there is none to help.

Many bulls have sur / rounded Me; *

Strong bulls of Bashan / have encircled Me.

They gape at Me with their / mouths, *

Like a raging and / roaring lion.



I am poured out like water, †
 and all My bones are / out of joint; *
 My heart is like wax; It has melt / ed within Me.

My strength is dried up like a potsherd, †
 and My tongue clings to My / jaws; *
 You have brought Me / to the dust of death.

For dogs have sur / rounded Me; *
 The congregation of the wicked has enclosed Me; they pierced / My hands and My feet.

I can count / all My bones. *
 They / look and stare at Me.

They divide My garments a / mong them, *
 And for My / clothing they cast lots.

But You, O Lord, do not be / far from Me; *
 O My Strength, hast / en to help Me!

Deliver Me from the / sword, *
 My precious life from the / power of the dog.

Save Me from the lion's mouth and from the horns of the wild / oxen! *
 / You have answered Me.

I will declare Your name to My / brethren; *
 In the midst of the assembly / I will praise You.

You who fear the Lord, praise Him! All you descendants of Jacob, glorify / Him, *
 And fear Him, all you off / spring of Is-ra-el!

For He has not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the af / flicted; *
 Nor has He hidden His face from Him; but when He / cried to Him, He heard.

My praise shall be of You in the great as / sembly; *
 I will pay My vows before / those who fear Him.

The poor shall eat and be / satisfied; *
 Those who seek Him will praise the Lord; let your heart / live forever!

All the ends of the world shall remember and turn to the / Lord, *
 And all the families of the nations shall wor / ship before You.

For the kingdom / is the Lord's, *
 And He rules o / ver the nations.

All the prosperous of the / earth *
 Shall / eat and worship;

All those who go down to the dust shall bow be / fore Him, *
 Even he who cannot / keep himself alive.

A posterity shall / serve Him.
 It will be recounted of the Lord to the next / generation,

They will come and declare His righteousness to a people who / will be born,
 That / He has done this.

THE ANTIPHON

TONE VIII



They di-vide My gar- ments a-mong them:



And for My cloth- ing they cast lots.

After the Psalm, the Celebrant and clergy return to the sacristy.

GOOD FRIDAY

CLASS

COLOR

THE SOLEMN LITURGY OF THE PASSION AND DEATH OF OUR LORD**Part One: The Liturgy of the Word***Without incense, cross or torches, the servers silently lead the Celebrant, Deacon and Subdeacon to the Altar.**The servers bow (not genuflect) before the Altar, and then kneel on the pavement.**The Celebrant, Deacon and Subdeacon prostrate before the Altar and pray silently.**Then, at the Celebrant's signal, they kneel.**In monotone, the Celebrant prays the Collect:***THE COLLECT**

O God, who by the Passion of Your Christ, Our Lord, destroyed the death of our old sin which all flesh inherited in the Fall:
 grant that we, who bear earthly mortality in our bodies;
 may, by Your sanctifying grace, be conformed to the image of Your Son and so attain to the likeness of His heavenly life,
 through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord;
 who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit:
 one God, now and forever.

THE FIRST READING + HOSEA 6.1-6*The Reading is read without introduction.*

Come, and let us return to the Lord;
 For He has torn, but He will heal us;
 He has stricken, but 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 in His sight.

Let us know,
 Let us pursue the knowledge of the Lord.
 His going forth is established as the morning;
 He will come to us like the rain,
 Like the latter and former rain to the earth.

“O Ephraim, what shall I do to you?
 O Judah, what shall I do to you?
 For your faithfulness is like a morning cloud,
 And like the early dew it goes away.

Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets,
 I have slain them by the words of My mouth;
 And your judgments are like light that goes forth.

For I desire mercy and not sacrifice,
 And the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.”

*The Responsorium may be replaced with a Choral Meditation.***THE RESPONORIUM + HABAKKUK 3.1-3**

TONE II

O Lord, I have heard your speech and was afraid;
 O Lord, revive Your work in the midst of the years!
 In the midst of the years make it known;

In wrath remember mercy.
 God came from Teman,
 The Holy One from Mount Paran.
 His glory covered the heavens,
 And the earth was full of His praise.

THE COLLECT

Let us pray.

The Deacon sings:

Let us kneel.

After a silent prayer the Deacon sings:

Let us stand.

The Celebrant prays the Collect.

O God, from whom Judas received the punishment of his guilt, and the thief the reward of his confession:

grant unto us the full fruit of Your mercy;
 that having taken away our sins by the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ, He may also bestow on us the grace of His Resurrection,
 who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit:
 one God, now and forever.

THE SECOND READING + EXODUS 12.1-11

The Reading is read without introduction.

In those days the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, “This month shall be your beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year to you.

“Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying: ‘On the tenth day of this month every man shall take for himself a lamb, according to the house of his father, a lamb for a household. And if the household is too small for the lamb, let him and his neighbor next to his house take it according to the number of the persons; according to each man’s need you shall make your count for the lamb. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats. Now you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month. Then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it at twilight. And they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses where they eat it. Then they shall eat the flesh on that night; roasted in fire, with unleavened bread and with bitter herbs they shall eat it. Do not eat it raw, nor boiled at all with water, but roasted in fire—its head with its legs and its entrails. You shall let none of it remain until morning, and what remains of it until morning you shall burn with fire. And thus you shall eat it: with a belt on your waist, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. So you shall eat it in haste. It is the Lord’s Passover.’”

The Responsorium may be replaced with a Hymn (“O Dearest Jesus”, TLH #143 st. 1-4, 12).

THE RESPONORIUM + PSALM 140.1-9,13

TO NE II

Deliver me, O Lord, from evil men;
 Preserve me from violent men,
 Who plan evil things in their hearts;
 They continually gather together for war.
 They sharpen their tongues like a serpent;
 The poison of asps is under their lips. Selah
 Keep me, O Lord, from the hands of the wicked;
 Preserve me from violent men,
 Deliver me, O Lord, from evil men;
 Preserve me from violent men,
 Who plan evil things in their hearts;

They continually gather together for war.
 They sharpen their tongues like a serpent;
 The poison of asps is under their lips. Selah
 Keep me, O Lord, from the hands of the wicked;
 Preserve me from violent men,
 Who have purposed to make my steps stumble.
 The proud have hidden a snare for me, and cords;
 They have spread a net by the wayside;
 They have set traps for me.
 I said to the Lord: "You are my God;
 Hear the voice of my supplications, O Lord.
 O God the Lord, the strength of my salvation,
 You have covered my head in the day of battle.
 Do not grant, O Lord, the desires of the wicked;
 Do not further his wicked scheme, lest they be exalted.
 "As for the head of those who surround me,
 Let the evil of their lips cover them.
 Surely the righteous shall give thanks to Your name;
 The upright shall dwell in Your presence.

The Passion Narrative is read without Salutation or the usual liturgical introduction and response.

THE PASSION NARRATIVE + ST. JOHN 18.1-19.42

N: The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John.

The congregation is seated.

- N:** When Jesus had spoken these words, He went out with His disciples over the Brook Kidron, where there was a garden, which He and His disciples entered. And Judas, who betrayed Him, also knew the place; for Jesus often met there with His disciples. Then Judas, having received a detachment of troops, and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, came there with lanterns, torches, and weapons. Jesus therefore, knowing all things that would come upon Him, went forward and said to them,
- +**: "Whom are you seeking?"
- N:** They answered Him,
- C:** "Jesus of Nazareth."
- N:** Jesus said to them,
- +**: "I am He."
- N:** And Judas, who betrayed Him, also stood with them. Then--when He said to them, "I am He,"--they drew back and fell to the ground. Then He asked them again,
- +**: "Whom are you seeking?"
- N:** And they said,
- C:** "Jesus of Nazareth."
- N:** Jesus answered,
- +**: "I have told you that I am He. Therefore, if you seek Me, let these go their way,"
- N:** that the saying might be fulfilled which He spoke, "Of those whom You gave Me I have lost none." 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. Then Jesus said to Peter,
- +**: "Put your sword into the sheath. Shall I not drink the cup which My Father has given Me?"
- N:** Then the detachment of troops and the captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound Him. And they led Him away to Annas first, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas who was high priest that year. Now it was Caiaphas who gave counsel to the Jews that it was expedient that one man should die for the people. And Simon Peter followed

Jesus, and so did another disciple. Now that disciple was known to the high priest, and went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest. But Peter stood at the door outside. Then the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to her who kept the door, and brought Peter in. Then the servant girl who kept the door said to Peter,

C: “You are not also one of this Man’s disciples, are you?”

N: He said,

C: “I am not.”

N: And the servants and officers who had made a fire of coals stood there, for it was cold, and they warmed themselves. And Peter stood with them and warmed himself. The high priest then asked Jesus about His disciples and His doctrine. Jesus answered him,

+ “I spoke openly to the world. I always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where the Jews always meet, and in secret I have said nothing. Why do you ask Me? Ask those who have heard Me what I said to them. Indeed they know what I said.”

N: And when He had said these things, one of the officers who stood by struck Jesus with the palm of his hand, saying,

C: “Do You answer the high priest like that?”

N: Jesus answered him,

+ “If I have spoken evil, bear witness of the evil; but if well, why do you strike Me?”

N: Then Annas sent Him bound to Caiaphas the high priest. Now Simon Peter stood and warmed himself. Therefore they said to him,

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

N: He denied it and said,

C: “I am not!”

N: One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of him whose ear Peter cut off, said,

C: “Did I not see you in the garden with Him?”

N: Peter then denied again; and immediately a rooster crowed. Then they led Jesus from Caiaphas to the Praetorium, and it was early morning. But they themselves did not go into the Praetorium, lest they should be defiled, but that they might eat the Passover. Pilate then went out to them and said,

C: “What accusation do you bring against this Man?”

N: They answered and said to him,

C: “If He were not an evildoer, we would not have delivered Him up to you.”

N: Then Pilate said to them,

C: “You take Him and judge Him according to your law.”

N: Therefore the Jews said to him,

C: “It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death,”

N: that the saying of Jesus might be fulfilled which He spoke, signifying by what death He would die. Then Pilate entered the Praetorium again, called Jesus, and said to Him,

C: “Are You the King of the Jews?”

N: Jesus answered him,

+ “Are you speaking for yourself on this, or did others tell you this about Me?”

N: Pilate answered,

- C:** “Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered You to me. What have You done?”
- N:** Jesus answered,
- +** “My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here.”
- N:** Pilate therefore said to Him,
- C:** “Are You a king then?”
- N:** Jesus answered,
- +** “You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.”
- N:** Pilate said to Him,
- C:** “What is truth?”
- N:** And when he had said this, he went out again to the Jews, and said to them,
- C:** “I find no fault in Him at all. But you have a custom that I should release someone to you at the Passover. Do you therefore want me to release to you the King of the Jews?”
- N:** Then they all cried again, saying,
- C:** “Not this Man, but Barabbas!”
- N:** Now Barabbas was a robber. So then Pilate took Jesus and scourged Him. And the soldiers twisted a crown of thorns and put it on His head, and they put on Him a purple robe. Then they said,
- C:** “Hail, King of the Jews!”
- N:** And they struck Him with their hands. Pilate then went out again, and said to them,
- C:** “Behold, I am bringing Him out to you, that you may know that I find no fault in Him.”
- N:** Then Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. And Pilate said to them,
- C:** “Behold the Man!”
- N:** Therefore, when the chief priests and officers saw Him, they cried out, saying,
- C:** “Crucify Him, crucify Him!”
- N:** Pilate said to them,
- C:** “You take Him and crucify Him, for I find no fault in Him.”
- N:** The Jews answered him,
- C:** “We have a law, and according to our law He ought to die, because He made Himself the Son of God.”
- N:** Therefore, when Pilate heard that saying, he was the more afraid, and went again into the Praetorium, and said to Jesus,
- C:** “Where are You from?”
- N:** But Jesus gave him no answer. Then Pilate said to Him,
- C:** “Are You not speaking to me? Do You not know that I have power to crucify You, and power to release You?”
- N:** Jesus answered,

- +**: “You could have no power at all against Me unless it had been given you from above. Therefore the one who delivered Me to you has the greater sin.”
- N**: From then on Pilate sought to release Him, but the Jews cried out, saying,
- C**: “If you let this Man go, you are not Caesar’s friend. Whoever makes himself a king speaks against Caesar.”
- N**: When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Jesus out and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called The Pavement, but in Hebrew, Gabbatha. Now it was the Preparation Day of the Passover, and about the sixth hour. And he said to the Jews,
- C**: “Behold your King!”
- N**: But they cried out,
- C**: “Away with Him, away with Him! Crucify Him!”
- N**: Pilate said to them,
- C**: “Shall I crucify your King?”
- N**: The chief priests answered,
- C**: “We have no king but Caesar!”
- N**: So he delivered Him to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus and led Him away. And He, bearing His cross, went out to a place called the Place of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha, where they crucified Him, and two others with Him, one on either side, and Jesus in the center. Now Pilate wrote a title and put it on the cross. And the writing was: Jesus of Nazareth, The King of the Jews. Then many of the Jews read this title, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin. Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate,
- C**: “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but, ‘He said, “I am the King of the Jews.””
- N**: Pilate answered,
- C**: “What I have written, I have written.”
- N**: Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His garments and made four parts, to each soldier a part, and also the tunic. Now the tunic was without seam, woven from the top in one piece. They said therefore among themselves,
- C**: “Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be,”
- N**: that the Scripture might be fulfilled which says: “They divided My garments among them, and for My clothing they cast lots.” Therefore the soldiers did these things. Now there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother,
- +**: “Woman, behold your son!”
- N**: Then He said to the disciple,
- +**: “Behold your mother!”
- N**: And from that hour that disciple took her to his own home. After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said,
- +**: “I thirst!”
- N**: Now a vessel full of sour wine was sitting there; and they filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on hyssop, and put it to His mouth. So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said,
- +**: “It is finished!”
- N**: And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

All kneel silently to the Altar Cross.

N: Therefore, because it was the Preparation Day, that the bodies should 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. Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who was 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 immediately blood and water came out. And he who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you may believe. For these things were done that the Scripture should be fulfilled, "Not one of His bones shall be broken." And again another Scripture says, "They shall look on Him whom they pierced." After this, Joseph of Arimathea, being 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 the body of Jesus. And Nicodemus, who at first came to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds. Then they took the body of Jesus, and bound it in strips of linen with the spices, as the custom of the Jews is to bury. 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 there they laid Jesus, because of the Jews' Preparation Day, for the tomb was nearby.

The Response after the Gospel is omitted.

A Hymn may be sung ("O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" TLH #172 st. 1.4.7.8.10)

THE PREACHING OF THE GOSPEL

THE CHIEF HYMN

The Chief Hymn is "A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth" (TLH #142).

During the Chief Hymn, in preparation for the Solemn Prayers, the Celebrant puts on a black cope and the Deacon and Subdeacon vest in black. In addition, a white linen cloth is spread on the Altar.

Part Two: The Solemn Prayers

After the Chief Hymn, the Celebrant reverences the Altar with a kiss and then begins the Solemn Prayers.

FOR THE HOLY CHURCH

The Celebrant sings the bid.

Dearly beloved, let pray for the holy Church of God, that our God and Lord would be pleased to preserve her throughout all the world in peace, unity and safety, making the powers of evil subject to her; and that we may glorify God the Father almighty by living in peace and tranquility.

Let us pray.

The Deacon sings:

Let us kneel.

After a silent prayer the Deacon sings:

Let us stand.

The Celebrant prays the Collect.

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast revealed Your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ and the Word of His truth:

we beseech You to guard the works of Your 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, Your Son, Our Lord;
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit:
one God, now and forever.

FOR THE BISHOPS AND OUR PASTOR

The Celebrant sings the bid.

Let us pray for our Synodical Bishop, **Nn.**; for our own Bishop, **Nn.**; and for me, your unworthy servant; that our God and Lord, who has called us to these holy offices, would keep us in health and safety for the good of His holy Church and the welfare of His holy people.

Let us pray.

The Deacon sings:

Let us kneel.

After a silent prayer the Deacon sings:

Let us stand.

The Celebrant prays the Collect.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose judgment upholds all things in heaven and on earth:
mercifully hear our prayers for those who govern us according to Your holy Word;
that they may be defended from all adversities, and that Your Christian people may prosper under their care and bring forth the fruits of faith,
through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord;
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit:
one God, now and forever.

FOR ALL THE CLERGY AND THE FAITHFUL

The Celebrant sings the bid.

Let us pray for all bishops, pastors, deacons and subdeacons; for all acolytes, exorcists, readers, and doorkeepers; for all confessors, virgins and widows; and for all God's holy people.

Let us pray.

The Deacon sings:

Let us kneel.

After a silent prayer the Deacon sings:

Let us stand.

The Celebrant prays the Collect.

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 Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord;

**who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit:
one God, now and forever.**

FOR THE CIVIL AUTHORITIES

The Celebrant sings the bid.

Let us pray for all heads of government and for all who assist them and have positions of authority, that our God and Lord would direct their hearts and minds to conform to His will so that we may live in peace.

Let us pray.

The Deacon sings:

Let us kneel.

After a silent prayer the Deacon sings:

Let us stand.

The Celebrant prays the Collect.

Almighty and everlasting God, in whose hand dwells all the might of man, and who has ordained the powers that exist for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do well:

graciously regard those who govern our nation;

that all who receive the sword as Your ministers may bear it according to Your commandment, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord;

**who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit:
one God, now and forever.**

FOR THE CATECHUMENS

The Celebrant sings the bid.

Let us pray for our catechumens, that our God and Lord would open the ears of their hearts and the gate of His mercy, so that by the waters of Holy Baptism they may receive forgiveness of their sins and abide in Christ Jesus Our Lord.

Let us pray.

The Deacon sings:

Let us kneel.

After a silent prayer the Deacon sings:

Let us stand.

The Celebrant prays the Collect.

Almighty and everlasting God, who always multiplies Your Church, and with Your light and grace strengthens the hearts of those whom You have regenerated:
grant unto our catechumens increase both of faith and knowledge;
that they may rejoice in their Baptism and be numbered among the sons of Your adoption,
through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord;
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit:
one God, now and forever.

FOR THE NEEDS OF THE FAITHFUL

The Celebrant sings the bid.

Dearly beloved, let us pray that God the Father almighty would cleanse the world from all false doctrine, banish disease, and drive away famine; deliver prisoners and liberate captives; and grant safe return to all travelers, health to the sick, and shelter to those in distress.

Let us pray.

The Deacon sings:

Let us kneel.

After a silent prayer the Deacon sings:

Let us stand.

The Celebrant prays the Collect.

Almighty and everlasting God, the consolation of the sorrowful and the strength of the weak:
we beseech You to hear the prayers of those who cry to You in any tribulation or distress;
so that in all their necessities they may receive and rejoice in Your manifold help and comfort,
through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord;
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit:
one God, now and forever.

FOR THE UNITY OF CHRISTIANS

The Celebrant sings the bid.

Let us pray for those in heresy or schism, that our God and Lord would deliver them from all their errors and mercifully restore them to their holy Mother, the catholic and apostolic Church.

Let us pray.

The Deacon sings:

Let us kneel.

After a silent prayer the Deacon sings:

Let us stand.

The Celebrant prays the Collect.

Almighty and everlasting God, who desires that none should perish, but that all be saved:
mercifully look upon those who are led astray by the deceits of the devil;
that they may repent and turn from their evil, and be restored to the way of truth and the unity of Your holy Church,
through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord;
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit:
one God, now and forever.

FOR THE CONVERSION OF THE JEWS

The Celebrant sings the bid.

Let us pray for unbelieving Jews, that our God and Lord would remove the veil of unbelief from their hearts, so that they also may confess Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Let us pray.

The Deacon sings:

Let us kneel.

After a silent prayer the Deacon sings:

Let us stand.

The Celebrant prays the Collect.

Almighty and everlasting God, who extends to the unbelieving Jews Your abundant mercy: graciously hear our prayers for those whose hearts are blinded; that acknowledging Jesus Christ, who is the Light of truth, they may be delivered from their darkness, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit: one God, now and forever.

FOR THE CONVERSION OF THE UNBELIEVERS

The Celebrant sings the bid.

Let us pray for all unbelievers, that almighty God would take away the iniquity of their hearts, so that they turn from their false gods and be converted to the living and true God and to His only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ our God and Lord.

Let us pray.

The Deacon sings:

Let us kneel.

After a silent prayer the Deacon sings:

Let us stand.

The Celebrant prays the Collect.

Almighty and everlasting God, who desires not the death of a sinner, but that he should turn from his wickedness and live: mercifully hear our prayers for those who have no right knowledge of the Gospel of Your Son; that they may be delivered from their idolatrous worship and gathered into Your holy Church, to the honor and glory of Your name, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit: one God, now and forever.

Part Three: The Veneration of the Holy Cross

During the following hymn, the Celebrant, Deacon and Subdeacon remove their black vestments.

*Then the veiled cross is brought by the Deacon into the midst of the sanctuary.
Torches or lighted candles may accompany the cross.*

THE HYMN + STABAT MATER

At the Cross her station keeping,
Stood the mournful Mother weeping
Close to Jesus to the last.

Through her heart, His sorrow sharing,
All His bitter anguish bearing,
Now at length the sword has passed.

Oh, how sad and sore distressed
Was that Mother, highly blessed
Of the sole begotten One!

Deep the woe of her affliction
When she saw the Crucifixion
Of her dying, glorious Son.

Who, on Mother Mary gazing,
Pierced by anguish so amazing,
Born of woman, would not weep?

Who, on Christ's dear Mother thinking,
Such a cup of sorrow drinking,
Would not share her sorrows deep?

Jesus, may her deep devotion
Stir in me the same emotion,
Fount of love, Redeemer kind;

That my heart fresh ardor gaining,
And a purer love attaining,
May with Thee acceptance find!

THE UNVEILING OF THE CROSS

*Standing on the Epistle side, the Celebrant faces the people and unveils the upper part (the sign) of the cross.
Then he raises the cross and sings:*



Behold, the wood of the Cross, on which was hung the Sa-vior of the world:



Oh come, let us wor-ship Him.

Genuflect. Stand.

*Facing the Gospel side of the cross, the Celebrant unveils the right arm of the cross.
Then he raises the cross and sings:*



Behold, the wood of the Cross, on which was hung the Sa- vior of the world:



Oh come, let us wor-ship Him.

Genuflect. Stand.

*Standing before the cross, the Celebrant completely unveils it.
Then he raises the cross and sings:*



Behold, the wood of the Cross, on which was hung the Sa- vior of the world:



Oh come, let us wor- ship Him.

*After the cross has been unveiled, it is placed in position for the Veneration.
Candles may be set on either side of the cross.*

*The Celebrant first venerates the cross by genuflecting (three times) before it, and then kissing the feet of the corpus.
The other clergy, from highest dignity to lowest, venerate the cross in the same manner.
Then the Faithful are invited to venerate the cross.*

While the cross is venerated, the Reproaches are sung.

THE REPROACHES



O My people, what have I done to you?



And how have I offended you? An- swer Me!



Because I brought you up from the land of E- gypt,



you have prepared a cross for your Sa - vior.



Ho - ly God.

Holy God.



Ho-ly Migh - ty One.

Holy Mighty One.



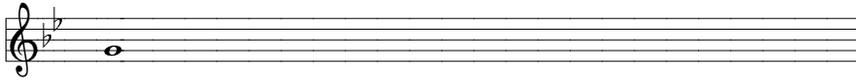
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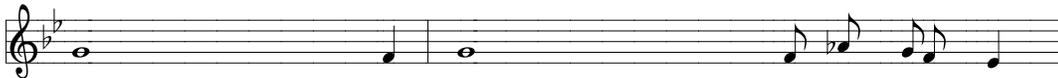


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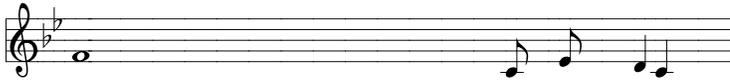
Have mercy on us.



Because I led you through the wilderness for forty years,



and fed you with man-na; and brought you into a ver - y good land:



you have prepared a cross for your Sa - vior.



Ho - ly God.

Holy God.



Ho-ly Migh - ty One.

Holy Mighty One.



Ho-ly Im-mor-tal One.

Holy Immortal One.

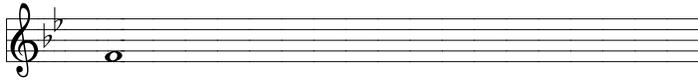


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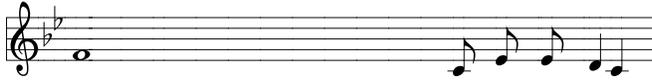
Have mercy on us.



What more should I have done for you that I have not done?



Behold I have planted you as My fairest vine,



and you have become very bit-ter to Me.



For you have quenched My thirst with vin- e- gar:



and with a lance you have pierced your Sa-vior's side.



Ho - ly God.

Holy God.



Ho- ly Migh - ty One.

Holy Mighty One.



Ho- ly Im-mor-tal One.

Holy Immortal One.



Have mer-cy on us.

Have mercy on us.

TONUS PEREGRINUS



For you I scourged Egypt | and its first— born

And you have given Me over | to be scourged. *Refrain*

I led you out of Egypt, overwhelming Pharaoh | in the Red— Sea:

And you have delivered Me | to the chief priests. *Refrain*

I open | ed the sea before you:

And you have opened My side | with a spear. *Refrain*

TONUS PEREGRINUS



I went before you | in a pillar of cloud:
And you have led Me to the judgment hall | of Pilate. *Refrain*

I fed you with | manna in the desert:
And you have beaten Me with blows | and scourges. *Refrain*

I gave you the water of salvation | to drink from the rock:
And you have given Me gall and vine | gar to drink. *Refrain*

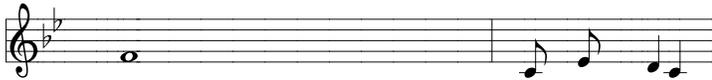
For you I struck the | kings of the Canaanites:
And you have struck My head | with a reed. *Refrain*

I gave you a | royal scep— ter:
And you have given My head | a crown of thorns. *Refrain*

With great power I | lifted you— up:
And you have hung Me on the gibbet | of the Cross. *Refrain*

Refrain

O My people, what have I done to you?



And how have I offended you? An-swer Me!

THE ANTIPHON

TONE IV



We a | dore Your Cross, O Lord:
And we praise and glorify Your ho | ly Resurrection:

For behold, | by the wood of Your Cross:
Joy has | come into all the world.

Ps. God be merciful to | us and bless us,
And cause His face to shine upon us, and have | mercy upon us.

We a | dore Your Cross, O Lord:
And we praise and glorify Your ho | ly Resurrection:

For behold, | by the wood of Your Cross:
Joy has | come into all the world.

The Faithful are signaled to stand.

THE HYMN + PANGE LINGUA GLORIOSI*The "Crux Fidelis" is sung by the cantor.*

**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.**

Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle,
 Sing the ending of the fray;
 Now above the Cross, the trophy,
 Sound the loud triumphant lay:
 Tell how Christ, the world's Redeemer,
 As a victim won the day.

God in pity saw man fallen,
 Shamed and sunk in misery,
 When he fell on death by tasting
 Fruit of the forbidden tree;
 Then another tree was chosen
 Which the world from death should free.

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.

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 maiden's womb.

Lo! He lies, an Infant weeping,
 Where the narrow manger stands,
 While the Mother-Maid His members
 Wraps in mean and lowly bands,
 And the swaddling clothes is winding
 Round God's helpless feet and hands.

The "Crux Fidelis" is repeated:

**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.**

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.

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 freed.

Bend thy boughs, O Tree of Glory!
 Thy relaxing sinews bend;
 For awhile the ancient rigor
 That thy birth bestowed, suspend;
 And the King of heav'nly beauty
 On thy bosom gently tend!

Thou alone wast counted worthy
 This world's ransom to uphold;
 For a shipwreck'd race preparing
 Harbor, like the Ark of old;
 With the sacred Blood anointed
 From the smitten Lamb that rolled.

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

Part Four: Holy Communion

THE PROCESSION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The Celebrant, Deacon and Subdeacon put on the usual black Eucharistic vestments.

The Altar is prepared with corporal, burse, and missal.

After the Altar is ready, the Blessed Sacrament (accompanied by lighted candles) is brought from the place of reposition to the Altar by the Deacon. (The candles are then placed on the altar.)

While the Sacrament is processed, the following verses are chanted:



We adore You, O Christ, and we | bless You
Because by Your holy cross, You | have redeemed the world.

By a tree we were made slaves, and by the holy cross we | are set free:
The fruit of the tree seduced us, the Son of God | has redeemed us.

Savior of the world, | save us:
Help us, we beseech You, Our God, who has redeemed us | by Your cross and blood.

THE VERBA CHRISTI

After the Altar is prepared, using a simple tone, the Celebrant chants the Words of Our Lord's Last Will and Testament.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had ble~~s~~sed and given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said:

Take, eat;

THIS IS MY BODY,

which is given for you.

This do in remembrance of me.

Genuflect, elevate (no bells are rung), genuflect.

In the same way also, He took the cup after supper, and when He had given ✠ thanks, He gave it to them saying:

Drink of it, all of you;

THIS IS MY BLOOD

of the New Testament,

which is shed for you for the remission of sins.

This do as often as you drink it in remembrance of me.

Genuflect, elevate (no bells are rung), genuflect.

THE PATER NOSTER

As Our Savior Christ has commanded and taught us, we are bold to say:

The Our Father is chanted in monotone.

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. Amen

THE EMBOLISM

Deliver us, O Lord, we beseech You:

from every evil past, present and to come;

and at the intercession of the blessed and glorious ever Virgin Mary, Mother of God,
your blessed Apostles Peter and Paul,
and with Andrew, and all the Saints,

and graciously grant peace in our days,

that by Your compassionate aid, we may ever be free from all sin and sheltered from all
turmoil,

through **Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord;**
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit:
one God, now and forever.

Amen

THE ECCE AGNUS DEI

Facing the congregation, the Celebrant sings:



Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes a-way the sin of the world:



Oh come, let us wor-ship Him.

Genuflect. Stand.

*Facing the Gospel side of the cross, the Celebrant unveils the right arm of the cross.
Then he raises the cross and sings:*



Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes a-way the sin of the world:



Oh come, let us wor-ship Him.

Genuflect. Stand.

*Standing before the cross, the Celebrant completely unveils it.
Then he raises the cross and sings:*



Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes a-way the sin of the world:



Oh come, let us wor-ship Him.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF OUR LORD'S BODY AND BLOOD

*The Celebrant distributes the Most Blessed Sacrament to those who desire to receive it. He begins with those in the chancel,
proceeds to the infirm, and then communes those other eligible communicants who present themselves.*

During the Communion, a Hymn (or Hymns) may be sung.

When the vessels are cleansed and the altar cleared, the Celebrant signals the people to stand.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECTS

All sung in monotone.

Let us pray.

We beseech You, O Lord, that Your plentiful blessing may descend upon Your faithful people: that having devoutly remembered the Passion and Death of Your Son, and having received Your gentle consolation; we may remain steadfast in true faith and increase in true holiness, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit: one God, now and forever.

Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, who has restored us by the Passion and Death of Your Christ: preserve within us the works of Your mercy; that through this mystery we may ever remain faithful, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit: one God, now and forever.

Let us pray.

Remember Your mercies, O Lord: and sanctify us with Your eternal protection; for we are Your servants for whom Christ Your Son established this sacred testament in His Blood, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit: one God, now and forever.

The clergy descend from the Altar, genuflect, and depart silently to the sacristy.

FIRST CLASS

THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

GOLD

The Service of Light*The Vigil begins anytime after sundown and before daybreak.**The Faithful assemble in the Narthex.**The Faithful are given candles to be lit from the Paschal Candle.***BLESSING OF THE NEW FIRE***In semi-darkness, a fire is kindled.***The Lord be with you.****Let us pray.****O God, who through Your Son, the true corner-stone, has bestowed the fire of Your glory on Your faithful people:****bl~~e~~ss, we beseech You, this new flame so that it is beneficial for us;
and grant to us that by this Paschal Feast we may be so burning with heavenly desires,
that we may with pure hearts attain to the feast of Your eternal brightness,
through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord;
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit:
one God, now and forever.***The Celebrant censes the new fire.***BLESSING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE***While the Paschal Candle is held, the Celebrant traces the sign of the cross, saying:***Christ Jesus, the same yesterday and today;****The beginning and the end;***He traces the Greek letters, Alpha and Omega, saying***The Alpha;****And the Omega;***He traces the year, saying:***His are the seasons;****And the ages;****To Him, glory and dominion****Now and forever. Amen***He puts the five nails into the Candle, saying:***By His wounds holy;****And glorious;****May He guard;****And preserve us;****Christ the Lord. Amen***Lighting the Candle, he says:***May the Light of Christ, risen in glory from the dead,
scatter all the darkness of our hearts and minds.***Then the Celebrant blesses the lighted Candle, saying:*

The Lord be with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, the unseen regenerator of all things:

pour out, we beseech You, the abundance of Your blessing on this candle, that it may be a light to lighten our darkness;

so that this Paschal sacrifice may be illumined by the presence of Your light,

and wherever this sacred mystery is celebrated, the power of Your majesty may drive out all the deceits and assaults of the devil,

through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord;

who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit:

one God, now and forever.

PROCESSION OF THE PASCAL CANDLE

The candles of the Faithful are lit from the Paschal Candle.

All the lights in the church are turned off.

The Deacon, holding the Paschal Candle high, leads the procession to the Chancel.

At the beginning of the procession, the Deacon chants:



Lu- men Chris-ti

Deo gratias.

Near the midway point, the Deacon stops and chants:



Lu- men Chris-ti

Deo gratias.

When the Deacon reaches the chancel step, he stops and chants:



Lu- men Chris-ti

Deo gratias.

EASTER PRÆCONIUM

As everyone arrives at his place, the Deacon places the Paschal Candle in its stand.

The Celebrant incenses the Candle and the book.

Then the Deacon faces the people and chants the Easter Proclamation.



Re-joyce now, all you heaven-ly choirs of an-gels. Re-joyce, all crea-tion a-round



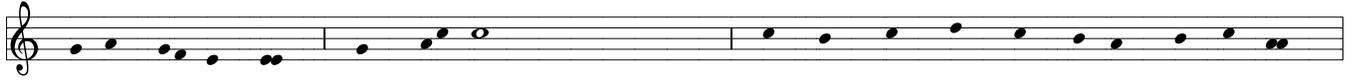
His throne, for this migh-ty King is vic-to-ri-ous. Sound, O trum-pet, tell of our sal-va - tion.



Re-joyce too, O earth; you are made bril-liant by such splen-dor. Re-joyce for you have



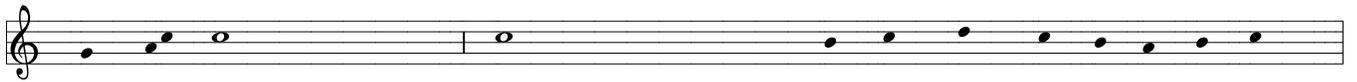
been il-lu-mined. Dark-ness ev'-ry-where has been o-ver come by the bright-ness of this



ev-er-last-ing King. Re-joyce, O mother Church; you are made ra-diant by so great a light.



Let this place ring out with re-joic-ing, with the song of all these peop-le gath-er-ed here.



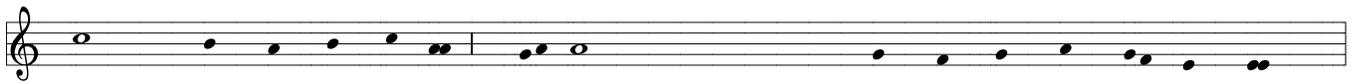
And you, my dearest friends, who are standing here near the bright-ness of this sac-red



light, join with me in prayer to the al-migh-ty God. Let us ask that He show us mer - cy.



He chose me to serve Him, unworthy as I am to be His min-i-ster. Pray with me, then, that



He may shed His light on me, help-ing me to honor and sing this can-dle's fit-ting praise.



Through Je-sus Christ, His Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with Him and the



Ho-ly Spi - rit, one God, now and for-ev - er.

Amen

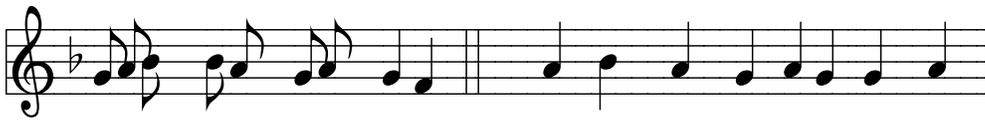
The Deacon continues the Easter Praeconium.

The Faithful extinguish their candles and are seated.

The Chancel lights are turned on and the dim lights in the Nave are turned on.



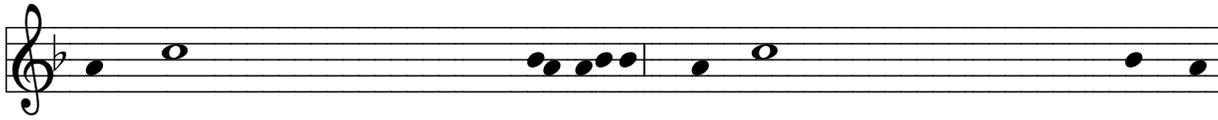
∿ The Lord be with you. ∿ And with your spirit.



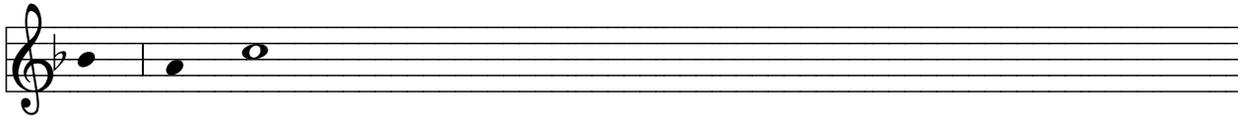
℣ Lift up your hearts. ℟ We lift them up unto the Lord.



℣ Let us give thanks un - to the Lord our God. ℟ It is meet and right so to do.



It is truly meet, right, and sal-u-tar-y that with all the ardor of our hearts and



minds we should proclaim with our voices the invisible Almighty Father and His



Only-be - gotten Son, our Lord Je-sus Christ, Who paid the debt of Adam for



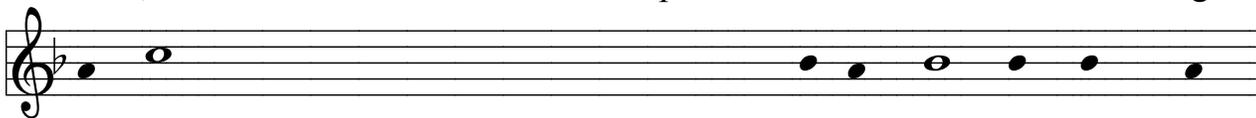
us to His e-ter-nal Fa-ther, and with His pre-cious blood washed away the



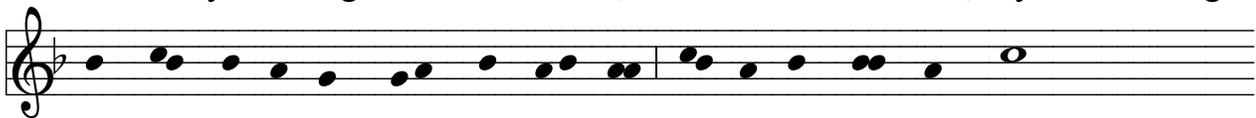
penalty of o-ri-gi-nal sin. This is the pas-chal feast in which the true Lamb is



slain; Whose blood ha-llowed the door-posts of the faith-ful. This is the night



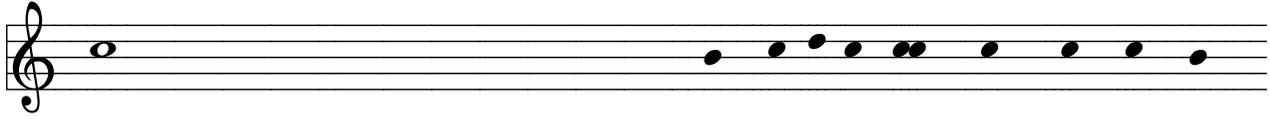
on which you brought our forefathers, the child-ren of Israel, dry-shod through



the Red Sea in the flight from E - gypt. This is the night on which the light of



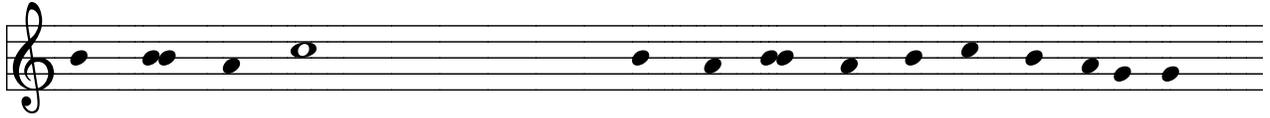
the pil-lar of fire destroyed the dark-ness of sin. This is the night which at this



hour everywhere restores to grace and u-nites in ho-li-ness those who be-lieve



in Christ, separating them from world-ly vice and the dark-ness of sin. This is



the night on which Christ burst the bonds of death and vic-tor-ious-ly a-rose



from the grave. For life itself, with-out re-dem-p-tion, would be of no a-vail to us.



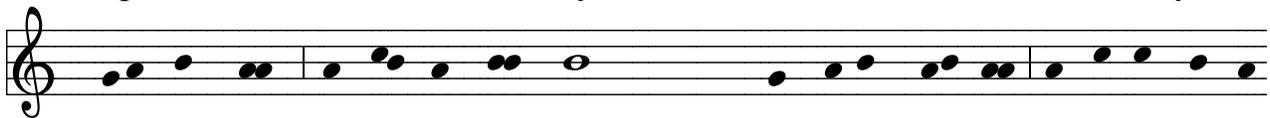
O wondrous condescension of Your mer-cy towards us! How far beyond our



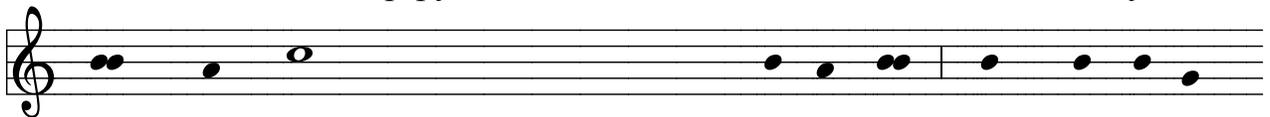
understanding is Your lov-ing af-fec-tion, that You should ran-som a slave at



the price of Your Son. O necessary sin of A-dam, which was blotted out by the



death of Christ. O hap-py fault, that merited such a re-deem-er. O truly blessed



night which alone deserved to know the time and the hour when Christ a-rose

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

It is meet and right so to do.

It is truly meet, right and salutary that with all the ardor of our hearts and minds we should proclaim with our voices the invisible Almighty Father and His only begotten Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, who paid the debt of Adam for us to His eternal Father, and with His precious blood washed away the penalty of original sin. This is the paschal feast in which the true lamb is slain; whose blood hallowed the doorposts of the faithful. This is the night on which you bought our forefathers, the children of Israel, dry-shod through the Red Sea in the flight from Egypt. This is the night on which the light of the pillar of fire destroyed the darkness of sin. This is the night which at this hour ev'rywhere restores to grace and unites in holiness those who believe in Christ, separating them from worldly vice and the darkness of sin. This is the night on which Christ burst the bonds of death and victoriously arose from the grave. For life itself, without redemption, would be of no avail to us. O wondrous condescension of Your mercy towards us! How far beyond our understanding is Your loving affection that You should ransom a slave at the price of Your Son. O necessary sin of Adam, which was blotted out by the death of Christ. O happy fault, that merited such a redeemer. O truly blessed night which alone deserved to know the time and the hour when Christ arose from the grave. It is of this night that Scripture says: "And the night shall be as bright as day. And the night shall light up my joy." The holiness of this night banishes wickedness and washes away sin and restores innocence to those who have fallen. It puts hatred to flight, brings peace and humbles pride. Therefore, O holy Father, accept on this night the evening sacrifice of fire which Your holy Church presents to You by the hands of her ministers in the solemn offering of this candle of wax made by bees. For now we see the splendor of this pillar which the shining flame enkindles to the glory of God. A flame not dimmed, even though divided into parts, because it is nourished by the melting wax produced by the parent bee to form the substance of this precious lamp. O truly blessed night which despoiled the Egyptians and enriched the Hebrews. O night on which heaven is united to earth and the divine brought to the human. Therefore, O Lord, we pray that this candle, consecrated in honor of Your name, may endlessly continue to scatter the darkness of this night. May it be received as a sweet fragrance and mingle with the lights of heaven. May that Morning Star which never sets—He who came back from the grave and shed His serene light upon mankind—find its flame still burning. Grant us, Your servants, O Lord, and all Your clergy and faithful people, together with our Synodical Bishop *Nn.* and our Bishop *Nn.* a season of peace during this time of Easter joy; and govern, rule and preserve us with Your constant protection. Also look upon those who rule over us and, in Your ineffable pity and mercy, direct their thoughts towards justice and peace so that, with all Your people, they may one day arrive in our heavenly country, leaving behind them the cares of this world; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You in communion with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

The Service of Readings

FIRST PROPHECY + GENESIS 1.1-2.2

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day.

Then God said, "Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters." Thus God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament; and it was so. And God called the firmament Heaven. So the evening and the morning were the second day.

Then God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear"; and it was so. And God called the dry land Earth, and the gathering together of the waters He called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb that yields seed, and the fruit tree that yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed is in itself, on the earth"; and it was so. And the earth brought forth grass, the herb that yields seed according to its kind, and the tree that yields fruit, whose seed is in itself according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. So the evening and the morning were the third day.

Then God said, "Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years; and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth"; and it was so. Then God made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. He made the stars also. God set them in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth, and to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. So the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

Then God said, "Let the waters abound with an abundance of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the face of the firmament of the heavens." So God created great sea creatures and every living thing that moves, with which the waters abounded, according to their kind, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." So the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth the living creature according to its kind: cattle and creeping thing and beast of the earth, each according to its kind"; and it was so. And God made the beast of the earth according to its kind, cattle according to its kind, and everything that creeps on the earth according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

And God said, "See, I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food. Also, to every beast of the earth, to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which there is life, I have given every green herb for food"; and it was so. Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished. And on the seventh

day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done.

COLLECT

Let us pray. Let us kneel.

O God, who in a wondrous manner created the human race and still more wondrously redeemed the same: mercifully grant, we beseech You; that we may be conformed to the image of Your Son who came to share our humanity, through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord; who lives and reigns with You in communion with the Holy Spirit: one God, now and forever.

The Faithful are seated.

SECOND PROPHECY + EXODUS 14.10-15.1

In those days, when Pharaoh drew near, the children of Israel lifted their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians marched after them. So they were very afraid, and the children of Israel cried out to the Lord.

Then they said to Moses, "Because there were no graves in Egypt, have you taken us away to die in the wilderness? Why have you so dealt with us, to bring us up out of Egypt? Is this not the word that we told you in Egypt, saying, 'Let us alone that we may serve the Egyptians?' For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than that we should die in the wilderness."

And Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which He will accomplish for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall see again no more forever. The Lord will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace."

And the Lord said to Moses, "Why do you cry to Me? Tell the children of Israel to go forward. But lift up your rod, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it. And the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea. And I indeed will harden the hearts of the Egyptians, and they shall follow them. So I will gain honor over Pharaoh and over all his army, his chariots, and his horsemen. Then the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gained honor for Myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen."

And the Angel of God, who went before the camp of Israel, moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud went from before them and stood behind them. So it came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel. Thus it was a cloud and darkness to the one, and it gave light by night to the other, so that the one did not come near the other all that night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the Lord caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea into dry land, and the waters were divided. So the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea on the dry ground, and the waters were a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. And the Egyptians pursued and went after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen.

Now it came to pass, in the morning watch, that the Lord looked down upon the army of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and cloud, and He troubled the army of the Egyptians. And He took off their chariot wheels, so that they drove them with difficulty; and the Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the face of Israel, for the Lord fights for them against the Egyptians."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the waters may come back upon the Egyptians, on their chariots, and on their horsemen." And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and when the morning appeared, the sea returned to its full depth, while the Egyptians were fleeing into it. So the Lord overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea. Then the waters returned and covered the chariots, the horsemen, and all the army of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them. Not so much as one of them remained. But the children of Israel had walked on dry land in the midst of the sea, and the waters were a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

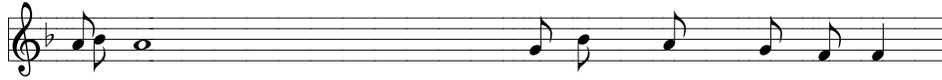
So the Lord saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians

dead on the seashore. Thus Israel saw the great work which the Lord had done in Egypt; so the people feared the Lord, and believed the Lord and His servant Moses.

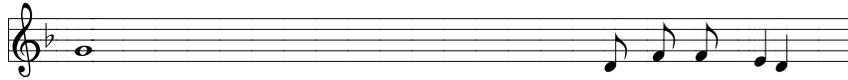
Then Moses and the children of Israel sang this song to the Lord:

CANTICLE + EXODUS 15.1-2

STONE PEREGRINUS



I will sing to the Lord, for He has tri-umphed glor-ious-ly:



The horse and its rider He has thrown in- to the sea!



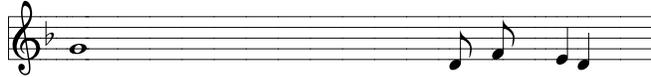
The Lord is my strength and song:



And He has become my sal-va-tion.



He is my God, and I will praise Him:



My father's God, and I will ex-alt Him.



The Lord is a man of war;



The Lord is His name.

COLLECT

Let us pray. Let us kneel.

O God, who has ordained that Your mighty works of old should enlighten our present generation, and who, by the mighty defense of Your right hand, delivered Your people from persecution in the land of Egypt and thereby prefigured the salvation of all nations by the washing of Holy Baptism: grant, we pray You; that the fullness of all mankind, being delivered from its present bondage, may by the same Sacrament be made sons of Abraham and share in the promises of Your true Israel, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord; who lives and reigns with You in communion with the Holy Spirit: one God, now and forever.

The Faithful are seated.

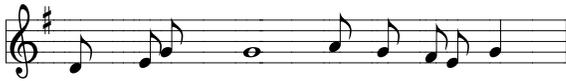
THIRD PROPHECY + ISAIAH 4.2-6

In that day the Branch of the Lord shall be beautiful and glorious;
 And the fruit of the earth shall be excellent and appealing
 For those of Israel who have escaped.

And it shall come to pass that he who is left in Zion and remains in Jerusalem will be called holy—everyone who is recorded among the living in Jerusalem. When the Lord has washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and purged the blood of Jerusalem from her midst, by the spirit of judgment and by the spirit of burning, then the Lord will create above every dwelling place of Mount Zion, and above her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day and the shining of a flaming fire by night. For over all the glory there will be a covering. And there will be a tabernacle for shade in the daytime from the heat, for a place of refuge, and for a shelter from storm and rain.

CANTICLE + ISAIAH 5.1-2, 7

TONE III



My Well - beloved has a vine-yard:



On a ver-y fruit-ful hill.



He dug it up and cleared out its stones:



And planted it with the choic-est vine.



He built a tow-er in its midst:



And also made a wine-press in it.



For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts:



Is the house of Is- ra- el.

COLLECT

Let us pray. Let us kneel.

O God, who by the mouth of Your holy Prophets has manifested Yourself before all the children of the Church, to be the Sower of good seed and the Vinedresser of Your elect branches: grant that, having rooted out all thorns and briars from Your vineyard and harvest; Your people may bring forth worthy fruit in abundance, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord; who lives and reigns with You in communion with the Holy Spirit: one God, now and forever.

The Faithful are seated.

FOURTH PROPHECY + DEUTERONOMY 31.22-30

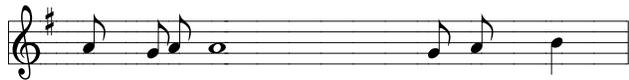
In those days Moses wrote this song, and taught it to the children of Israel. Then He inaugurated Joshua the son of Nun, and said, "Be strong and of good courage; for you shall bring the children of Israel into the land of which I swore to them, and I will be with you."

So it was, when Moses had completed writing the words of this law in a book, when they were finished, that Moses commanded the Levites, who bore the ark of the covenant of the Lord, saying: "Take this Book of the Law, and put it beside the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God, that it may be there as a witness against you; for I know your rebellion and your stiff neck. If today, while I am yet alive with you, you have been rebellious against the Lord, then how much more after my death? Gather to me all the elders of your tribes, and your officers, that I may speak these words in their hearing and call heaven and earth to witness against them. For I know that after my death you will become utterly corrupt, and turn aside from the way which I have commanded you; and evil will befall you in the latter days, because you will do evil in the sight of the Lord, to provoke Him to anger through the work of your hands."

Then Moses spoke in the hearing of all the assembly of Israel the words of this song until they were ended:

CANTICLE + DEUTERONOMY 32.1-4

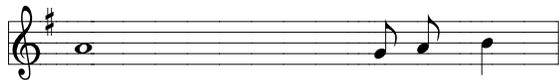
TO NE IV



Give ear, O heavens, and I will speak:



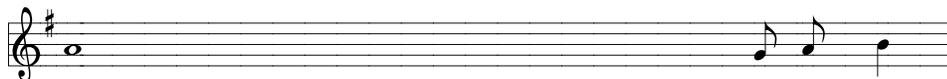
And hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.



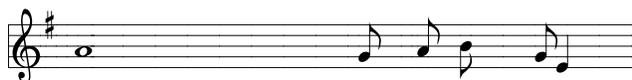
Let my teaching drop as the rain:



My speech dis-till as the dew;



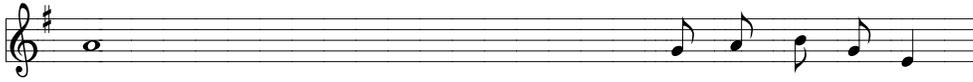
As raindrops on the tender herb, and as showers on the grass:



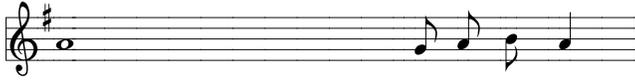
For I proclaim the name of the Lord.



Ascribe greatness to our God:



He is the Rock, His work is perfect; for all His ways are jus-tice.



A God of truth and with-out in-jus-tice:



Right-eous and up-right is He.

COLLECT

Let us pray. Let us kneel.

O God, who exalts and humble and strengthens the upright: who also was pleased through Your holy servant Moses to instruct Your people in the chanting of sacred song: we beseech You to manifest Your power among all those whom You have justified; that being delivered from the fear of Your wrath, they may rejoice in the full remission of all their sins; and being warned to flee from the vengeance of Your judgment, they may be saved eternally, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord; who lives and reigns with You in communion with the Holy Spirit: one God, now and forever.

The Faithful are seated.

CHORAL MEDITATION OR HYMN

During the choral meditation, the clergy move to the Epistle side.

He is arisen! Glorious Word!
 Now reconciled is God, my Lord;
 The gates of heav'n are open.
 My Jesus did triumphant die,
 And Satan's arrows broken lie,
 Destroyed hell's direct weapon.
 Oh, hear What cheer! Christ victorious
 Riseth glorious, Life He giveth
 He was dead, but see, He liveth!

The Service of Holy Baptism

The Faithful are signaled to stand.

BLESSING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

It is truly meet, right and salutary;
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You;
O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

who through Your Spirit and Word wondrously bring about the benefits ôf Your Sâcraments.

Although we are unworthy to perform so great a rite, You are not one to withdraw the gift of Your grace;

and You are also ready tô hëar our prayers.

O God, in the very beginning of the world Your Spirit moved over the waters;
and gave the element of watêr the pöwer to sanctify.

O God, by water You also washed away the sinfulness of a guilty world;
And by the Flood You prefigured our regeneration;
so that, in a mystery, one and the same water drowns sin and gives bîrth to gödliness.

May You, O Lord, who fill your city with joy by the flowing torrent of Your grace;
look mercifully upon Your Church and multiply Your acts of regenerâtion wîthin her.

Open the fonts of baptism all over the world for the renewal of nations;
so that under Your majestic dominion they may receive from the Holy Spirit;
the grace of Yôur only-begödden Son.

Divide the water in the form of a cross.

May this water, prepared for the rebirth of man, be made fruitful by the outpouring of Your divine grace;

so that heavenly children, conceived in holiness and reborn as new creatures;
may come forth from the spotless wôm̄b of thîs divine font.

And may all, regardless of race, age or sex;
be brought forth into the same saving birth by the môtherhööd of grace.

Therefore, O Lord, at Your command make every unclean spirits depart;
And may Satan and all his works and âll his wäys be banished.

May no power of the enemy remain here or lay snares;
Nor ensnare and surround us, nor secretly corûpt us wîth its poison.

Touch the water with the hands.

May this water be free from all the devil's assaults;
And purified by the remôval of âll his filth.

May it be a font of life, a water of new birth, a stream of purification;
so that all who are washed in this bath of salvation may obtain, through the working of the Holy Spirit in them;
the grâce of përfect cleansing.

Make sign of cross three times above the water.

Therefore I bless this water;
 by the living ✠ God;
 by the true ✠ God;
 by the holy ✠ God;
 who in the beginning separated it from the dry land, and whose Spîrit möved over it.

Sprinkle the water toward the four corners.

He made water flow from the fountain of paradise, and commanded it to water the whole earth with the four rivers;
 In the desert, He changed it from bitter to sweet so it was fit to drink;
 And caused it to gush forth from the rock to quênch the thirst öf His people.

And I bless this water by our Lord Jesus Christ, His only Son;
 Who by His power miraculously changed it into wine at Cana of Galilee;
 And who walked on its surface and was baptized in it at Jôrdan by John.

He also caused water to mingle with His blood, flowing from His side;
 And commanded His disciples to baptize believers with water;
 when He said, “Go, teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and öf the Höly Spîrit.”

Almighty God, mercifully hear us who keep Your command;
 Let Your gracious breath be upon us;
 With Your own Word and power bless this water;
 That as ordinary water cleanses the body, this blessed water may pûrify the soul.

Lower the Candle into the water.

May the power of the Holy Spirit descend into the waters of this font. *(three times)*
 And make this water fruitful fôr regêneration.

The Candle is removed.

In this font may the stain of all sin be washed away;
 may human nature created in Your likeness and recreated in Your glory, be cleansed from all the defilement of man;
 so that everyone who receives this Sacrament rebirth, may be born again as a chîld of gödly innocence;

Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord:
 who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one Göd, now and forever.

After the blessing of Baptismal waters, the basin is carried in procession to the font. At the same time, altar candles are lit.

When there are baptismal candidates, the Sacrament of Holy Baptism is administered.

HYMN + “THE DAY OF RESURRECTION”

The day of resurrection,
 Earth, tell it out abroad,
 The Passover of gladness,
 The Passover of God.
 From death to life eternal,
 From this world to the sky,
 Our Christ hath brought us over
 With hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil
 That we may see aright
 The Lord in rays eternal
 Of resurrection light

And, list’ning to His accents,
 May hear, so calm and plain,
 His own “All hail” and, hearing,
 May raise the victory strain.

Now let the heav’ns be joyful,
 Let earth her song begin,
 Let all the world keep triumph
 And all that is therein.
 Let all things, seen and unseen,
 Their notes of gladness blend;
 For Christ the Lord hath risen—
 Our Joy that hath no end.

The Mass

KYRIE ELEISON

The Celebrant solemnly intones the Kyrie Eleison.



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. *(three times)*



Chri - ste e - le - i - son. *(three times)*



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. *(two times)*



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. *(one time)*

The Gloria in Excelsis is sung.

The bells ring throughout the Gloria in Excelsis, and the organ is played.

COLLECT

O God, who on this most holy night *[day]* sent forth the glorious light of the Resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord:

We beseech You to preserve in all Your people the Spirit of adoption which You have given; so that, renewed both in body and soul, they may continually serve You in purity of heart, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit: one God, now and forever.

EPISTLE + COLOSSIANS 3.1-4

A reading from the epistle of blessed Paul the Apostle to the Colossians.

Brethren: If you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

The Word of the Lord.

ALLELUIA

The Celebrant chants the Alleluia.

-tone VIII



Al - le - lu - ia!

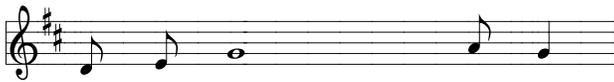
(repeated by the Cantor)

The Alleluia is sung a second, a step higher, and then repeated by the Cantor.

The Alleluia is sung a third, a step higher, and then repeated by the Cantor.

The Cantor chants the Verse.

TONE VIII

**Oh, give thanks to the Lord****for He is good:****For His mer-cy en-dures for - ev - er.****Oh, praise the Lord all you Gen-tiles:****Laud Him, all you peo-ples!****For His merciful kindness is great toward us:****And the truth of the Lord en-dures for-ev- er.**

HOLY GOSPEL + ST. MATTHEW 28.1-7

The Lord be with you.

The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

✠ Now after the Sabbath, as the first day of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it. His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead men. But the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you."

The Gospel of the Lord.

The Creed is omitted.

SECRETA

We beseech You, O Lord, mercifully to accept the prayers and oblations of Your people: that this Paschal mystery which has begun; may by Your grace be a wholesome medicine for us unto everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit: one God, now and forever.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

The Lord be with you.

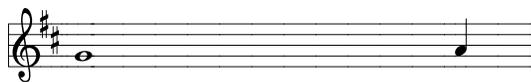
Let us pray.

We beseech You, O Lord:
pour into our hearts the love of Your Holy Spirit;
that as you have now satisfied us with this Paschal Sacrament, You would make us to continue
in all godly unity,
through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord;
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit:
one God, now and forever.

DISMISSAL

The Lord be with you.

The Deacon sings the Dismissal.



The Mass is ended. Go in peace.



Al- le- lu - ia! Al- le - lu - ia!

Or:



The Mass is end-ed. Go in peace.



Al- le- lu- ia! Al- le- lu- ia!

ADDENDUM

GOOD FRIDAY NOON PRAYER

Please KNEEL when the bell tolls six times.

THE COLLECT

Sung in monotone.

Almighty and everlasting God, who willed that Your Son should bear for us the pains of the cross so that You might remove from us the power of the Adversary; help us so to remember and give thanks for Our Lord's Passion, that we may obtain remission of sins and redemption from everlasting death, through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



A · men

Please BE SEATED.

THE HYMN

“JESUS, I WILL PONDER NOW”

Jesus, I will ponder now
On Thy holy Passion;
With Thy Spirit me endow
For such meditation.
Grant that I in love and faith
May the image cherish
Of Thy suff'ring, pain and death
That I may not perish.

Make me see Thy great distress,
Anguish, and affliction,
Bonds and stripes and wretchedness
And Thy crucifixion;
Make me see how scourge and rod,
Spear and nails, did wound Thee,
How for man Thou diedst, O God,
Who with thorns had crowned Thee.

Yet, O Lord, not thus alone
Make me see Thy Passion,
But its cause to me make known
And its termination.
Ah! I also and my sin
Wrought Thy deep affliction;
This indeed the cause hath been
Of Thy crucifixion.

Grant that I Thy Passion view
With repentant grieving
Nor Thee crucify anew
By unholy living.
Grant that I my trust in Thee
And Thy holy Passion.
If His Son so loveth me,

God must have compassion.

Please KNEEL.

THE PSALM + (ROMANS 8.32) PSALM 51

The Lord did not spare His own Son:

But delivered Him up for us all.

Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness;

According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,

And cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my transgressions,

And my sin is always before me.

Against You, You only, have I sinned, and done this evil in Your sight—

That You may be found just when You speak, and blameless when You judge.

Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,

And in sin my mother conceived me.

Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts,

And in the hidden part You will make me to know wisdom.

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;

Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Make me hear joy and gladness,

That the bones You have broken may rejoice.

Hide Your face from my sins,

And blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God,

And renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from Your presence,

And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,

And uphold me by Your generous Spirit.

Then I will teach transgressors Your ways,

And sinners shall be converted to You.

Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God, the God of my salvation,

And my tongue shall sing aloud of Your righteousness.

O Lord, open my lips,

And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.

For You do not desire sacrifice, or else I would give it;

You do not delight in burnt offering.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit,

A broken and a contrite heart—these, O God, You will not despise.

Do good in Your good pleasure to Zion;

Build the walls of Jerusalem.

Then You shall be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness,

With burnt offering and whole burnt offering;

Then they shall offer bulls on Your altar.

The Lord did not spare His own Son:

But delivered Him up for us all.

Please BE SEATED.

THE READING + ISAIAH 52.13-53.12

Behold, My Servant shall deal prudently;
He shall be exalted and extolled and be very high.
Just as many were astonished at you,
So His visage was marred more than any man,
And His form more than the sons of men;
So shall He sprinkle many nations.
Kings shall shut their mouths at Him;
For what had not been told them they shall see,
And what they had not heard they shall consider.
Who has believed our report?
And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?
For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant,
And as a root out of dry ground.
He has no form or comeliness;
And when we see Him,
There is no beauty that we should desire Him.
He is despised and rejected by men,
A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief.
And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him;
He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.
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 transgressions,
He was bruised for our iniquities;
The chastisement for our peace was upon Him,
And by 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;
He was led as a lamb to the slaughter,
And as a sheep before its shearers is silent,
So He opened not His mouth.
He was taken from prison and from judgment,
And who will declare His generation?
For He was cut off from the land of the living;
For the transgressions of My people He was stricken.
And they made His grave with the wicked—
But with the rich at His death,
Because He had done no violence,
Nor was any deceit in His mouth.
Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise Him;
He has put Him to grief.
When You make His soul an offering for sin,
He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days,
And the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in His hand.
He shall see the labor of His soul, and be satisfied.
By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many,
For He shall bear their iniquities.
Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great,
And He shall divide the spoil with the strong,

**Because He poured out His soul unto death,
And He was numbered with the transgressors,
And He bore the sin of many,
And made intercession for the transgressors.**

THE CHORAL MEDITATION

Please KNEEL for silent meditation throughout the vocal selection.

Please BE SEATED.

THE READING + ROMANS 5.6-11

Having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

THE HYMN

“LAMB OF GOD, PURE AND HOLY”

Lamb of God, pure and holy,
Who on the Cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly,
Thyself to scorn didst offer.
All sins Thou borest for us,
Else had despair reigned o'er us:
Have mercy on us,
O Jesus! O Jesus!

Lamb of God, pure and holy,
Who on the Cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly,
Thyself to scorn didst offer.
All sins Thou borest for us,
Else had despair reigned o'er us:
Have mercy on us,
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Lamb of God, pure and holy,
Who on the Cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly,
Thyself to scorn didst offer.
All sins Thou borest for us,
Else had despair reigned o'er us:
Thy peace be with us,
O Jesus! O Jesus!

Please KNEEL.

THE VERSICLE + PHILIPPIANS 2.8

Christ for our sake become obedient to death:

Even the death of the cross.

THE OUR FATHER

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.
 For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
 forever and ever. Amen

THE COLLECT

Merciful and everlasting God, who has not spared Your only Son, but delivered Him up for us all that He might bear our sins upon the cross; grant that our hearts may be so fixed with steadfast faith in Him, that we may not fear the power of any adversaries, through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

THE CHORAL MEDITATION

You may REMAIN KNEELING for silent meditation throughout the vocal selection.

AFTERNOON PRAYER

Please KNEEL when the bell tolls six times.

THE COLLECT

Sung in monotone.

Merciful God, heavenly Father, we give You most hearty thanks that You have removed from us the grievous burden of our sins and placed it upon Your dear Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ; and we humbly beseech You, govern us by Your Holy Spirit, that we may comfort ourselves with His suffering and death in the face of all temptations, diligently guard against sin and an evil conscience, and finally obtain eternal salvation, through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



A - men

Please BE SEATED.

THE HYMN

“UPON THE CROSS EXTENDED”

The Lutheran Hymnal # 171

Upon the cross extended,
 See, world, thy Lord suspended,
 Thy Savior yields His breath.
 The Prince of Life from heaven
 Himself hath freely given
 To shame and blows and bitter death.

I caused Thy grief and sighing
 By evils multiplying

As countless as the sands.
 I caused the woes unnumbered
 With which Thy soul is cumbered,
 Thy sorrows raised by wicked hands.

The load Thou takest on Thee,
 That pressed so sorely on me,
 It crushed me to the ground.
 The cross for me enduring,
 The crown for me securing,
 My healing in Thy wounds is found.

A crown of thorns Thou wearest,
 My shame and scorn Thou bearest,
 That I might ransomed be.
 My Bondsman, ever willing,
 My place with patience filling,
 From sin and guilt hast made me free.

Thy cross I'll place before me,
 Its saving power be o'er me,
 Wherever I may be;
 Thine innocence revealing,
 Thy love and mercy sealing,
 The pledge of truth and constancy.

Please KNEEL.

THE PSALM + PSALM 54

The Lord:

Is with those who uphold my life.

Save me, O God, by Your name,

And vindicate me by Your strength.

Hear my prayer, O God;

Give ear to the words of my mouth.

For strangers have risen up against me, and oppressors have sought after my life;

They have not set God before them.

Behold, God is my helper;

The Lord is with those who uphold my life.

He will repay my enemies for their evil.

Cut them off in Your truth.

I will freely sacrifice to You;

I will praise Your name, O Lord, for it is good.

For He has delivered me out of all trouble;

And my eye has seen its desire upon my enemies.

The Lord:

Is with those who uphold my life.

Please BE SEATED.

THE READING + LAMENTATIONS 3.1-18

I am the man who has seen affliction by the rod of His wrath.

He has led me and made me walk

In darkness and not in light.

Surely He has turned His hand against me

Time and time again throughout the day.

**He has aged my flesh and my skin,
 And broken my bones.
 He has besieged me
 And surrounded me with bitterness and woe.
 He has set me in dark places
 Like the dead of long ago.
 He has hedged me in so that I cannot get out;
 He has made my chain heavy.
 Even when I cry and shout,
 He shuts out my prayer.
 He has blocked my ways with hewn stone;
 He has made my paths crooked.
 He has been to me a bear lying in wait,
 Like a lion in ambush.
 He has turned aside my ways and torn me in pieces;
 He has made me desolate.
 He has bent His bow
 And set me up as a target for the arrow.
 He has caused the arrows of His quiver
 To pierce my loins.
 I have become the ridicule of all my people—
 Their taunting song all the day.
 He has filled me with bitterness,
 He has made me drink wormwood.
 He has also broken my teeth with gravel,
 And covered me with ashes.
 You have moved my soul far from peace;
 I have forgotten prosperity.
 And I said, “My strength and my hope
 Have perished from the Lord.”**

After the reading:

Jerusalem, Jerusalem:

Return to the Lord, your God.

Please KNEEL.

THE LITANY OF REPENTANCE

O Lord:

Have mercy upon us.

O Christ:

Have mercy upon us.

O Lord:

Have mercy upon us.

O Christ:

Hear us.

God the Father in heaven:

Have mercy upon us.

God the Son, Redeemer of the world:

Have mercy upon us.

God the Holy Spirit:

Have mercy upon us.

Holy Trinity, one God:

Have mercy upon us.

Incarnate Lord:

Have mercy upon us.

Lover of souls:

Have mercy upon us.

Savior of sinners:

Have mercy upon us.

Who came to seek those who were lost:

Have mercy upon us.

Who fasted for them forty days and nights:

Have mercy upon us.

By Your tenderness towards Adam when he fell:

Have mercy upon us.

By Your faithfulness to Noah in the ark:

Have mercy upon us.

By Your remembrance of Lot in the midst of sinners:

Have mercy upon us.

By Your mercy on the Israelites in the desert:

Have mercy upon us.

By Your forgiveness of David after his confession:

Have mercy upon us.

By Your long suffering toward the Ninevites when they covered themselves in sackcloth and ashes:

Have mercy upon us.

By Your blessing on the Maccabees, who fasted before the battle:

Have mercy upon us.

By Your choice of John to go before You as the preacher of repentance:

Have mercy upon us.

By Your gentleness with the woman of Samaria:

Have mercy upon us.

By Your condescension towards Zacchaeus persuading him to restitution:

Have mercy upon us.

By Your pity on the woman taken in adultery:

Have mercy upon us.

By Your love of Mary Magdalene who loved much:

Have mercy upon us.

By Your converting look, at which Peter wept:

Have mercy upon us.

By Your gracious words to the thief on the cross:

Have mercy upon us.

We poor sinners beseech You:

To hear us, good Lord.

That, having examined ourselves, we may cling to Your mercy:

We beseech You to hear us, good Lord.

That we may bring forth the fruits worthy of repentance:

We beseech You to hear us, good Lord.

That sin may not reign in our mortal bodies:

We beseech You to hear us, good Lord.

That we may work out our salvation with fear and trembling:

We beseech You to hear us, good Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God:

We beseech You to hear us.

O Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world:

Spare us, O Lord.

O Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world:

Graciously hear us, O Lord.

O Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world:

Have mercy upon us.

O Christ:

Hear us.

THE VERSICLE

O Lord, hear our prayer.

And let our cry come unto Thee.

THE COLLECT

Grant, we beseech You, O Lord, to Your faithful, pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve Your with a quiet mind, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

THE CHORAL MEDITATION

Please REMAIN KNEELING for silent meditation throughout the vocal selection.

Please BE SEATED after the Choral Meditation.

THE READING + LAMENTATIONS 3.19-33

Remember my affliction and roaming,

The wormwood and the gall.

My soul still remembers

And sinks within me.

This I recall to my mind,

Therefore I have hope.

Through the Lord's mercies we are not consumed,

Because His compassions fail not.

They are new every morning;

Great is Your faithfulness.

"The Lord is my portion," says my soul,

"Therefore I hope in Him!"

The Lord is good to those who wait for Him,

To the soul who seeks Him.

It is good that one should hope and wait quietly

For the salvation of the Lord.

It is good for a man to bear

The yoke in his youth.

Let him sit alone and keep silent,

Because God has laid it on him;

Let him put his mouth in the dust—

There may yet be hope.

Let him give his cheek to the one who strikes him,

And be full of reproach.

For the Lord will not cast off forever.

**Though He causes grief,
Yet He will show compassion
According to the multitude of His mercies.
For He does not afflict willingly,
Nor grieve the children of men.**

After the reading:

Jerusalem, Jerusalem:

Return to the Lord, your God.

Please KNEEL.

THE LITANY OF THE PASSION

O Lord:

Have mercy upon us.

O Christ:

Have mercy upon us.

O Lord:

Have mercy upon us.

God the Father in heaven:

Have mercy upon us.

God the Son, Redeemer of the world:

Have mercy upon us.

God the Holy Spirit:

Have mercy upon us.

O Holy Trinity, one God:

Have mercy upon us.

Jesus, Son of the living God:

Have mercy upon us.

From all evil:

Jesus, deliver us.

From sudden, unprepared or evil death:

Jesus, deliver us.

From the snares of the devil:

Jesus, deliver us.

From anger, hatred, or ill-will:

Jesus, deliver us.

From everlasting death:

Jesus, deliver us.

By the mystery of Your incarnation:

Jesus, deliver us.

By Your most holy life and conduct:

Jesus, deliver us.

By Your most bitter Passion and Death:

Jesus, deliver us.

By Your agony and bloody sweat:

Jesus, deliver us.

By Your thrice repeated prayer:

Jesus, deliver us.

By Your bonds and stripes:

Jesus, deliver us.

By Your sacred body buffeted and smitten:

Jesus, deliver us.

By the spitting upon Your adorable face:

Jesus, deliver us.

By the false judgment pronounced against You by Caiaphas:

Jesus, deliver us.

By Your being derided by Herod:

Jesus, deliver us.

By the shameful stripping off of Your garments:

Jesus, deliver us.

By the painful crown of thorns:

Jesus, deliver us.

By Your purple robe of mockery:

Jesus, deliver us.

By Your most unjust condemnation:

Jesus, deliver us.

By the bearing of Your own cross:

Jesus, deliver us.

By Your footprints traced in blood:

Jesus, deliver us.

By the tearing off of Your garments:

Jesus, deliver us.

By the cruel straining of Your sacred limbs:

Jesus, deliver us.

By Your dread crucifixion:

Jesus, deliver us.

By the upraising of Your cross:

Jesus, deliver us.

By the anguish which You suffered:

Jesus, deliver us.

By the insults which You endured:

Jesus, deliver us.

By Your prayers and tears:

Jesus, deliver us.

By the shedding of Your most precious blood:

Jesus, deliver us.

By Your patience and humility:

Jesus, deliver us.

By the love with which You loved us to the end:

Jesus, deliver us.

We poor sinners beseech You:

To hear us, O most loving Jesus

That being dead to sin, we may live unto righteousness:

We beseech You to hear us, O Jesus.

That we may not glory, save in the cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ:

We beseech You to hear us, O Jesus.

That we may take our cross daily and follow You:

We beseech You to hear us, O Jesus.

That Your blood may cleanse us from dead works to serve the living God:

We beseech You to hear us, O Jesus.

That looking to Your example, we may follow Your steps:

We beseech You to hear us, O Jesus.

That being partakers of Your sufferings, we may also share in Your glory:

We beseech You to hear us, O Jesus.

O Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world:

Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world:

Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world:

Grant us Your peace.

THE VERSICLE

We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You:

Because by Your holy cross and passion, You have redeemed the world.

THE COLLECT

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who at the sixth hour was lifted upon the cross for the redemption of the world, and shed Your blood for the remission of our sins; we humbly beseech You that, by the virtue and merits of Your most holy life, passion and death, You would grant us to enter into the gates of paradise with joy, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

THE CHORAL MEDITATION

Please REMAIN KNEELING for silent meditation throughout the vocal selection.

Please BE SEATED after the Choral Meditation.

THE READING + LAMENTATIONS 3.39-58

**Why should a living man complain,
A man for the punishment of his sins?
Let us search out and examine our ways,
And turn back to the Lord;
Let us lift our hearts and hands
To God in heaven.
We have transgressed and rebelled;
You have not pardoned.
You have covered Yourself with anger
And pursued us;
You have slain and not pitied.
You have covered Yourself with a cloud,
That prayer should not pass through.
You have made us an offscouring and refuse
In the midst of the peoples.
All our enemies
Have opened their mouths against us.
Fear and a snare have come upon us,
Desolation and destruction.
My eyes overflow with rivers of water**

For the destruction of the daughter of my people.
My eyes flow and do not cease,
Without interruption,
Till the Lord from heaven
Looks down and sees.
My eyes bring suffering to my soul
Because of all the daughters of my city.
My enemies without cause
Hunted me down like a bird.
They silenced my life in the pit
And threw stones at me.
The waters flowed over my head;
I said, "I am cut off!"
I called on Your name, O Lord,
From the lowest pit.
You have heard my voice:
"Do not hide Your ear
From my sighing, from my cry for help."
You drew near on the day I called on You,
And said, "Do not fear!"
O Lord, You have pleaded the case for my soul;
You have redeemed my life.

After the reading:

Jerusalem, Jerusalem:

Return to the Lord, your God.

Please KNEEL.

THE GREAT LITANY

O Lord:

Have mercy upon us.

O Christ:

Have mercy upon us.

O Lord:

Have mercy upon us.

O Christ:

Hear us.

God the Father in heaven:

Have mercy upon us.

God the Son, Redeemer of the world:

Have mercy upon us.

God the Holy Spirit:

Have mercy upon us.

Be gracious to us:

Spare us, good Lord.

Be gracious to us:

Help us, good Lord.

From all sin:

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all error:

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all evil:

Good Lord, deliver us.

From the crafts and assaults of the devil:

Good Lord, deliver us.

From sudden and evil death:

Good Lord, deliver us.

From pestilence and famine:

Good Lord, deliver us.

From war and bloodshed:

Good Lord, deliver us.

From sedition and rebellion:

Good Lord, deliver us.

From lightning and tempest:

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all calamity by fire and water:

Good Lord, deliver us.

And from everlasting death:

Good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of Your holy Incarnation:

Help us, good Lord.

By Your holy Nativity:

Help us, good Lord.

By Your baptism, fasting and temptation:

Help us, good Lord.

By Your agony and bloody sweat:

Help us, good Lord.

By Your cross and Passion:

Help us, good Lord.

By Your precious death and burial:

Help us, good Lord.

By Your glorious resurrection and ascension:

Help us, good Lord.

And by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter:

Help us, good Lord.

In all time of our tribulation:

Help us, good Lord.

In all time of our prosperity:

Help us, good Lord.

In the hour of death:

Help us, good Lord.

And in the Day of Judgment:

Help us, good Lord.

We poor sinners beseech You:

To hear us, O Lord.

To rule and govern Your holy catholic church:

We beseech You to hear us, good Lord.

To preserve all pastors and ministers of Your Church in the true knowledge and understanding

of Your wholesome Word and to sustain them in holy living:

We beseech You to hear us, good Lord.

To put an end to all schisms and causes of offense:

We beseech You to hear us, good Lord.

To bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived:

We beseech You to hear us, good Lord.

To beat down Satan under our feet:

We beseech You to hear us, good Lord.

To send faithful laborers into Your harvest:

We beseech You to hear us, good Lord.

To accompany Your Word with Your Spirit and grace:

We beseech You to hear us, good Lord.

To raise up those who fall and to strengthen those who stand:

We beseech You to hear us, good Lord.

And to comfort and help the weak-hearted and the distressed:

We beseech You to hear us, good Lord.

To give all nations peace and concord:

We beseech You to hear us, good Lord.

To preserve our country from all discord and contention:

We beseech You to hear us, good Lord.

To give our country protection in every time of need:

We beseech You to hear us, good Lord.

To direct and defend our President and all in authority:

We beseech You to hear us, good Lord.

And to bless and keep our magistrates and all our people:

We beseech You to hear us, good Lord.

To watch over and help all who are in danger, necessity and tribulation:

We beseech You to hear us, good Lord.

To protect all who travel by land, sea or air:

We beseech You to hear us, good Lord.

To protect all women with child, and all mothers with infant children:

We beseech You to hear us, good Lord.

To defend and provide for all fatherless children and widows:

We beseech You to hear us, good Lord.

To strengthen and keep all sick persons and young children:

We beseech You to hear us, good Lord.

To set free all who are innocently imprisoned:

We beseech You to hear us, good Lord.

And to have mercy on us all:

We beseech You to hear us, good Lord.

To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers and to turn their hearts:

We beseech You to hear us, good Lord.

To give and preserve to our use the fruits of the earth:

We beseech You to hear us, good Lord.

And graciously to hear our prayers:

We beseech You to hear us, good Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God:

We beseech You to hear us.

O Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world:

Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world:

Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world:

Grant us Your peace.

O Christ:

Hear us.

O Lord:

Have mercy upon us.

O Christ:

Have mercy upon us.

Lord have mercy upon us. Amen

THE VERSICLE + PSALM 103.10**O Lord, deal not with us according to our sins:**

Nor punish us according to our iniquities.

THE COLLECT

Spare us, O Lord, and mercifully forgive us our sins, that though by our continual transgressions we have merited Your punishments, be gracious to us and grant that all those evils which we have deserved may be turned from us and overruled to our everlasting good, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

THE CHORAL MEDITATION

You may REMAIN KNEELING for silent meditation throughout the vocal selection.

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THE READING + HEBREWS 4.14-5.9

Seeing that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

For every high priest taken from among men is appointed for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can have compassion on those who are ignorant and going astray, since he himself is also subject to weakness. Because of this he is required as for the people, so also for himself, to offer sacrifices for sins. And no man takes this honor to himself, but he who is called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not glorify Himself to become High Priest, but it was He who said to Him:

“You are My Son,

Today I have begotten You.”

As He also says in another place:

“You are a priest forever

According to the order of Melchizedek”;

who, in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly fear, though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him.

THE CHORAL MEDITATION

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THE HYMN**“O DARKEST WOE”**

O darkest woe!
Ye tears, forth flow!
Has earth so sad a wonder?
God the Father's only Son
Now in buried yonder.

O sorrow dread!
God's Son is dead!
But by His expiation
Of our guilt upon the cross
Gained for us salvation.

O sinful man!
It was the ban
Of death on thee that brought Him
Down to suffer for thy sins
And such woe hath wrought Him.

Lo, stained with blood,
The Lamb of God,
The Bridegroom, lies before thee,
Pouring out His life that He
May to life restore thee.

O Jesus blest,
My Help and Rest,
With tears I now entreat Thee:
Make me love Thee to the last,
Till in heaven I greet Thee.

Please KNEEL.

THE VERSICLE + PHILIPPIANS 2.8

Christ for our sake become obedient to death:

Even the death of the cross.

THE OUR FATHER

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.

**For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen**

THE ANIMA CHRISTI

Soul of Chirst:

Sanctify me.

Body of Christ:

Save me.

Blood of Christ:

Inebriate me.

Water from the side of Christ:

Wash me.

Passion of Christ:

Strengthen me.

O good Jesus:

Hear me.

Within Thy wounds:

Hide me.

Separated from Thee:

Let me never be.

From the malignant enemy:

Defend me.

At the hour of death:

Call me.

To come to Thee:

Bid me.

That with all Thy saints I may praise Thee:

Now and forever. Amen

THE COLLECT

O Righteous and Holy God, who manifested to us Your limitless love by not sparing Your own Son, but delivered Him up for us all; by the memory of His bitter death and by the awful mystery of His sorrows in the Garden and upon the cross, we humbly beseech You to have mercy upon us and upon all mankind, and to make known Your saving health among the nations, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

You may stay as long as you desire to meditate on Our Lord's Passion and Death.