

Good Friday

April 3, 2015

Please enter and be seated in silence.

Call to Worship

Leader: He was despised, the lowest of men, a man of sorrows, familiar with suffering,
People: **One from whom, as it were, we averted our gaze, despised,
for whom we had no regard.**

Leader: Yet ours were the sufferings he was bearing, ours the sorrows he was carrying,
People: **While we thought of him as someone being punished and struck with
affliction by God;**

Leader: Whereas he was being wounded for our rebellions, crushed because of our guilt;
People: **The punishment reconciling us fell on him, and we have been healed by his bruises.**

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God,
look with mercy on your family
for whom our Lord Jesus was willing to be betrayed
and to be given over to the hands of sinners
and to suffer death on the cross;
who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Gospel Reading

John 18 & 19

Reflection

What Are You Thinking Simon Peter?

Solemn Reproaches of the Cross

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

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

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

And we have prepared a cross for our Savior.

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

And we have prepared a cross for our Savior.

I gave you a royal scepter, and bestowed the keys to the kingdom, but you have given me a crown of thorns. I raised you on high with great power,

And we have prepared a cross for our Savior.

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

And we have prepared a cross for our Savior.

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

And we have prepared a cross for our Savior.

I grafted you into the tree of my chosen Israel, and you turned on them with persecution and mass murder. I made you joint heirs with them but you made them scapegoats for your own guilt,

And we have prepared a cross for our Savior.

I came to you as the least of your brothers and sisters; I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me,

And we have prepared a cross for our Savior.

**Holy God,
Holy and mighty,
Holy immortal One,
have mercy on us.**

All depart in silence.