

# Good Friday

March 25, 2016

*Please enter and be seated in silence.*

## Call to Worship

Leader: Steady us, O Lord, as we approach the terrible cross.

People: **Help us as we face this dark moment.**

Leader: Don't let us turn our gaze away too quickly.

People: **What was done here was done for us.**

## Litany for Good Friday

O crucified Jesus,  
Son of the Father,  
conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
eternal Word of God,  
**we worship you.**

O crucified Jesus,  
holy temple of God,  
dwelling place of the Most High,  
gate of heaven,  
burning flame of love,  
**we worship you.**

O crucified Jesus, sanctuary of justice and love,  
full of kindness,  
source of all faithfulness,  
**we worship you.**

O crucified Jesus,  
ruler of every heart,  
in you are all the treasures and wisdom and knowledge,  
in you dwells all the fullness of the Godhead,  
**we worship you.**

Jesus, Lamb of God,  
**have mercy on us.**

Jesus, bearer of our sins,  
**have mercy on us.**

Jesus, redeemer of the world,  
**grant us peace.**

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

Gospel Reading

John 18:1-19:42

Reflection

*At His Feet*

### **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.*