

# Good Friday

## Celebration of the Lord's Passion

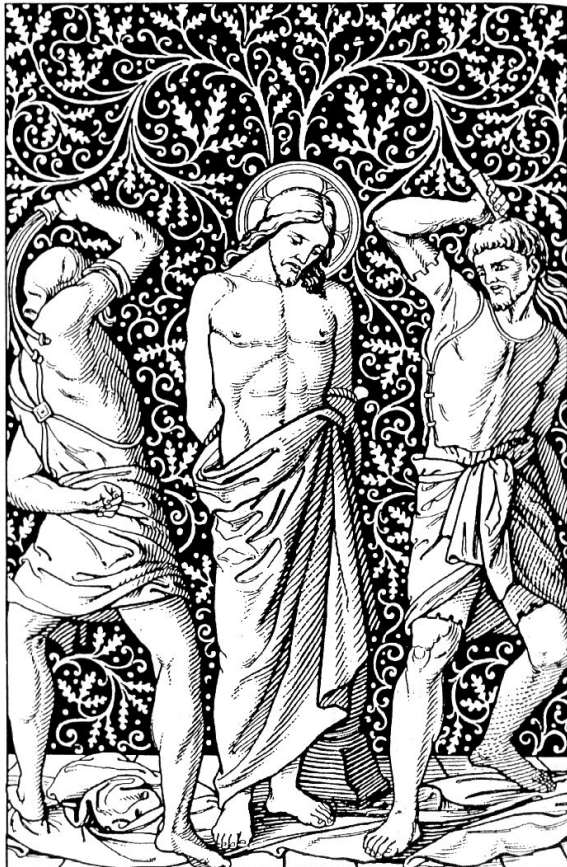
We call “good” this day when Our Lord loved us and gave himself up for us, redeeming us from sin and death. Thus, while the liturgical rites of the day are austere, they are marked by the triumphant sign of Christ's Cross, and they glow with the color of his Precious Blood. The crowds who gather for the Good Friday liturgy are not only assistants at the Passion, expressing the human emotion of grief and mourning, but *Christian* men and women whose gift of faith in the one Redeemer and Savior gives them confidence and hope. The death of the Lord Jesus breaks open the Mystery of the Trinity; the God who is Love revealed in the language and terms of a fallen world, that is, through rejection, pain and suffering. But at the heart of the Passion is the divine paradox: Death itself is put to death on this day which we call “good.”

*Ceremonies of the Liturgical Year, No. 218*

(The celebrant and ministers enter, all kneel and pray in silence.)

Prayer

*please stand*



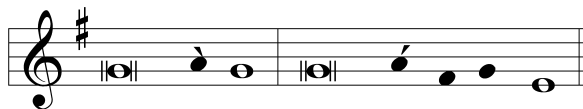
## Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Isaiah 52:13—53:12

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25



**Antiphon** (Cantor then congregation repeats)

Father, into **your** hands,  
I com-**mend** my spir-it.

*Left:* In you, O LORD, I take **re**-fuge;  
let me never **be** put to shame.  
In your justice, res-**cue** me.  
Into your hands I commend my spirit;  
you will redeem me, O LORD, **O** faith-ful God.

*Right:* For all my foes I am an object of **re**-proach,  
a laughing stock to my neighbors,  
and a **dread** to my friends;  
they who see me abroad flee **from** me.  
I am forgotten like the unremembered dead;  
I am like a dish **that** is bro-ken.

*Left:* But my trust is in you, **O** LORD;  
I say: “**You** are my God.  
In your hands is my destiny; res-**cue** me  
from the clutches of my enemies and  
my **per**-se-cu-tors.”

*Right:* Let your face shine on your **ser**-vant;  
save me **in** your kind-ness.  
Take courage and be stout-**heart**-ed,  
all you who **hope** in the LORD.

**Antiphon** (All Congregation)

Father, into **your** hands,  
I com-**mend** my spir-it.

Second Reading

Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

Gospel Acclamation



**R.** Praise to you, Lord Je-sus Christ, King of end-less glo-ry!

Gospel

John 18:1—19:42

*The text of the Passion begins on page 172 in the missalette.  
The congregation will please take the parts marked SS.*

Homily

The Solemn Intercessions

## Adoration of the Holy Cross

Priest: Behold the wood of the Cross,  
on which hung the salvation of the world.



Anthems

*O bone Jesu*

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

*Crucem tuam adoramus Domine*

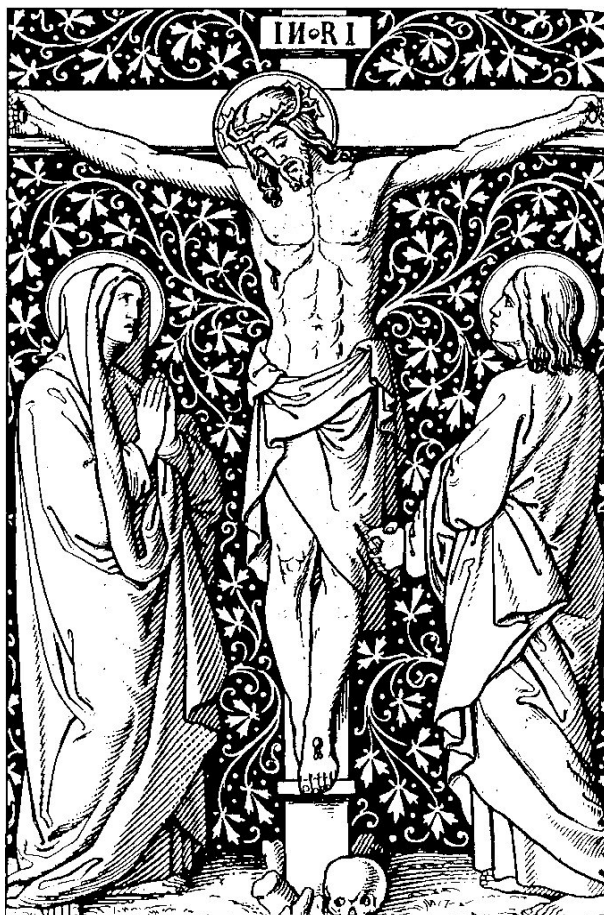
Psalm 66:2

*Hide not Thou Thy Face from Us*

Richard Farrant

*Reproches*

## Good Friday Collection for the Shrines of the Holy Land



# Holy Communion

Preparation of the Altar

Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Communion

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God,  
          behold him who takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**All:** *Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,  
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.*

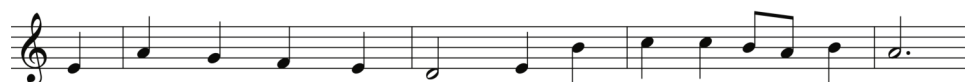
Communion Hymn

*O Sacred Head Surrounded*

PASSION CHORALE



1. O Sa - cred Head, sur - round - ed By crown of pierc - ing thorn!  
2. I see your strength and vig - or All fad - ing in the strife,  
3. In this, your bit - ter pas - sion, Good Shep - herd, think of me



O bleed - ing Head, so wound - ed, Re - viled and put to scorn!  
And death with cru - el rig - or, Be - reav - ing you of life;  
With your most sweet com - pas - sion, Un - worth - y though I be:



The pow'r of death comes o'er you, The glow of life de - cays,  
O ag - o - ny and dy - ing! O love to sin - ners free!  
Be - neath your cross a - bid - ing For ev - er would I rest,



Yet an - gel hosts a - dore you And trem - ble as they gaze.  
Je - sus, all grace sup - ply - ing, O turn your face on me.  
In your dear love con - fid - ing, And with your pres - ence blest.

Communion Meditation

*Adoramus te, Christe*

Prayer after Communion

Prayer over the People

Silent Exit

*You may spend some time in silent meditation.  
When you leave, please depart in silence.*