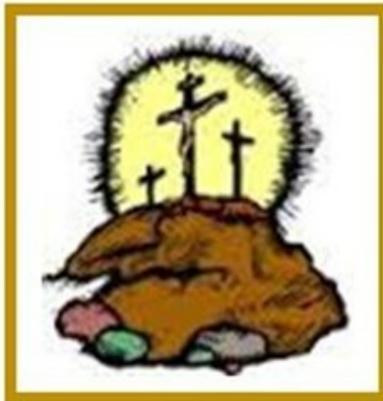


MORNING PRAYER

PASCHAL TRIDUUM



HOLY THURSDAY

Gathering Hymn: *WE HAVE BEEN TOLD #851*

Presider: O Lord, + open our lips.

All: And our mouths shall declare your praise.

Presider: Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit

All: As in the beginning, is now and ever will be. Amen!

Presider: Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead and ruler of the kings of the earth, has made us a royal priesthood to serve his God and Father.

PSALM 116

Left: I am filled with love for the Lord hears me;
the Lord bends to my voice whenever I call.

Right: Death had me in its grip, the grave's trap was set, grief held me fast.

I cried out for God, "Please, Lord, rescue me!"

Left: Kind and faithful is the Lord, gentle is our God. The Lord shelters the poor, raises me from the dust.
Rest once more my heart, for you know the Lord's love.

Right: God rescues me from death, wiping away my tears, steadying my feet.

I walk with the Lord in this land of the living.

Left: Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit

Right: As in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen!

(Period of Quiet Reflection)

All: PSALM 23 SHEPHERD ME, O GOD #423

(Period of Quiet Reflection)

Reading: ***Philippians 2: 5-11***

(Period of Quiet Reflection)

Benedictus (sheet music handout)

Prayer of the Faithful

Presider: In the name of Jesus, our salvation, life and resurrection, let us offer our prayers to God:

Reader: For the whole church of God, that it may grow in unity and servanthood, let us pray to the Lord...

All: Lord, hear our prayer

Reader: For the nations and peoples of the world, that Christ's peace and justice may reign forever, let us pray to the Lord...

All: Lord, hear our prayer

Reader: For those who serve the poor, the homeless, and the dying, that God will bless their work with joy, let us pray to the Lord...

All: Lord, hear our prayer

Reader: For the suffering and imprisoned, for the addicted and abused, that they may know the freedom of the cross, let us pray to the Lord...

All: Lord, hear our prayer

Reader: For the sick and those in pain, for the lonely and the forgotten, for the dying and all who mourn, that they may know the full extent of God's love for them. For whom shall we pray?
{pause} Let us pray to the Lord...

All: Lord, hear our prayer

Reader: For our deceased sisters and brothers, that they may live forever in the light of the Risen Christ. For whom shall we pray? {pause}

Let us pray to the Lord...

All: Lord, hear our prayer

Presider: O God, into your love we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray and now we turn to you with the words Jesus gave us.

All: **Our Father...**

Presider: God of new beginnings, hear the prayers we make before you. May we serve you by serving one another; may we give you thanks for Christ, our Passover bread, by becoming bread for one another; may we rejoice in these Easter mysteries by becoming light and healing for our broken world. We offer these prayers through Christ, our Lord and Redeemer.

All: **AMEN!**

Presider: May the Lord bless us, protect us from all evil and bring us to everlasting life.

All: **AMEN!**

Closing ***UBI CARITAS (sheet music handout)***

Hymn:

GOOD FRIDAY

Psalms 114-118 are traditionally called the Hallel (Praise) Psalms and are prayed during the Passover. Jesus, as a pious Jew, would more than likely have prayed these with his disciples at the last supper. We can imagine Jesus, walking with his disciples to the garden of Gethsemane singing these psalms that we are praying during these three days.



Gathering Hymn: WERE YOU THERE

Presider: O Lord, + open our lips.

All: And our mouths shall declare your praise.

Presider: Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit

All: As in the beginning, is now and ever will be. Amen!

Presider: Earthly kings rise up, in revolt; princes conspire together
against the Lord and his anointed.

PSALM 115

Left: Not to us Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory,
Because of your love, because of your truth.

Right: Why do the nations say, "Where is their God?"
Our God is in the heavens and answers to no one.

Left: Their gods are crafted by hand, mere silver and gold,
with mouths that are mute
And eyes that are blind, with ear that are deaf and noses
that cannot smell.

Right: Their hands cannot feel, their feet cannot walk, their
throats are silent.
Their makers, their worshipers will be just like them.

Left: Let Israel trust God, their help and shield. Let the house of Aaron trust God, their help and shield. Let all believers trust God, their help and shield.

Right: The Lord has remembered us and will bless us,
will bless the house of Israel,
will bless the house of Aaron.
God will bless all believers, the small and the great.

Left: May God bless you more and more, bless all your children.
May you be truly blessed by the maker of heaven and earth.

Right: To the Lord belong the heavens, to us the earth below! The dead sing no Hallelujah, nor do those in the silent ground.
But we will bless you, Lord, now and forever.

Left: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit

Right: As in the beginning, is now and ever will be. Amen

Matthew, in his account of the Passion, puts the first words of Psalm 22, “my God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” on the lips of Jesus as he hung on the cross. Scripture scholars agree that in doing this, Matthew wants his hearers to hear not only Jesus’ sense of abandonment but his absolute trust in his Father. This confidence and trust is echoed in the closing verses of the psalm.

(Refrain)

All: **MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?**

Left: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? You are far from my plea and the cry of my distress.

O my God, I call by day and you give no reply; I call by night and I find no peace.

(Refrain)

All: ***MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?***

Right: Yet you, O God, are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel. On you our ancestors put their trust; they trusted and you set them free.

When they cried to you, they escaped. In you they trusted and never in vain.

Refrain

Left: But I am a worm and no man, the butt of men, laughing stock of the people.

All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads.

“He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.”

Refrain

Right: Yes, it was you who took me from the womb, entrusted me to my mother’s breast.

To you I was committed from my birth, from my mother’s womb you have been my God.

Do not leave me alone in my distress; come close there is no one else to help me.

Refrain

Left: Like water I am poured out, disjointed are all my bones. My heart has become like wax, it is melted within my breast. Parched as burnt clay is my throat, My tongue cleaves to my jaws.

Refrain

Right: I will tell of your name to my people, and praise you where they are assembled.
“You who fear the Lord, give praise; all children of Jacob, give God glory. Revere him, Israel’s children.”

Refrain

Left: All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord, all families of the nations worship before God; for the kingdom is the Lord’s, God is ruler of the nations.
They shall worship God, all the mighty of the earth; before the Lord shall bow all who go down into the dust.

Refrain

Right: And my soul shall live for God, my children serve him. They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come, declare God’s faithfulness to peoples yet unborn: “These things the Lord has done.”

(Period of Quiet Reflection)

Reading:

Isaiah 52: 13-15

(Period of Quiet Reflection)

Benedictus (Luke 1:68-79)

- Left: Blest be the God of Israel who comes to set us free
 And raises up new hope for us; A branch for David's tree
 So have the prophets long declared that with a mighty arm
 God would turn back our enemies and all who wish us harm.
- Right: With promised mercy will God still the covenant recall,
 The oath once sworn to Abraham from foes to save us all;
 That we might worship without fear and offer lives of praise,
 In holiness and righteousness to serve God all our days.
- Left: My child, as prophet of the Lord you will prepare the way,
 To tell God's people they are saved from sin's eternal sway.
- Right: Then shall God's mercy from on high shine forth and never
 cease
 To drive away the gloom of death and lead us into peace.
- Left: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit
- Right: As in the beginning, is now and ever will be. Amen!

Prayer of the Faithful

- Presider: In the name of Jesus, our salvation, life and resurrection, let
 us offer our prayers to God: Our response will be, **Lord have
 mercy**
- Reader: Christ our teacher, for our sake you were obedient even to ac-
 cepting death... *R*

Reader: Christ our life, by your death on the cross you destroyed the power of evil and death... *R*

Reader: Christ our King, you became an outcast among us, a worm and no man... *R*

Reader: Christ our salvation, you gave yourself up to death out of love for us... *R*

Reader: Christ our Savior, on the cross you embraced all time with your outstretched arms... *R*

Presider: O God, into your love we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray. We now turn to you, praying the words Jesus gave us.

All: **Our Father...**

Presider: God of new beginnings, hear the prayers we make before you. May we serve you by serving one another; may we give you thanks for Christ, our Passover bread, by becoming bread for one another; may we rejoice in these Easter mysteries by becoming light and healing for our broken world. We offer these prayers through Christ, our Lord and Redeemer.

All: **AMEN!**

Presider: May the Lord bless us protect us from all evil and bring us to everlasting life.

All: **AMEN!**

HOLY SATURDAY

Gathering Hymn: ***JESUS REMEMBER ME #882***

Presider: O Lord, + open our lips.

All: And our mouths shall declare your praise.

Presider: Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit

All: As in the beginning, is now and ever will be. Amen!

Presider: Though sinless, the Lord has been put to death. The world is in mourning as for an only son.

All:: ***PSALM 139 O Lord I know you are near #894***

(Period of Quiet Reflection)

PSALM 103

Left: My soul, bless the Lord, bless God's holy name!
My soul, bless the Lord, hold dear all God's gifts!

Right: Bless God, who forgives your sin and heals every illness,
who snatches you from death and enfolds you with tender
care, who fills your life with richness and gives you an eagle's
strength.

Left: The Lord, who works justice and defends the oppressed,
teaches Moses and Israel divine ways and deeds.

Right: The Lord is tender and caring, slow to anger and rich in love.
God will not accuse us long, nor bring our sins to trial, nor exact from us in kind what our sins deserve.

Left: As high as heaven above earth, so great is God's love for believers. As far as east from west, so God removes our sins.

Right: As tender as father to child, so gentle is God to believers. The Lord knows how we are made, remembers we are dust.

Left: Our days pass by like grass, our prime like a flower in bloom. A wind comes, the flower goes, empty now its place.

Right: God's love is from all ages, God's justice beyond all time for believers of each generation: those who keep the covenant, who take care to live the law.

Reading: (Period of Quiet Reflection)

Job 19: 25-27

(Period of Quiet Reflection)

Benedictus (sheet music handout)

Prayer of the Faithful

Presider: In the name of Jesus, our salvation, life and resurrection, let us offer our prayers to God: Our response will be, **Lord hear us**

Reader For the whole church of God, that it may grow in unity and servanthood, let us pray to the Lord... *R*

Reader: For the nations and peoples of the world, that Christ's peace and justice may reign forever, let us pray to the Lord... *R*

Reader: For the sick and those in pain, for the lonely and the forgotten, for the dying and all who mourn, that they may know the full extent of God's love for them. For whom shall we pray? {pause}

Let us pray to the Lord... *R*

Reader: For our deceased sisters and brothers, that they may live forever in the light of the Risen Christ. For whom shall we pray? {pause} Let us pray to the Lord... *R*

Presider: O God, into your love we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray and now we turn to you with the words Jesus gave us.

All: **Our Father...**

Presider: Jesus, may all that is you flow into us.

May your body and blood be our food and drink. May your passion and death be our strength and life. Jesus, with you by our sides enough has been given.

May the shelter we seek be the shadow of your cross

Let us not run from the love which you offer.

But hold us safe from the forces of evil.

On each of our dyings shed your light and your love

Keep calling to us until that day comes.

When, with your saints, we may praise you forever.

All:

AMEN!

Presider:

May the Lord bless us

protect us from all evil

All:

and bring us to everlasting life.

AMEN!

