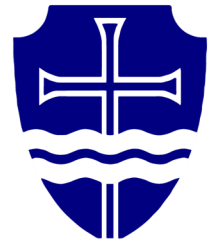




FRIDAY  
OF THE  
LORD'S PASSION



WELCOME VISITORS TO  
SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST  
CATHOLIC CHURCH,  
ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. PAUL  
AND MINNEAPOLIS



29 March 2024

GOOD FRIDAY  
SOLEMN LITURGY

**WELCOME!**

If you are a visitor to St. John's, we sincerely welcome you. For more information about the parish, to register, or to ask a question, visit our Welcome Desk in St. Paul Plaza. Monthly new parishioner registrations will take place after all Masses on the weekend of April 13-14 in the parish hall. Come and see what the parish has to offer you and your family.

Christ redeemed humankind and gave perfect glory to God chiefly through his paschal mystery: by dying he destroyed our death and by rising he restored our life. The Easter Triduum of the passion and resurrection of Christ is thus the culmination of the entire liturgical year. What Sunday is to the week, the solemnity of Easter is to the liturgical year.

The Easter Triduum begins with the evening Liturgy of the Lord's Supper, and reaches its high point in the Easter Vigil. The emphasis is on the Passion as a whole, therefore, Triduum, the three sacred days of Thursday, Friday, and Saturday - are seen as a continuous celebration - in which are commemorated the central events of Christianity. Each day of this Triduum needs the other two to complete the proclamation of the Saving Works of our Lord Jesus.

You are invited to celebrate this continuous Liturgy with the Assembly of Saint John the Baptist as our Lenten journey comes to a close, and our Easter Celebration of the Great Fifty-days commences with the Paschal Triduum of Jesus the Christ.

*As the ministers enter in silence, all STAND.  
Then all KNEEL as the presider prostrates himself before the unadorned Altar.  
All pray in silence, praising God for Him who willingly suffered  
that we might have new life.  
Then all RISE for the Opening Prayer.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 52: 13—53:12

See, my servant shall prosper,  
    he shall be raised high and greatly exalted.  
Even as many were amazed at him--  
    so marred was his look beyond human semblance  
    and his appearance beyond that of the sons of man--  
    so shall he startle many nations,  
    because of him kings shall stand speechless;  
    for those who have not been told shall see,  
    those who have not heard shall ponder it.

Who would believe what we have heard?  
To whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?  
He grew up like a sapling before him,  
    like a shoot from the parched earth;  
    there was in him no stately bearing to make us look at him,  
    nor appearance that would attract us to him.

He was spurned and avoided by people,  
    a man of suffering, accustomed to infirmity,  
    one of those from whom people hide their faces,  
    spurned, and we held him in no esteem.

Yet it was our infirmities that he bore, our sufferings that he endured,  
    while we thought of him as stricken,  
    as one smitten by God and afflicted.

But he was pierced for our offenses, crushed for our sins,  
    upon him was the chastisement that makes us whole,  
    by his stripes we were healed.

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We had all gone astray like sheep, each following his own way;  
but the Lord laid upon him the guilt of us all.

Though he was harshly treated, he submitted  
and opened not his mouth, like a lamb led to the slaughter  
or a sheep before the shearers,  
he was silent and opened not his mouth.

Oppressed and condemned, he was taken away,  
and who would have thought any more of his destiny?

When he was cut off from the land of the living,  
and smitten for the sin of his people,  
a grave was assigned him among the wicked  
and a burial place with evildoers, though he had done no wrong  
nor spoken any falsehood.

But the Lord was pleased to crush him in infirmity.

If he gives his life as an offering for sin,  
he shall see his descendants in a long life,  
and the will of the Lord shall be accomplished through him.

Because of his affliction he shall see the light in fullness of days;  
through his suffering, my servant shall justify many,  
and their guilt he shall bear.

Therefore I will give him his portion among the great,  
and he shall divide the spoils with the mighty,  
because he surrendered himself to death  
and was counted among the wicked,  
and he shall take away the sins of many,  
and win pardon for their offenses.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

*All:* Thanks be to God.

*A period of silence follows the reading.*

# P SALM 31



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In, you, O Lord, I take refuge;  
let me never be put to shame.  
In your justice rescue me.  
Into your hands I commend my spirit;  
you will redeem me, O Lord, O faithful God.

For all my foes I am an object of reproach,  
a laughingstock 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 broken.

But my trust is in you, O Lord;  
I say, "You are my God."  
In your hands is my destiny;  
Rescue me from the clutches of my enemies and my persecutors.

Let your face shine upon your servant;  
Save me in your kindness.  
Take courage and be stouthearted,  
All you who hope in the Lord.



EPISTLE: Hebrews 4: 14-16. 5: 7-9

Brothers and sisters:

Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens,  
Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession.  
For we do not have a high priest  
who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses,  
but one who has similarly been tested in every way, yet without sin.  
So let us confidently approach the throne of grace  
to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help.  
In the days when Christ was in the flesh,  
he offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears  
to the one who was able to save him from death,  
and he was heard because of his reverence.  
Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered,  
and when he was made perfect,  
he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

*Lector: The Word of the Lord.*

*All: Thanks be to God.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Philippians 2: 8-9

*(Stand)*



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Christ became obedient to the point of death, Even death on a cross.  
Because of this, God greatly exalted him  
And bestowed on him the name which is above every other name.

*Be seated immediately after the Acclamation is sung,  
for the proclamation of the Passion -*

**Hymnal Number 1146**

*Kneel after these words -  
"And bowing his head, he handed over the spirit."  
Stand for the conclusion of the Passion -  
"Now since it was preparation day..."  
The Passion will be sung by three chanters alone.*

HOMILY

# THE SOLEMN INTERCESSIONS

For Holy Church

For the Pope

For all orders and degrees of the faithful

For catechumens

For the unity of Christians

For the Jewish people

For those who do not believe in Christ

For those who do not believe in God

For those in public office

For those in tribulation

COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND *(Be seated)*

## ANTHEMS

Komm, Süßer Tod (Come, Sweet Death)  
by J.S. Bach (sung in German)

Come, sweet death, come blessed rest!  
Come lead me to peace  
For I am weary of the world,  
Oh come! I wait for you,  
Come soon and lead me,  
Close my eyes.  
Come, blessed rest!

*Ubi Caritas* by Maurice Durufle

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who come in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

# THE ADORATION AND SHOWING OF THE HOLY CROSS

*At the sound of the clapper, all stand—*

Behold the wood of the Cross,  
on which hung the salvation of the world.  
Come, let us adore.

*Chanter intones each time, then all respond.*



## THE VENERATION OF THE CROSS

*Please form two lines in the Central Aisle.  
When possible, two people should venerate the cross at the same time.*

For this veneration of the Cross:

You may *remove your shoes*  
as Moses removed his shoes before the burning bush.

You may *bow low*,  
as David bowed in the presence of the Ark of the Covenant.

You may *kiss*  
the outstretched arms of the Cross, as Mary kissed her Son.



HYMN: Were You There?



1. Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you  
 2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you  
 3. Were you there when they pierced him in the side? Were you



there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? O! \_\_\_\_\_  
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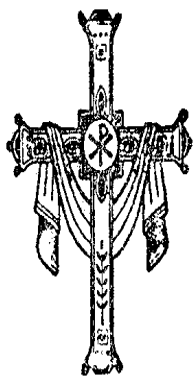


Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble,  
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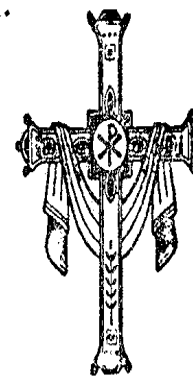


Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?  
 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

During the Veneration of the Cross,  
 the schola sings the venerable "Popule Meus"  
 alternating between, English, Greek and Latin.



My people, what have I done to you?  
 How have I offended you? Answer me!



Agios o Theos—Sanctus Deus  
 Agios Ischyros—Holy is God  
 Sanctus fortis—Holy and strong!

Hagios Athanatos, eleison imas—Holy and Immortal One,  
 have mercy on us.

# ANTHEMS

## Crux Fidelis by Robert Lehman

*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!*

## Crucifixus by Andrea Gabrielli

*He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate,  
He died and was buried.*

## VESTING OF THE CROSS—Faithful Cross O Tree Of Beauty

*The people standing*

Faith - ful cross, O tree of beau - ty,  
Cross of pain trans - formed to glad - ness,  
Christ - ians, chant your grate - ful prais - es

Tree of E - den, tree di - vine! Not a grove on  
Ev - er green and shel - ter'ing tree, Sym - bol once of  
For the tree of tri - umph won, Proof of o - ver -

earth can show us Leaf and flow'r and fruit so fine.  
shame and bond - age, Now the sign that we are free!  
flow - ing mer - cy, And re - demp - tion in the Son.

Bear - er of our Sa - vior's bod - y,  
Cross of splen - dor, cross of glo - ry,  
To the cross of Christ give glo - ry

Tree of life, sal - va - tion's sign!  
Cross of love's great vic - to - ry!  
While the end - less a - ges run! A - men.

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## THE RITE OF HOLY COMMUNION

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*Behold the Lamb of God...*

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

### COMMUNIO: PSALM 22

*My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?*

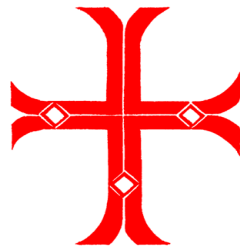
### ANTHEM

#### Miserere Mei, Deus

by Gregorio Allegri (Sung in Latin)

*Have mercy upon me, O God: after Thy great goodness.  
According to the multitude of Thy mercies, do away mine offences.  
Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness: and cleanse me from my sin.  
For I acknowledge my faults: and my sin is ever before me.*

*For Thou desirest no sacrifice, else would I give it Thee:  
but Thou delightest not in burnt-offerings.  
The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit:  
a broken and contrite heart, O God, shalt Thou not despise.  
O be favourable and gracious unto Sion: build Thou the walls of Jerusalem.  
Then shalt Thou be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness,  
with the burnt-offerings and oblations:  
then shall they offer young bullocks upon Thine altar.*



## COMMUNION HYMN OF PRAISE: O Sacred Head Surrounded



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  
4. But death too is my end - ing; In that dread hour of need,



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:  
My friend - less cause be - friend - ing, Lord, to my re - scue speed:



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,  
Your - self, O Je - sus, trace me, Right pas - sage to the grave,



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.  
And from your cross em - brace me, With arms out - stretched to save.

## PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

## ALL DEPART IN SILENCE

Please join us this  
Evening for **Tenebrae:**

**A Service of Darkness and Shadows**

At 8:00 pm.

