

THE SOLEMN INTERCESSIONS

*The people may either kneel or stand throughout  
the entire period of the prayers.*

*After the conclusion of each petition -  
“Through Christ our Lord”, **all respond, “Amen.”***

ADORATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

*The Deacon processes with the cross through the church  
and elevates the cross three times.*

*At each elevation, the deacon chants:  
**Behold the wood of the Cross**  
*And the people respond:*  
**Come, let us adore.***

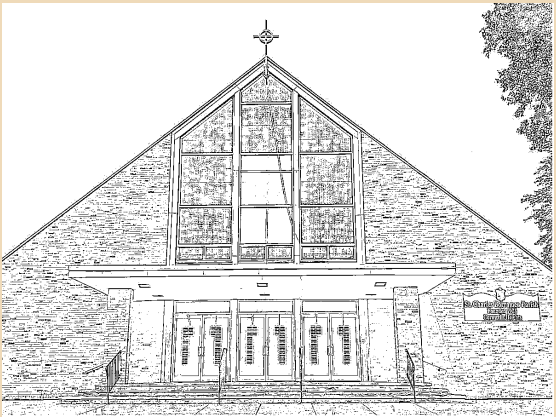
*After each response, all kneel for a brief moment adore in silence,  
while the Deacon stands and holds the Cross raised.*

*All approach in procession through the center aisle  
for individual adoration of the Cross.*

COMMUNION

O Sacred Head, Surrounded    PASSION CHORALE

1. O Sacred Head, surrounded by crown of piercing thorn!  
O bleeding Head, so wounded, reviled and put to scorn!  
The pow’r of death comes o’er you, the glow of life decays,  
Yet angel hosts adore you, and tremble as they gaze.
2. In this, your bitter passion, good Shepherd, think of me  
With your most kind compassion, unworthy though I be:  
Beneath your cross abiding, forever would I rest,  
In your dear love confiding, and with your presence blest.
3. What language shall I borrow to thank you, dearest friend,  
For this, your dying sorrow, your mercy without end?  
Lord, make me yours forever, a loyal servant true,  
And let me never, never outlive my love for you.



THE CELEBRATION OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD  
GOOD FRIDAY  
MARCH - 29 - 2024

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## FIRST READING

### 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.  
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.

The word of the Lord.   **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

### PSALM 31: FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (GOOD FRIDAY), ALL YEARS



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1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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”
4. Let your face shine upon your servant; Save me in your kindness.  
Take courage and be stouthearted, all you who hope in the Lord.

## SECOND READING

### 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.

The word of the Lord.   **Thanks be to God**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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.

## GOSPEL

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 18:1–19:42



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