

GOOD FRIDAY

Evening Prayer

O God come to our aid.

O Lord make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

Hymn

The royal banners forward go,
The Cross shines forth in radiant glow;
Where he, the Life, did death endure,
And yet by death did life procure.

His feet and hands outstretching there,
He willed the piercing nails to bear,
For us and our redemption's sake
A victim of himself to make.

There whilst he hung, his sacred side
By soldier's spear was opened wide,
To cleanse us in the precious flood
Of water mingled with his blood.

Fulfilled is now what David told
In true prophetic song of old,
To all the nations, 'Lo,' said he,
'Our God is reigning from the tree.'

Blest Three in One, our praise we sing
To thee from whom all graces spring:
As by the cross thou dost restore,
So rule and guide us evermore.

Antiphon: Look, all you peoples, and see my grief.

Psalm 115 (116B)

I trusted, even when I said:
'I am sorely afflicted,'
and when I said in my alarm:
'No man can be trusted.'

How can I repay the Lord
for his goodness to me?
The cup of salvation I will raise;
I will call on the Lord's name.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people.
O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful.

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds.
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make;
I will call on the Lord's name.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.

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and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,
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world without end.

Amen.

Antiphon: Look, all you peoples, and see my grief.

Antiphon 2: My spirit fails; my heart is numb within me.

Psalm 142 (143)

Lord, listen to my prayer:
turn your ear to my appeal.

You are faithful, you are just; give answer.
Do not call your servant to judgement
for no one is just in your sight.

The enemy pursues my soul;
he has crushed my life to the ground;
he has made me dwell in darkness
like the dead, long forgotten.
Therefore my spirit fails;
my heart is numb within me.

I remember the days that are past:
I ponder all your works.
I muse on what your hand has wrought
and to you I stretch out my hands.
Like a parched land my soul thirsts for you.

Lord, make haste and answer;
for my spirit fails within me.
Do not hide your face
lest I become like those in the grave.

In the morning let me know your love
for I put my trust in you.
Make me know the way I should walk:
to you I lift up my soul.

Rescue me, Lord, from my enemies;
I have fled to you for refuge.
Teach me to do your will
for you, O Lord, are my God.
Let your good spirit guide me
in ways that are level and smooth.

For your name's sake, Lord, save my life;
in your justice save my soul from distress.

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and to the Holy Spirit,
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world without end.

Amen.

Antiphon: My spirit fails; my heart is numb within me.

Antiphon 3: After Jesus had taken the vinegar he said, 'It is accomplished';
and bowing his head he gave up his spirit.

Canticle

Philippians 2

Though he was in the form of God,
Jesus did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped.

He emptied himself,
taking the form of a servant,
being born in the likeness of men.

And being found in human form,
he humbled himself and became obedient unto death,
even death on a cross.

Therefore God has highly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name which is above every name,

That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

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and to the Holy Spirit,
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world without end.
Amen.

Antiphon: After Jesus had taken the vinegar he said, 'It is accomplished';
and bowing his head he gave up his spirit.

Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed.

Short Responsory

Christ humbled himself for us and, in obedience, accepted death, even death on a cross

Magnificat

Antiphon: When we were still God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son.

My soul glorifies the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.
He looks on his servant in her lowliness;
henceforth all ages will call me blessed.

The Almighty works marvels for me.
Holy his name!
His mercy is from age to age,
on those who fear him.

He puts forth his arm in strength
and scatters the proud-hearted.
He casts the mighty from their thrones
and raises the lowly.

He fills the starving with good things,
sends the rich away empty.

He protects Israel, his servant,
remembering his mercy,
the mercy promised to our fathers,
to Abraham and his sons for ever.

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Amen.

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through the death of his Son.**

Intercessions:

As we recall Christ's saving death, let us pray to God the Father.

Through the death of your Son, Lord hear us.

Lord, unite your Church throughout the world.

Through the death of your Son, Lord hear us.

Keep Pope N. in your loving care.

Through the death of your Son, Lord hear us.

Sanctify by your Spirit the entire people of God.

Through the death of your Son, Lord hear us.

Deepen the faith and understanding of those preparing for baptism.

Through the death of your Son, Lord hear us.

Gather all Christians into unity.

Through the death of your Son, Lord hear us.

Bring the Jewish people to the fullness of redemption.

Through the death of your Son, Lord hear us.

Shed your light on those who do not believe in Christ.

Through the death of your Son, Lord hear us.

Show the signs of your love to those who deny your existence.

Through the death of your Son, Lord hear us.

Guide the minds and hearts of governments and rulers.

Through the death of your Son, Lord hear us.

Comfort those who live in sorrow.

Through the death of your Son, Lord hear us.

Grant to the dead eternal rest.

Through the death of your Son, Lord hear us.

Our Father

Concluding Prayer

Be mindful, Lord, of this your family,
for whose sake our Lord Jesus Christ, when betrayed,
did not hesitate to yield himself into his enemies' hands
and undergo the agony of the cross.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
(one) God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Dismissal

May the Lord bless us and keep us from all evil and bring us to everlasting life.

Amen

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.