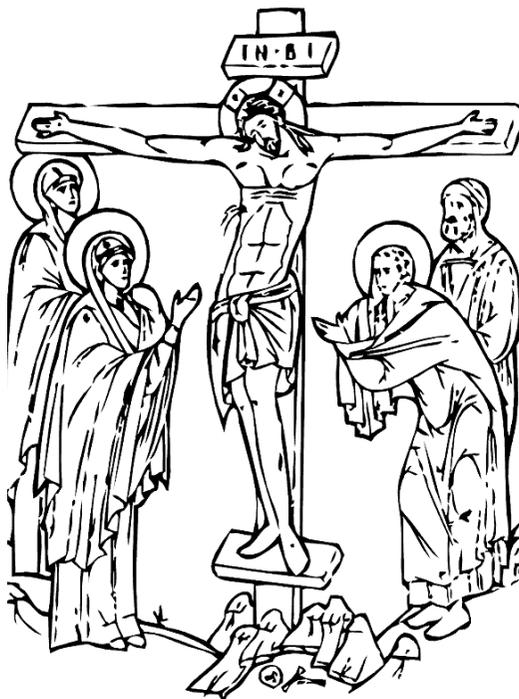


**FRIDAY OF THE  
PASSION OF THE LORD**



**GOOD FRIDAY**

**ST ALBAN & ST STEPHEN**

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**2021**

At the beginning of today's liturgy the ministers process to the altar in silence. When the priest prostrates himself on the floor everyone kneels.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### **First Reading** Isaiah 52:13-53:12

See, my servant will prosper, he shall be lifted up, exalted, rise to great heights. As the crowds were appalled on seeing him—so disfigured did he look that he seemed no longer human—so will crowds be astonished at him, and kings stand speechless before him; for they shall see something never told and witness something never heard before: 'Who could believe what we have heard, and to whom has the power of the Lord been revealed?'

Like a sapling he grew up in front of us, like a root in arid ground. Without beauty, without majesty (we saw him), no looks to attract our eyes; a thing despised and we took no account of him.

And yet ours were the sufferings he bore, ours the sorrows he carried. But we, we thought of him as someone punished, struck by God, and brought low. Yet he was pierced through for our faults, crushed for our sins. On him lies a punishment that brings us peace, and through his wounds we are healed. We had all gone astray like sheep, each taking his own way, and the Lord burdened him with sins of all of us. Harshly dealt with, he bore it humbly, he never opened his mouth, like a lamb that is led to the slaughter-house, like a sheep that is dumb before its shearers never opening its mouth.

By force and by law he was taken; would anyone plead his cause? Yes, he was torn away from the land of the living; for our faults struck down in death. They gave him a grave with the wicked, a tomb with the rich, though he had done no wrong and there had been no perjury in his mouth. The Lord has been pleased to crush him with suffering. If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life and through him what the Lord wishes will be done.

His soul's anguish over he shall see the light and be content. By his sufferings shall my servant justify many, taking their faults on himself.

Hence I will grant whole hordes for his tribute, he shall divide the spoil with the mighty, for surrendering himself to death and letting himself be taken for a sinner, while he was bearing the faults of many and praying all the time for sinners.

## Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 30)

R/Father, into your hands I commend my spirit

In you, O Lord, I take refuge.  
Let me never be put to shame.  
In your justice, set me free.  
Into your hands I commend my Spirit.  
It is you who will redeem me, Lord.

In the face of all my foes  
I am a reproach,  
An object of scorn to my neighbours  
And of fear to my friends.

Those who see me in the street  
Run far away from me.  
I am like a dead man, forgotten in men's hearts,  
Like a thing thrown away.

But as for me, I trust in you, Lord,  
I say: 'You are my God'.  
My life is in your hands, deliver me  
From the hands of those who hate me.

Let your face shine on your servant.  
Save me in your love.  
Be strong, let your heart take courage,  
All who hope in the Lord.

**Second Reading** Hebrews (4:14-16,5: 7-9)

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help.

During his life on earth, he offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Christ was humbler yet,

even to accepting death, death on a cross.

but God raised him high

and gave him the name which is above all names.

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

**The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ**

John 18: 1-19, 42

**Homily**

## **The Solemn Intercessions**

The General Intercessions are read. Each intercession is introduced by the deacon. This is followed by a period of silent prayer which is concluded by the priest. There are ten solemn intercessions in all; for the Church, the Pope, the clergy and laity, those preparing for baptism, the unity of Christians, the Jewish people, those who do not believe in Christ, those who do not believe in God, those in public office and those in special need.

### **THE SHOWING OF THE HOLY CROSS**

Priest        Behold the Wood of the Cross  
All            Come, let us adore

### **THE ADORATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**

After the priest has revered the Cross he will hold it high for everyone to make their own act of reverence. Remaining in your place you are invited to bow or genuflect towards the Cross. After a period of silence the cantor will sing When I survey the wondrous Cross.



After the veneration of the Cross the Blessed Sacrament is brought to the altar for the communion rite. After the priest has received Holy Communion he will say the closing prayer and prayer over the people. Communion is then distributed. After you have received Holy Communion please make your way out of the church.. During the reception the cantor will sing.

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

*The traditional collection in support of the Christian Community in the Holy Land will be taken as people leave.*

### **Holy Saturday Services**

**8:00pm** Easter Vigil

### **Easter Sunday Masses**

**9:30am, 11:30am & 7:00pm**