

**FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
GOOD FRIDAY 2025
ST ALBAN & ST STEPHEN**

*Please kneel in silent when the clergy prostrate themselves on the floor.
Please stand when the priest goes to the chair for the Opening Prayer.*

Opening Prayer

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Liturgy of the Word begins on p.204 of the 'Parish Mass Book'.

Homily

THE SOLEMN INTERCESSIONS

*Each intercession is introduced by the deacon, is followed by a period of
silent prayer and concludes with a prayer said by the priest.*

THE SHOWING OF THE HOLY CROSS

*The Cross is processed through the Church. The responsory is sung three times.
After responding 'Come, let us adore!' please kneel in adoration, standing as
the procession towards the altar resumes.*

Deacon Behold the Wood of the Cross,
on which hung the salvation of the world.

All **Come, let us adore!**

THE ADORATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

The ministers now reverence the Cross as the Reproaches are sung

I

Answer me! What have I done to you?

How have I offended you, my people? (x2)

1. I led you from slavery to freedom,
but you led your Saviour to the Cross.

2. I led you in a pillar of cloud,
but you led your saviour to Pilate's court.

3. I gave you a royal sceptre,
but you gave to me a crown of thorns.

4. I bore you up with manna in the desert,
but you struck me down and scourged me.

5. I gave you saving water from the rock, *What more could I have done for you,*
but you gave me gall and vinegar. *what could I have done for you my people?*

6. I opened the sea before you, *Holy is God! Holy and strong!*
but you opened my side with a spear. *Holy Immortal One, have mercy.*

7. I raised you to the height of majesty,
but you raised me high on a cross.

Once the ministers have revered the Cross it is placed on the altar for all to adore

II

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Were you there when God raised him from the tomb?
Were you there when God raised him from the tomb?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when God raised him from the tomb?

HOLY COMMUNION

Mass is not celebrated on Good Friday, but Holy Communion is distributed.

This is my body, broken for you,
bringing you wholeness, making you free.
Take it and eat it, and when you do,
do it in love for me.

This is my blood poured out for you,
bringing forgiveness, making you free.
Take it and drink it, and when you do,
do it in love for me.

Back to my Father soon I shall go.
Do not forget me; then you will see
I am still with you, and you will know
you're very close to me.

Filled with my Spirit, how you will grow!
You are my branches; I am the tree.
If you are faithful, others will know
you are alive in me.

Love one another – I have loved you,
and I have shown you how to be free;
serve one another, and when you do,
do it in love for me.

II

Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise,
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.

O loving wisdom of our God!
When all was sin and shame,
a second Adam to the fight,
and to the rescue came.

O wisest love! That flesh and blood
which did in Adam fail,
should strive afresh against the foe,
should strive and should prevail.

And that a higher gift than grace
should flesh and blood refine,
God's presence and his very self,
and Essence all divine.

O generous love! That he who smote
in man for man the foe,
the double agony in man
for man should undergo;

And in the garden secretly
and on the Cross on high,
should teach his brethren, and inspire
to suffer and to die.

Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise,
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.

Prayer Over the People

Following the Prayer over the People the ministers leave the church in silence. You are invited forward to reverence the Cross by kissing the Cross or by genuflecting to the Cross. Please approach the Cross via the centre aisle and leave via the side aisles. As people leave the customary collection in support of the Christian community in the Holy Land will be taken at the door.

Our celebration of the Easter Triduum continues

Holy Saturday

8:30pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday

8:00am Mass	St Alban & St Stephen
8:30am Mass	St John Fisher School, Marshalswick)
9:30am Mass	St Bartholomew
10:00am Mass	St Alban & St Stephen
11:30am Mass	St Bartholomew
12:00am Mass	St Alban & St Stephen

There is no 6pm Mass on Easter Sunday

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