

Good Friday
and
Stations of the Cross
7:00pm
April 10, 2020

On this day the ministers enter in silence. All then kneel for silent prayer. p. 565

The Officiant rises and may say

All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned every one to his own way,

People **And the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.**

The Officiant says

Let us pray.

Almighty God, we beseech you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Reader A reading from the Book of Genesis (22:1-18)

¹After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ²He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." ³So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. ⁴On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. ⁵Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." ⁶And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. ⁷And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" ⁸Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together. ⁹When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. ¹¹But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ¹²He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." ¹³And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided." ¹⁵And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven ¹⁶and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your off- spring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your

offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies,¹⁸ and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.” (ESV)

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 22:1-11

¹My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

* Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?

²O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer,

* and by night, but I find no rest.

³Yet you are holy,

* enthroned on the praises of Israel.

⁴In you our fathers trusted;

* they trusted, and you delivered them.

⁵To you they cried and were rescued;

* in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

⁶But I am a worm and not a man,

* scorned by mankind and despised by the people.

⁷All who see me mock me;

* they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;

⁸“He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him;

* let him rescue him, for he delights in him!”

⁹Yet you are he who took me from the womb;

* you made me trust you at my mother's breasts.

¹⁰On you was I cast from my birth,

* and from my mother's womb you have been my God.¹¹ Be not far from me, for trouble is near,

* and there is none to help. (ESV)

The Sermon follows.

THE SERMON...The Very Rev. Dr. Herb Hand

THE SOLEMN COLLECTS p. 566

All standing, the Officiant says

Dear People of God: Our heavenly Father sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved; that all who believe in him might be delivered from the power of sin and death, and become heirs with him of everlasting life.

We pray, therefore, for people everywhere according to their needs.

The biddings may be read by a Deacon or other person appointed. The Officiant says the Collects. The people may be directed to stand or kneel.

Let us pray for the holy Church throughout the world: that the Lord our God may preserve her in unity, peace, and safety, bringing into divination subjection all powers and principalities; and that he may grant us to dwell in such peace and tranquility that we may show forth the glory of God.

Silence

Almighty Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church. Fill it with all truth, in all truth with all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son our Savior. **Amen.**

Let us pray for Frank, our Assisting Bishop and for Foley, our Archbishop: that the Lord our God, who has appointed them to this office, may preserve them in health and safety for the governance of God's holy people.

Silence

Almighty and everlasting God, whose judgment upholds all things both in heaven and on earth: as you have appointed these your servants to be our bishops, so also defend them by your mercy against all adversities; that we, acknowledging you as the great Shepherd and Overseer of our souls, may so prosper by their care that we may bring forth the fruit of righteousness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons; and for all God's holy People.

Silence

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Let us pray for Donald our *President*, and for all in Civil Authority; that they, knowing whose ministers they are, may above all things seek God's honor and glory: and that we, remembering whose authority they bear, may faithfully and obediently honor them in accordance with your holy Word.

Silence

Almighty God, whose kingdom is everlasting and whose power is infinite: We commend our nation to your merciful care, that being guided by your Providence, we may dwell secure in your peace. Grant to our *President*, and to all in authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do your will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness; and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve this people in your fear; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for those who are preparing for Holy Baptism: that the Lord our God may open their hearts to his grace and mercy; that by the washing of regeneration they may obtain the remission of all their sins, and be found faithful servants of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Silence

Almighty and everlasting God, you multiply your Church in every generation: Grant the gifts of faith and understanding to those being instructed in your holy Word; that being washed in the waters of baptism, they may be born again and numbered among your adopted children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray to God the Father Almighty, that he would cleanse the world from all evil; deliver it from pestilence and famine; set free those who are in captivity; restore the sick to health; and bring those who travel to a haven of safety.

Silence

Gracious God, the comfort of all who sorrow, the strength of all who suffer: Let the cry of those in misery and need come to you, that they may find your mercy present with them in all their afflictions; and give us, we pray, the strength to serve them for the sake of him who suffered for us, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for all who are in heresy or schism: that the Lord our God may deliver them from all false doctrines, and restore them to the faith and unity of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

Silence

O God of truth and love, who desires not the death of sinners but rather that they should turn from their wickedness and live: Look with mercy on those who are deceived by the lies of the world, the flesh, and the devil; that the hearts of those who have gone astray may be restored to wisdom and return to the way of truth in the unity of your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for the Jewish people: that the Lord our God may look graciously upon them and that they may come to full knowledge of Jesus as Messiah and Lord of all.

Silence

Almighty and everlasting God, you established your covenant with Abraham and his seed: Hear the prayers of your Church, that the chosen people through whom you brought salvation to the world may also share in the fullness of redemption, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for all those who do not believe in Christ, that the light of the Holy Spirit may fill them and bring them into the way of salvation.

Silence

Merciful God, creator of all the peoples of the earth and lover of souls: Have compassion on all who do not know you as you are revealed in your Son Jesus Christ; let your Gospel be preached with grace and power to those who have not heard it; turn the hearts of those who resist it; and bring home to your fold those who have gone astray; that there may be one flock under one Shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us commit ourselves to our God, and pray for the grace of a holy life, that, with all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to God alone, we may be accounted worthy to enter into the fullness of the joy of our Lord, and receive the crown of life in the day of resurrection.

Silence

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Appropriate devotions may follow, which may include any or all of the following. If desired, the liturgy may end here with the singing of a hymn or anthem, the Lord's Prayer, and the concluding prayer.

The following or other suitable anthems may be said.

ANTHEM 2 p. 574

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,
because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

If we have died with him, we shall also live with him;
if we endure, we shall also reign with him.
**We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,
because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

The hymn "Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle," or some other hymn extolling the glory of the cross, may then be sung.

In the absence of a bishop or priest, all that precedes may be led by a deacon or lay reader.

The Celebrant then says

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray: p. 576

Celebrant and People together pray

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

CONCLUDING PRAYER p. 577

The service always concludes with the following prayer. No blessing or dismissal is added.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, we pray you to set your passion, cross, and death between your judgment and our souls, now and in the hour of our death. Give mercy and grace to the living; peace and rest to the dead; to your holy Church unity and concord; and to us sinners everlasting life and glory; for with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Stations of the Cross...Our Good Friday worship concludes with the Stations of the Cross.

At the conclusion of the Stations of the Cross, please depart in silence.