

Who is Jesus? Suffering Servant



The tools of his suffering: nails and crown of thorns

Tuesday of Holy Week: Holy Communion

The Gathering

Hymn

The president may say
In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

The Greeting

The president greets the people

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.
Words of welcome or introduction may be said.

Prayer of Preparation

All **Almighty God,**
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Prayers of Penitence

Summary of the Law

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:
The first commandment is this:
'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your mind,
and with all your strength.'
The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'
There is no other commandment greater than these.
On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

All **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

Invitation to confession

[Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden,
and I will give you rest.]

God shows his love for us

in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Let us then show our love for him

by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

cf Romans 5.8

All **Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.**

The president says

Almighty God,

who forgives all who truly repent,

have mercy upon *you*,

pardon and deliver *you* from all *your* sins,

confirm and strengthen *you* in all goodness,

and keep *you* in life eternal;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,

who in your tender love towards the human race

sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ

to take upon him our flesh

and to suffer death upon the cross:

grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility,

and also be made partakers of his resurrection;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,

who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Readings

First Reading

Isaiah 49.1-7

Listen to me, you islands; hear this, you distant nations:

Before I was born the LORD called me;

from my birth he has made mention of my name.

He made my mouth like a sharpened sword,

in the shadow of his hand he hid me;

he made me into a polished arrow and concealed me in his quiver.

He said to me, "You are my servant,

Israel, in whom I will display my splendour."

But I said, "I have laboured to no purpose;

I have spent my strength in vain and for nothing.

Yet what is due to me is in the LORD'S hand,

and my reward is with my God."

And now the LORD says –

he who formed me in the womb to be his servant

to bring Jacob back to him and gather Israel to himself,

for I am honoured in the eyes of the LORD

and my God has been my strength –

he says: "It is too small a thing for you to be my servant

to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I

have kept.

I will also make you a light for the Gentiles,

that you may bring my salvation to the ends of the earth."

This is what the LORD says – the Redeemer and Holy One of
Israel –

to him who was despised and abhorred by the nation,

to the servant of rulers:

"Kings will see you and rise up, princes will see and bow down,
because of the LORD, who is faithful,

the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 71.1-14

- 1 In you, O Lord, do I seek refuge; ♦
let me never be put to shame.
- 2 In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; ♦
incline your ear to me and save me.
- 3 Be for me a stronghold to which I may ever resort; ♦
send out to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.
- 4 Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, ♦
from the grasp of the evildoer and the oppressor.
- 5 For you are my hope, O Lord God, ♦
my confidence, even from my youth.
- 6 Upon you have I leaned from my birth,
when you drew me from my mother's womb; ♦
my praise shall be always of you.
- 7 I have become a portent to many, ♦
but you are my refuge and my strength.
- 8 Let my mouth be full of your praise ♦
and your glory all the day long.
- 9 Do not cast me away in the time of old age; ♦
forsake me not when my strength fails.
- 10 For my enemies are talking against me, ♦
and those who lie in wait for my life take counsel together.
- 11 They say, 'God has forsaken him;
pursue him and take him; ♦
because there is none to deliver him.'
- 12 O God, be not far from me; ♦
come quickly to help me, O my God.
- 13 Let those who are against me
be put to shame and disgrace; ♦
let those who seek to do me evil
be covered with scorn and reproach.
- 14 But as for me I will hope continually ♦
and will praise you more and more.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1.18-31

The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written:

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise;
the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.”

Where is the wise man? Where is the scholar? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. Jews demand miraculous signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than man's wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than man's strength.

Brothers, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things – and the things that are not – to nullify the things that are, so that no-one may boast before him. It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God – that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption.

Therefore, as it is written: “Let him who boasts boast in the Lord.”

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

Hymn or song

Gospel Reading

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Christ humbled himself and became obedient unto death,
even death on a cross.

Therefore God has highly exalted him

and given him the name that is above every name.

All

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

When the Gospel is announced the reader says
Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.
Glory to you, O Lord.

All

John 12.20-36

²⁰Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

²⁷'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say – "Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' ³⁰Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die. ³⁴The crowd answered him, 'We have heard from the law that the Messiah remains for ever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?' ³⁵Jesus said to them, 'The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you. If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going. ³⁶While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light.' After Jesus had said this, he departed and hid from them.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

All

Sermon

The president says

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The Creed

All

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and
glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.**

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

All

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

And at the end
Merciful Father,
All **accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Once we were far off,
but now in union with Christ Jesus we have been brought near
through the shedding of Christ's blood,
for he is our peace.

cf Ephesians 2.13

All The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Preparation of the Table

Taking of the Bread and Wine

Hymn

*The gifts of the people may be gathered and presented.
The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.
The president takes the bread and wine.*

The Eucharistic Prayer

The president says
The Lord be with you
All **and also with you.**
Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

The president praises God for his mighty acts and all respond
All **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**[Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.]**

*The president recalls the Last Supper,
These words of response are used
This is his/our story.*

All **This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

[Jesus Christ is Lord:]
**Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

and the Prayer ends
All **Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

All **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

*We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.*

All **Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Giving of Communion

The president says the invitation to communion

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ

which he gave for you,

and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink

in remembrance that he died for you,

and feed on him in your hearts

by faith with thanksgiving.

All

We do not presume

to come to this your table, merciful Lord,

trusting in our own righteousness,

but in your manifold and great mercies.

We are not worthy

so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.

But you are the same Lord

whose nature is always to have mercy.

Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,

so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ

and to drink his blood,

that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body

and our souls washed through his most precious blood,

and that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us.

Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

All

Almighty God,

we thank you for feeding us

with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Through him we offer you our souls and bodies

to be a living sacrifice.

Send us out

in the power of your Spirit

to live and work

to your praise and glory.

Amen.

The Dismissal

Hymn

Blessing

Christ crucified draw you to himself,
to find in him a sure ground for faith,
a firm support for hope,
and the assurance of sins forgiven;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

A minister says

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

The ministers and people depart.

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