Liturgy for Good Friday

On this day the ministers enter in silence.

All then stand or kneel for silent prayer.

The Officiant stands and says,

Blessed be our God,

People For ever and ever. Amen.

Officiant The Lord be with you. Let us pray.

Officiant Almighty God, we pray 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

Reading from the Hebrew Scripture

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

After the reading, the lector says,

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 668



Words: The Psalms of David in Meeter, 1650, alt.; st. 4, F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984); para. of Psalm 121. St. 4, Copyright © The Church Pension Fund. Music: Burford, from A Book of Psalmody, 1718.

A Reading from the Early Church

Hebrews 10:16-25

After the reading, the lector says,

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 171



Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854). Music: Petra, Richard Redhead (1820-1901).

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

The congregation sits for the reading of the Passion. One verse of Hymn 172, 'Were You There' (words below) is sung during pauses in the reading of the Gospel. All stand at the portion of the Gospel which mentions the arrival at Golgotha.

Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (*sing 2 times*) 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? (*sing 2 times*) Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
- Were you there when they pierced him in the side? (sing 2 times) Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
- Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? (sing 2 times)
 Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Homily

Hymn 158



Words: Johann Heermann (1585-1647); tr. Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930), alt. Music: Herzliebster Jesu, Johann Cruger (1598-1662), alt.

Solemn Bidding & Collects

Book of Common Prayer, 277-280

There will be a period of silence in between the intercessions and the biddings. You may stand, sit or kneel for the prayers.

The liturgy continues with the veneration of the cross. All stand

Entrance & Veneration of the Cross

As the cross is borne into the church, the presider stops three times and chants:

Behold the wood of the Cross on which was hung the world's salvation.

People: Come, let us adore him.

When the cross is placed in front of the church, the congregation may offer appropriate devotions or remain seated.

Following the veneration of the Cross, all stand for the

Litany of the Cross

Presider We glory in your cross, O Lord,

People and praise and glorify your holy resurrection;

for by virtue of your cross

joy has come to the whole world.

Presider May God be merciful to us and bless us,

show us the light of his countenance, and come to us.

People Let your ways be known upon earth,

your saving health among all nations.

Presider Let the peoples praise you, O God;

Let all the peoples praise you.

People We glory in your cross, O Lord,

and praise and glorify your holy resurrection;

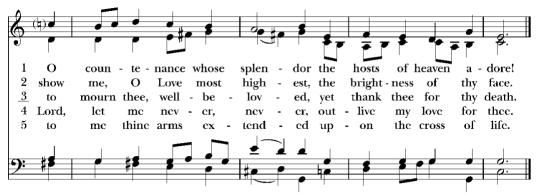
for by virtue of your cross

joy has come to the whole world.

All stand to sing the hymn.

Hymn 168





Words: Paul Gerhardt (1607-1676); sts. 1-3, 5, tr. Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930); st. 4, tr. James Waddell Alexander (1804-1859), alt. Music: Herzlich tut mich verlangen [Passion Chorale], Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612); adapt. And harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

The Lord's Prayer

Closing Prayer

The ministers and the people leave in silence. On this day there is no blessing or dismissal.

Participants This Evening

Lay Assistant - Greg Lesch; Readers - Brian Morgan, Annamarie Pluhar; Passion Readers - Elizabeth Freese, Craig Irvine, Joyce Vining Morgan, Alex O'Clare; Celebrant and Preacher - The Reverend Mary D. Lindquist