



Seven Towers Benefice

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Good
Friday



¶ The Gathering

The ministers enter in silence.

All stand and the president says the Collect

Eternal God,
in the cross of Jesus
we see the cost of our sin
and the depth of your love:
in humble hope and fear
may we place at his feet
all that we have and all that we are,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

¶ The Liturgy of the Word

Please sit

A reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah.

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Silence is kept.

Psalm 22.1-11

1. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?
Why are you so far away when I groan for help?
2. Every day I call to you, my God, but you do not
answer. Every night I lift my voice, but I find no
relief.

3 Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.
4 Our ancestors trusted in you, and you rescued
them.
5 They cried out to you and were saved.
They trusted in you and were never disgraced.
6 But I am a worm and not a man.
I am scorned and despised by all!
7 Everyone who sees me mocks me.
They sneer and shake their heads, saying,
8 “Is this the one who relies on the Lord?
Then let the Lord save him! If the Lord loves him so
much, let the Lord rescue him!”
9 Yet you brought me safely from my mother’s womb
and led me to trust you at my mother’s breast.
10 I was thrust into your arms at my birth. You have
been my God from the moment I was born.
11 Do not stay so far from me, for trouble is near,
and no one else can help me.

New Testament Reading

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Silence is kept.

The Passion Reading

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

At the end

This is the Passion of the Lord.

No response is made. Silence is kept.

¶ The Proclamation of the Cross

A wooden cross may be brought into the church and placed in the sight of the people.

The cross of Christ.

**All The cross on which the Saviour of the world
was hung.**

Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by?
Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow
which was brought upon me, which the Lord
inflicted on the day of his fierce anger.

**All Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.**

O my people, O my Church, what have I done to
you, or in what have I offended you? Testify against
me. I led you forth from the land of Egypt,
and delivered you by the waters of baptism, but you
have prepared a cross for your Saviour.

**All Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.**

I led you through the desert forty years,
and fed you with manna.
I brought you through tribulation and penitence, and
gave you my body, the bread of heaven,
but you prepared a cross for your Saviour.

**All Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.**

What more could I have done for you
that I have not done?

I planted you, my chosen and fairest vineyard,
I made you the branches of my vine; but when I
was thirsty, you gave me vinegar to drink, and
pierced with a spear the side of your Saviour.

**All Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.**

I went before you in a pillar of cloud,
and you have led me to the judgement hall of
Pilate. I scourged your enemies and brought you
to a land of freedom, but you have scourged,
mocked and beaten me. I gave you the water of
salvation from the rock, but you have given me gall
and left me to thirst.

**All Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.**

I gave you a royal sceptre,
and bestowed the keys of the kingdom,
but you have given me a crown of thorns.
I raised you on high with great power,
but you have hanged me on the cross.

**All Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.**

My peace I gave, which the world cannot give,
and washed your feet as a sign of my love,
but you draw the sword to strike in my name,
and seek high places in my kingdom.
I offered you my body and blood,
but you scatter and deny and abandon me.

**All Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.**

I sent the Spirit of truth to guide you,
and you close your hearts to the Counsellor.
I pray that all may be one in the Father and me, but
you continue to quarrel and divide.
I call you to go and bring forth fruit,
but you cast lots for my clothing.

**All Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.**

I came to you as the least of your brothers and
sisters; I was hungry and you gave me no food,
I was thirsty and you gave me no drink,
I was a stranger and you did not welcome me,
naked and you did not clothe me,
sick and in prison and you did not visit me.

All Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.

Acclamations

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

This is the wood of the cross,
on which hung the Saviour of the world.
All Come, let us worship.

O Saviour of the world,
who by your cross and precious blood have
redeemed us,
All save us and help us, we humbly pray.

¶ The Prayers of Intercession

Bidding and response

Lord, in your mercy
All Hear our prayer.

Standing at the foot of the cross,
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**

¶ The Conclusion

Silence is kept.

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of your Son
Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross
we may triumph in the power of his victory;
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 Gospel of the Burial of Christ

The wooden cross is carried out.

The ministers and people depart in silence.