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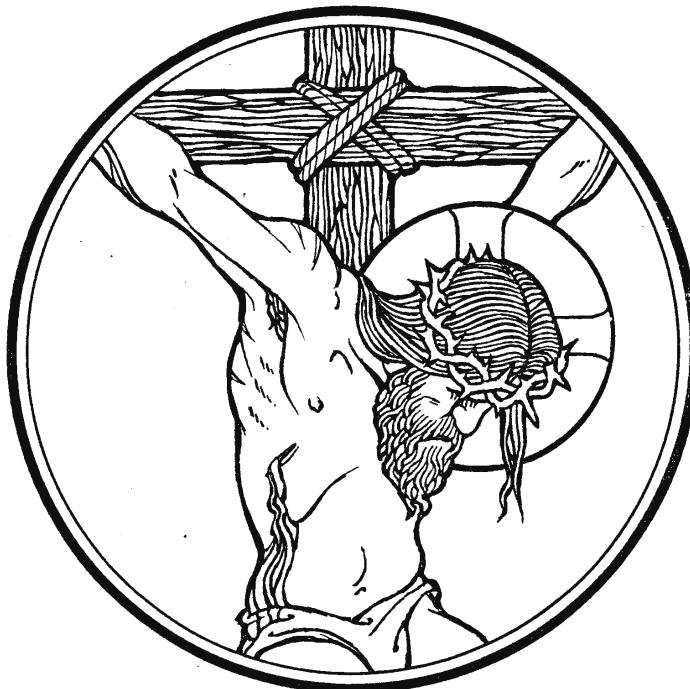
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*Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed Him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.
Isaiah 53:4*

The services from the evening of Maundy Thursday to Easter Sunday form one continuous liturgy historically known as the "Triduum" (the "three days"). Therefore, just as we had no benediction on Maundy Thursday to end the service, our Good Friday worship has no entrance rite nor benediction.

Collect of the Day

Let us pray: Almighty God, graciously behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12 (ESV)

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Collect

Let us pray: Merciful and everlasting God, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all to bear our sins on the cross. Grant that our hearts may be so fixed with steadfast faith in Him that we fear not the power of sin, death, and the devil; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C. Amen.

Psalm 130

Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9 (ESV)

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Collect

Let us pray: Almighty and everlasting God, You willed that Your Son should bear for us the pains of the cross and so remove from us the power of the adversary. Help us so to remember and give thanks for our Lord's passion that we may receive forgiveness of sin and redemption from everlasting death; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ

Hymn # 440, st. 1	
St. John 18:1-11	(Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus)
Hymn # 450, st. 1	
St. John 18:12-27	(Jesus before the High Priest and the Denial of Peter)
Hymn # 450, st. 2	
St. John 18:28-40	(Jesus before Pilate)
Hymn # 450, st. 3	
St. John 19:1-16a	(Jesus Prepared for Crucifixion)
Hymn # 450, st. 4	
St. John 19:16b-24	(The Crucifixion of Jesus)
Hymn # 450, st. 5	
St. John 19:25-30	(Jesus' Mother and His Death)
Hymn # 450, st. 6	
St. John 19:31-42	(Jesus' Side Is Pierced)
Hymn # 450, st. 7	

Sermon Divine Forgetfulness

Our Offerings to our Faithful God

The Lord's Prayer

P: Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the whole world.

C: Oh, come, let us worship him.

P: Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the whole world.

C: O, come, let us worship him.

P: Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the whole world.

C: Oh, come, let us worship him.

P: Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O my people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer me. For I have raised you up out of the prison house of sin and death, and you have delivered up your Redeemer to be scourged. For I have redeemed you from the house of bondage, and you have nailed your Savior to the cross. O my people.

C: Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, leave us not to bitter death.

O Lord, have mercy.

P: Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O my people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer me. For I have conquered all your foes and you have given me over and delivered me to those who persecute me. For I have fed you with my Word and refreshed you with living water, and you have given me gall and vinegar to drink. O my people.

C: Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, allow us not to lose hope in the face of death and hell.

O Lord, have mercy.

P: Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O my people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer me. What more could have been done for my vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad? My people, is this how you thank your God? O my people.

C: Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, keep us steadfast in the true faith.

O Lord, have mercy.

P: We implore You, O Lord, that Your abundant blessing may be upon Your people who have held the passion and death of Your Son in devout remembrance, that we may receive Your pardon and the gift of Your comfort, and may increase in faith and take hold of eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Hymn # 429

The pastor and congregation depart in silence.