

# Good Friday

Order of Service for April 10, 2020

## PASTOR ENTERS IN SILENCE

## PRAYER FOR GOOD FRIDAY

P: Let us pray. God Most Holy, look with mercy on this your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, be given over into the hands of the wicked, and suffer death upon the cross. Keep us always faithful to him, our only Savior, who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## THE WORD

**John 18:1-19:42 – The History of Our Lord’s Suffering and Death** *(A brief moment of silence will be observed at the words telling of Jesus’ death – John 19:30).*

**HYMN 345 CW “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”**

## MEDITATION

**HYMN 105 CW “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”**

## BIDDING PRAYER

P: Let us pray for the whole Church, that our gracious Father would defend her from the devil and keep her faithful to her Lord.

**C: Almighty and everlasting God, you have revealed your saving name to the world through Jesus Christ our Lord. Protect us from the assaults of the evil one, and help us remain faithful to your Word so that, in every adversity, we may stand firm in our faith and give ourselves full to our Savior’s work, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: Let us pray for our earthly government, our rulers, and all who are in authority.

**C: Almighty and everlasting God, you have established earthly government to keep a measure of order in this dying world and to protect us from the disorder of sin. Give to all rulers the wisdom to govern well and to all citizens the desire to obey them, so that we may live peaceful lives in all godliness and holiness, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: Let us pray that our gracious Father would protect us and our communities from the many earthly calamities that threaten us.

**C: Almighty and everlasting God, on all sides we are surrounded by danger from wars and famine, from disease and pestilence, with the devil begrudging us every minute of our lives. Protect us from**

**all these miseries so that your name may still be glorified in them and so that we may safely pass through them to your heavenly kingdom, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: Let us pray for those who are outside the Church, that they may come to know the one, true God and Jesus Christ whom he has sent.

**C: Almighty and everlasting God, your Son was lifted up on the cross so that he might draw all people to himself. Through the proclamation of your Word, mercifully gather from the nations a people that are your very own, that we may join together around your throne in glory to praise and thank you forever, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: Let us pray for all who suffer under cross and trial.

**C: Almighty and everlasting God, you sent your Son into the world to bear our grief and to carry our sorrows. Help those who are suffering for your name's sake and who are struggling against temptation so that they may not be overwhelmed with sadness but find relief in your grace, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask in the words he himself has taught us.

**C: 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 forever. Amen.**

### **MEDITATION ON THE CROSS OF CHRIST**

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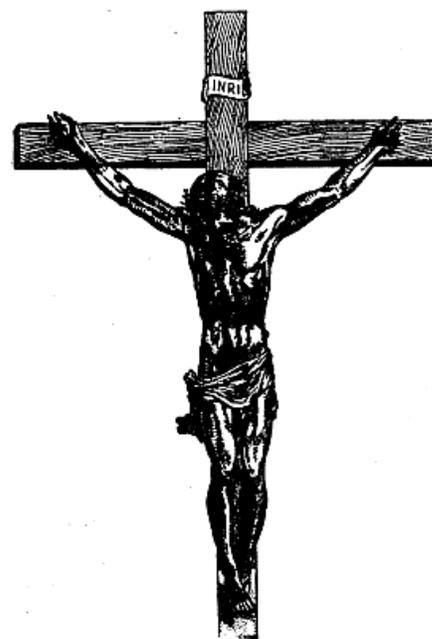
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*Silence for Meditation*

P: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

**C: By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**



**CLOSING HYMN 125 CW "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"**