

P Let us pray for those in need.

A Almighty and eternal God, you give strength to the weary and new courage to those who have lost heart. Heal the sick, comfort the dying, give safety to travelers, free those unjustly deprived of liberty, and deliver your world from falsehood, hunger, and disease. Hear the prayers of all who call on you in any trouble, that they may have the joy of receiving your help in their need. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

P Finally, let us pray for all those things which our Lord would have us ask.

C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

PROCESSION OF THE CROSS

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

C Oh, come, let us worship him.

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

C By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

*There is no benediction. The ministers leave in silence.
Worshippers may remain for prayer and meditation or depart in silence.*

GOOD FRIDAY

April 2, 2021

GATHERING

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Almighty God, we ask you to look with mercy on your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and to be given over to 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

READING: Isaiah 52:13—53:12

HYMN 117 “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” vv. 1 & 2

PRAYER

A Father, when your Son was handed over to torture and felt abandoned by all, he cried out from the cross. Then death was destroyed, and life was restored. By his death and resurrection save the poor, lift up the downtrodden, break the chains of the oppressed, that your Church may sing your praises; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

THE PASSION ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN, PART 1: John 18:1–11

HYMN 109 “Go to Dark Gethsemane” vv. 1 & 2

THE PASSION ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN, PART 2: John 18:12–27

HYMN 109 “Go to Dark Gethsemane” vv. 3 & 4

THE PASSION ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN, PART 3: John 18:28–40

HYMN 117 “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” vv. 3 & 4

THE PASSION ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN, PART 4: John 19:1–7

HYMN 123 “Ah, Holy Jesus” vv. 1 & 2

THE PASSION ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN, PART 5: John 19:8–16a
HYMN 123 “Ah, Holy Jesus” vv. 3-5

THE PASSION ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN, PART 6: John 19:16b–22
HYMN 92 “Were You There” vv. 1 & 2

THE PASSION ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN, PART 7: John 19:23–30

THE PASSION ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN, PART 8: John 19:31–42
HYMN 92 “Were You There” vv. 3 & 4

BIDDING PRAYER

P Let us pray, brothers and sisters, for the holy church throughout the world.

A Almighty and eternal God, you have shown your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ. By your Holy Spirit guide the church and gather it throughout the world. Help it to persevere in faith, proclaim your name, and bring the good news of salvation in Christ to all people. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

P Let us pray for all servants of the church, here at home and around the world.

A Almighty and eternal God, your Spirit guides the church and makes it holy. Strengthen and uphold all ministers, lay workers, missionaries, and teachers. Keep them in health and safety for the good of the church, and help each of us in our various vocations to do faithfully the work to which you have called us. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

P Let us pray for our sisters and brothers who share our faith in Jesus Christ.

A Almighty and eternal God, you give your church unity. Look with favor on all who follow Jesus your Son. Make all the baptized one in the fullness of faith, and keep us united in the fellowship of love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

P Let us pray for the Jewish people, the first to hear the word of God.

A Almighty and eternal God, long ago you gave your promise to Abraham and your teaching to Moses. Hear our prayers that the people you called and elected as your own may receive the fulfillment of the covenant's promises. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

P Let us pray for those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ, and for those who do not believe in God.

A Almighty and eternal God, gather into your embrace all those who cry out to find purpose in their life. You created humanity so that all may long to know you and find peace in you. Grant that all people may recognize the signs of your love and grace in the world and in the lives of Christians everywhere. Make us more faithful witnesses of the love made known through your Son. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

P Let us pray for all of creation.

A Almighty and eternal God, you are the creator of a magnificent universe. Hold all of creation in your loving and caring arms; bring all things to fulfillment in you. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

P Let us pray for those who serve in public office.

A Almighty and eternal God, you are the champion of the poor and oppressed. In your goodness, give wisdom to those in authority, so that all people may enjoy justice, peace, freedom, and a share in the goodness of your creation. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C Amen.