

7 April 2023
Good Friday



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Sierra Vista

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Clergy enter in silence

Presider: Blessed be our God

People: **Forever and ever. Amen.**

Presider: Let us pray:

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 forever and ever. Amen.

Presider: Today in place of the readings and the Passion of Christ according to John, we will travel The Way of the Cross (Stations of the Cross) which tells the story of Jesus' crucifixion. Please follow using the booklet and join us in journeying through Jesus' last moments of his life.

(The people are invited to either follow the procession from station to station, or to remain seated and participate from their seats, with all reading along with the Way of the Cross booklet. At the conclusion of the stations, all return to their seats for the next part of the service.)

Hymn—Gather # O Sacred Head Surrounded

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The Solemn Collects:

Presider: Dear People of God: Our heavenly Father sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved; that all who believe in him might be delivered from the power of sin and death, and become heirs with him of everlasting life.

We pray, therefore, for people everywhere according to their needs.

Leader Let us pray for the holy Catholic Church of Christ throughout the world;

People **For its unity in witness and service**
 For all bishops and other ministers
 and the people whom they serve
 For Jennifer, our Bishop, and all the people of this diocese
 For all Christians in this community

That God will confirm his Church in faith, increase it in love, and preserve it in peace.

Silence

Presider: Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Leader: Let us pray for all nations and peoples of the earth, and for those in authority among them;

People **For the President of the United States**
 For the Congress and the Supreme Court
 For the Members and Representatives of the United Nations
 For all who serve the common good

That by God's help they may seek justice and truth, and live in peace and concord.

Silence

Presider: Almighty God, kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth; that in tranquility your dominion may increase, until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Leader: Let us pray for all who suffer and are afflicted in body or in mind;
People **For the hungry and the homeless, the destitute
 and the oppressed
 For the sick, the wounded, and the crippled
 For those in loneliness, fear, and anguish
 For those who face temptation, doubt, and despair
 For the sorrowful and bereaved
 For prisoners and captives, and those in mortal danger**
That God in his mercy will comfort and relieve them, and
grant them the knowledge of his love, and stir up in us the
will and patience to minister to their needs.

Silence

Presider Gracious God, the comfort of all who sorrow, the strength of
all who suffer: Let the cry of those in misery and need come
to you, that they may find your mercy present with them in all
their afflictions; and give us, we pray, the strength to serve
them for the sake of him who suffered for us, your Son Jesus
Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Leader: Let us pray for all who have not received the Gospel of Christ;
People **For those who have never heard the word of salvation
 For those who have lost their faith
 For those hardened by sin or indifference
 For the contemptuous and the scornful
 For those who are enemies of the cross of Christ and
 persecutors of his disciples
 For those who in the name of Christ have persecuted others**
That God will open their hearts to the truth, and lead them to
faith and obedience.

Silence

Presider: Merciful God, creator of all the peoples of the earth and
lover of souls: Have compassion on all who do not know you
as you are revealed in your Son Jesus Christ; let your Gospel
be preached with grace and power to those who have not

heard it; turn the hearts of those who resist it; and bring home to your fold those who have gone astray; that there may be one flock under one shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Leader: Let us commit ourselves to God, and pray for the grace of a holy life, that, with all who have departed this world and have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to God alone, we may be accounted worthy to enter into the fullness of the joy of our Lord, and receive the crown of life in the day of resurrection.

Silence

Presider O God of unchangeable power and eternal light:
All: **Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him, through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Veneration of the Cross

(At this time a large wooden cross is brought before the congregation in front of the altar for those who wish to approach to make special private prayers to God).

Song during the time of veneration:

“Were you there when they crucified my Lord”,

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Communion from Reserved Sacrament:

Presider: Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

And now as our savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

All: **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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith and with thanksgiving.

Communion music Insert "We Remember You"

(All are welcome to come forward to receive the bread and wine.)

Presider: Let us pray.

All: **Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, we pray you to set
your passion, cross, and death between your judgment and
our souls, now and in the hour of our death. Give mercy and
grace to the living; pardon and rest to the dead; to your holy
Church peace and concord; and to us everlasting life and glory;
for with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one
God, now and for ever. Amen.**

(The Candle of Presence on the altar is extinguished, any remaining reserved sacrament is placed in the "tomb" / Columbarium and the door closed, and ministers depart in silence).

We Remember You

Unison

1 We re-mem-ber you,
2 Pre-cious, ris-en Lamb, we re-mem-ber you;
Je-sus who was slain,

by your sac-ri-fice of love all glo-ry now is due.
now en-throned in glo-ry, for-ev-er you will reign.

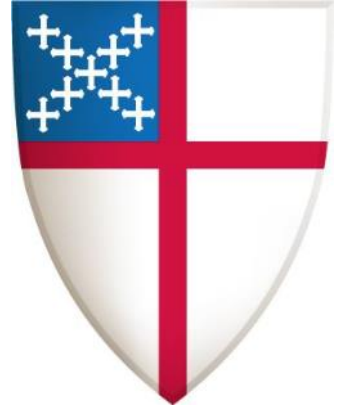
At this ta-ble here mer-cy hov-ers near.
Glad-ly we em-brace both these signs of grace.

Thanks is of-fered up; in this bread and cup we re-mem-ber you.

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