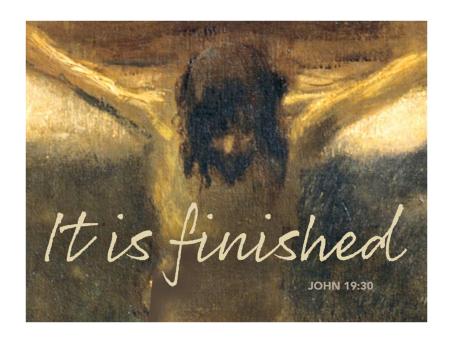
GOOD FRIDAY

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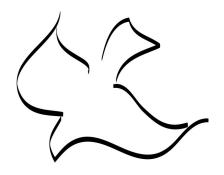
WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER

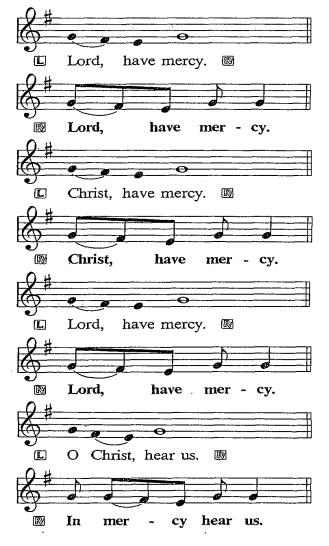
Let us pray, merciful and everlasting God, who did not even spare Your only Son, but delivered him up for us all that he might bear our sins upon the cross, grant that our hearts may be so fixed with steadfast faith in him that we may not fear the power of any adversaries. Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, we pray. **Amen.**

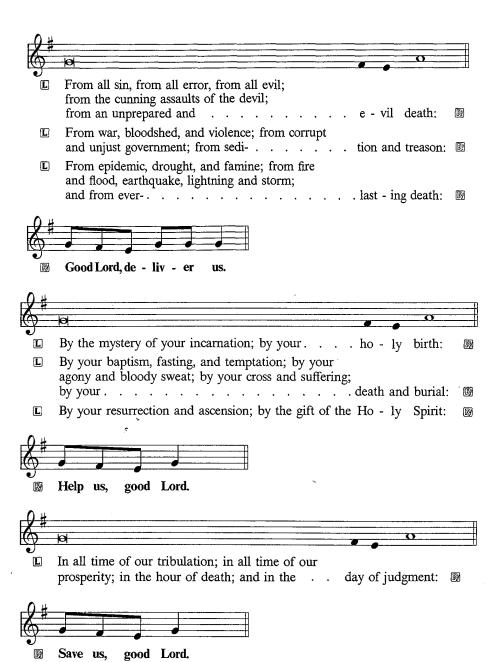
READING Isaiah 53:1-9

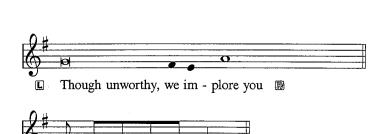
Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account. Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.



THE LITANY









To rule and govern your holy catholic Church; to guide all servants of your Church in the love of your Word and in holiness of life; to put an end to all schisms and causes of offense to those who would believe; and to bring into the way of truth all who have.

to hear us, Lord our God.

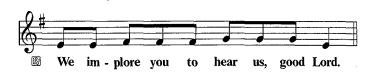
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To beat down Satan under our feet; to send faithful workers into your harvest; to accompany your Word with your Spirit and power; to raise up those who fall and to strengthen those who stand; and to comfort and help the fainthearted and.

.the dis-tressed:





To give to all nations justice and peace; to preserve our country from discord and strife; to direct and guard those who have civil authority; and to bless and guide. .

. all our people: 🖫





To behold and help all who are in danger, need, or tribulation; to protect and guide all who travel; to preserve and provide for all women in childbirth; to watch over children and to guide the young; to heal the sick and to strengthen their families and friends; to bring reconciliation to families in discord; to provide for the unemployed and for all in need; to be merciful to all who are imprisoned; to support, comfort, and guide all orphans,

widowers, and widows; and to have mercy on . . . all your people:





To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to reconcile us to them; to help us use wisely the fruits and treasures of the earth, the sea, and the air; and graciously to. hear our prayers:





THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST

First Word "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do."

READING Luke 23:32-34

Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left.

[Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.'] And they cast lots to divide his clothing.

Meditation

(a candle is extinguished)

Second Word "Today you will be with me in Paradise"

READING Luke 23:36-43

The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' ⁴³He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

Meditation

(a candle is extinguished)

Third Word "Woman, behold your son. Son, behold your mother"

READING John 19:26-27

When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

Meditation

(a candle is extinguished)

Fourth Word "Eli, Eli Lema Sabachtani"

READING Matthew 27:45-46

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land* until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, 'Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?' that is, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?'

MEDITATION

(a candle is extinguished)

Fifth Word "I thirst"

READING John 19:28

After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), 'I am thirsty.'

Meditation

(a candle is extinguished)

Sixth Word "It is finished"

READING John 19:29-30

A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the wine, he said, 'It is finished.' Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Meditation

(a candle is extinguished)

Seventh Word "Into your hands, I commend my spirit"

READING Luke 23:44-46

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, 'Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.' Having said this, he breathed his last.

Meditation

(a candle is extinguished)

TIME FOR REFLECTION

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

REMOVAL OF THE CHRIST CANDLE (symbol of his death)

TOLLING OF THE BELL

Amen.

RETURN OF THE CHRIST CANDLE (symbol of the resurrection)

CLOSING OF THE BOOK (work of the cross is complete)

**DEPART IN SILENCE