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GOOD FRIDAY
SOLEMN CELEBRATION OF THE PASSION
OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR
JESUS CHRIST
18 APRIL 2025

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His Eminence

CHRISTOPHE CARDINAL PIERRE

Apostolic Nuncio to the United States of America

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PRELUDE

A MEDITATION ON THE PASSION OF CHRIST

Benjamin LaPrairie, *organist*

(2:00 P.M.) I. PRÉLUDE FROM SYMPHONY No. 1, Op. 14

Louis Vierne
(1870–1937)

HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGE, Op. 122, Nos. 9 & 10

Johannes Brahms
(1833–1897)

O MENSCH, BEWEIN DEIN SÜNDE GROSS, BWV 622

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685–1750)

I. PRÉLUDE FROM SUITE, Op. 5

Maurice Duruflé
(1902–1986)

FAITHFUL CROSS ABOVE ALL OTHERS

Choir of the Basilica of the National Shrine
Peter Latona, *conductor*

(2:30 P.M.) **TIMOR ET TREMOR**

Francis Poulenc
(1899–1963)

*Timor et tremor venerunt super me,
et caligo cecidit super me:
miserere mei, Domine,
miserere mei,
quoniam in te confidit anima mea.*

Fear and trembling came over me,
and darkness fell over me:
have mercy on me, O Lord,
have mercy on me,
for my soul trusts in you.

*Exaudi, Deus, deprecationem meam,
quia refugium meum es tu
et adiutor fortis.
Domine, invocavi te,
non confundar.*

Hear, O God, my prayer,
for you are my refuge
and my strong helper.
Lord, I have called upon you,
Let me not be confounded.

AD DOMINUM CUM TRIBULARER CLAMAVI

Otto Olsson
(1879–1964)

*Ad Dominum cum tribularer clamavi
et exaudivit me.
Domine libera animam meam
a labiis iniquis et a lingua dolosa.*

When I was troubled I called out to the Lord
and he heard me.
O Lord, deliver my soul
from deceitful lips and from tongues that lie.

*Quid detur tibi,
aut quid apponatur tibi
ad linguam dolosam?
Sagittae potentis acutae
cum carbonibus de solatoriis.*

What shall he give you,
or what shall he mete out to you,
with your lying tongue?
The sharp arrows of a warrior,
with red-hot coals that will consume you.

*Heu mihi, quia incolatus meus
prolongatus est:
habitavi cum habitantibus Cedar:
multum incola fuit anima mea.*

Woe to me because my lonely sojourn
has been lengthened:
for I dwelt with the people of Cedar:
and my soul was as a lonely pilgrim.

*Cum his, qui oderunt pacem,
eram pacificus:
cum loquebar illis
impugnabant me gratis.*

With those who hated peace,
I was a peacemaker:
when I spoke to them
they attacked me without reason.

(Psalm 120)

SALVATOR MUNDI

Thomas Tallis
(c. 1505–1585)

*Salvator mundi, salva nos;
qui per crucem et sanguinem redemisti nos:
auxiliare nobis, te deprecamur, Deus noster.*

Savior of the world, save us;
who through thy Cross and Blood didst redeem us:
help us, we beseech thee, our God.

CHRISTUS FACTUS EST

Anton Bruckner
(1821–1896)

*Christus factus est pro nobis obediens
usque ad mortem,
mortem autem crucis.
Propter quod et Deus exaltavit illum,
et dedit illi nomen
quod est super omne nomen.*

Christ became obedient for us
unto death,
even to death on a cross.
Because of this, God highly exalted him,
and bestowed upon him the name
which is above every other name.

(Psalm 69:21–22)

CRUX FIDELIS

Jean Roger-Ducasse
(1873–1954)

*Crux fidelis, inter omnes
arbor una nobilis:
nulla silva talem profert
fronde, flore, germine:
Dulce lignum, dulces clavos,
dulce pondus sustinet.*

Faithful Cross, above all others
One and only noble Tree!
None in foliage, none in blossom,
None in fruit thy peer may be.
Sweetest wood and sweetest iron!
Sweetest weight is hung on thee.

(*Saint Venantius Fortunatus, c. 530 – c. 600/609, tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866*)

IMPROPERIUM EXPECTAVIT COR MEUM

McNeil Robinson
(1943–2015)

*Improprium expectavit cor meum,
et miseriam:
et sustinui qui simul contristaretur,
et non fuit:
consolantem me quæsi,
et non inveni.
Et dederunt in escam meam fel,
et in siti meo potaverunt aceto.*

Insult has broken my heart,
and I am weak,
I looked for sympathy,
but there was none;
I sought comforters,
and I found none.
Rather they put gall in my food,
and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.

(*Psalm 69:21–22*)

DROP, DROP, SLOW TEARS

Peter Latona
(b. 1968)

Drop, drop, slow tears, and bathe those beauteous feet,
which brought from heaven the news and Prince of Peace.
Cease not, wet eyes, his mercies to entreat;
to cry for vengeance sin doth never cease.
In your deep floods drown all my faults and fears;
nor let his eye see sin, but through my tears.

(*Phinneas Fletcher, 1582–1650*)

ORDER OF CELEBRATION

The celebrant and ministers enter in silence; the assembly stands.

*After the ministers make a sign of reverence, the celebrant prostrates himself;
the assembly kneels. All pray silently, then rise.*

INTRODUCTORY RITES

PRAYER

READING I

Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12

Caroline Jjingo, lector

PSALM RESPONSE

Psalm 31:2, 6, 12–13, 15–17, 25



In you, O Lord, I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame.
In your justice rescue me.
Into your hands I commend my spirit;
You will redeem me, O Lord,
O faithful God. **R.**

For all my foes I am an object of reproach,
a laughingstock to my neighbors,
and a dread to my friends;
they who see me abroad flee from me.
I am forgotten like the unremembered dead;
I am like a dish that is broken. **R.**

But my trust is in you, O Lord;
I say, "You are my God.
In your hands is my destiny; rescue me
from the clutches of my enemies
and my persecutors." **R.**

Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your kindness.
Take courage and be stouthearted,
all you who hope in the Lord. **R.**

READING II

Hebrews 4:14–16; 5:7–9

Roula Sweis, lector

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Philippians 2:8–9



Praise to you, Lord Je - sus Christ, king of end-less glo - ry!

Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.
Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him
the name which is above every other name.

The passion narratives are proclaimed in full so that all see vividly the love of Christ for each person. In light of this, the crimes during the Passion of Christ cannot be attributed, in either preaching or catechesis, indiscriminately to all Jews of that time, nor to Jews today. The Jewish people should not be referred to as though rejected or cursed, as if this view followed from Scripture. The Church ever keeps in mind that Jesus, his mother Mary, and the apostles all were Jewish. As the Church has always held, Christ freely suffered his passion and death because of the sins of all, that all might be saved.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

John 18:1 – 19:42

HOMILY

Reverend Monsignor Walter R. Rossi
Rector of the Basilica

SOLEMN INTERCESSIONS

*The prayers of the Church are more solemn in tone and form this day.
Each intention is read by the deacon.*

Deacon: Let us kneel.

All kneel and pray silently for a time.

Deacon: Let us stand.

The celebrant chants the prayer.

*At the conclusion of each oration, the assembly chants: **Amen.***

THE ADORATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

The Cross of Christ stands at the center of salvation, not only as an image of suffering, but as a symbol of Christ's passover, where, "dying he destroyed our death and rising he restored our life."

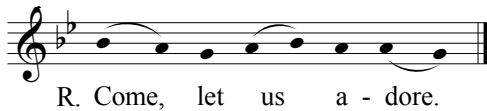
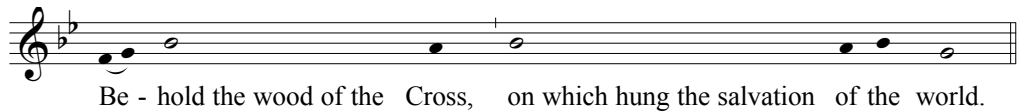
As the ancient liturgical text reads, "See here the true and most revered Tree. Hasten to kiss it and cry out with faith: You are our help, most revered Cross." It is the glorious life-giving Cross which the faithful venerate with song, prayer, and kneeling.

During the Adoration of the Holy Cross, we invite the assembly to come forward as one would for Holy Communion. We respectfully ask that the faithful venerate by genuflecting or simply touching the Cross. Please refrain from kissing the Cross at this time.

THE SHOWING OF THE HOLY CROSS

The deacon brings forth the veiled cross.

As the celebrant unveils the cross, he chants the following acclamation:

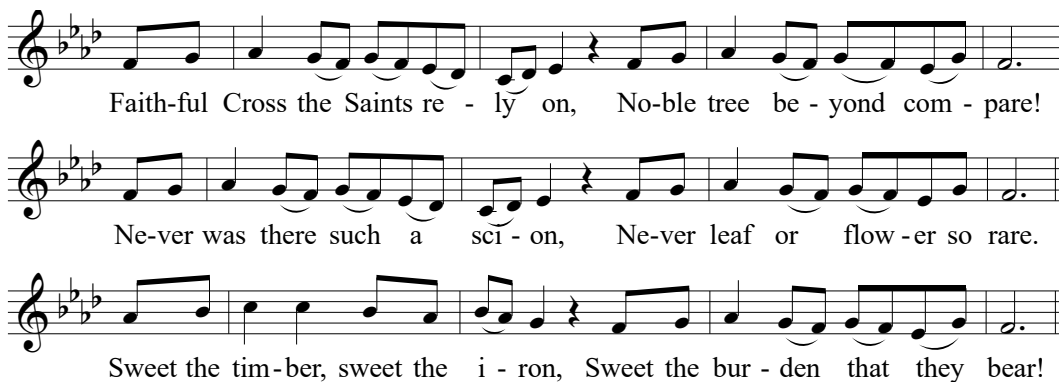


All kneel in silent prayer.

SONG AT THE ADORATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Faithful Cross

Peter Latona
(b. 1968)



Faith-ful Cross the Saints re - ly on, No-ble tree be - yond com - pare!
Ne-ver was there such a sci - on, Ne-ver leaf or flow - er so rare.
Sweet the tim-ber, sweet the i - ron, Sweet the bur - den that they bear!

Sing, my tongue, in exultation of our banner and device!
Make a solemn proclamation of a triumph and its price:
How the Savior of creation conquered by his sacrifice!



Faith-ful Cross the Saints re - ly on, No-ble tree be - yond com - pare!
Ne-ver was there such a sci - on, Ne-ver leaf or flow - er so rare.

For, when Adam first offended, eating that forbidden fruit,
Not all hopes of glory ended with the serpent at the root:
Broken nature would be mended by a second tree and shoot.



Sweet the tim-ber, sweet the i - ron, Sweet the bur - den that they bear!

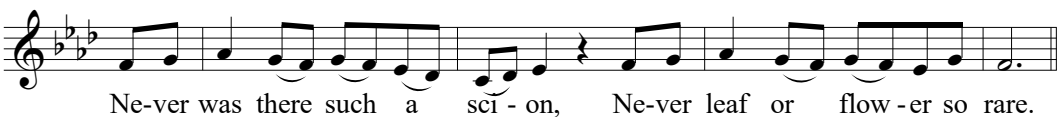
Thus the tempter was outwitted by a wisdom deeper still:
Remedy and ailment fitted, means to cure and means to kill;
That the world might be acquitted, Christ would do his Father's will.



So the Father, out of pity for our self-inflicted doom,
Sent him from the heavenly city when the holy time had come:
He, the Son and the Almighty, took our flesh in Mary's womb.



Hear a tiny baby crying, founder of the seas and strands;
See his virgin Mother tying cloth around his feet and hands;
Find him in a manger lying tightly wrapped in swaddling-bands!



So he came, the long-expected, not in glory, not to reign;
Only born to be rejected, choosing hunger, toil and pain,
Till the scaffold was erected and the Paschal Lamb was slain.



No disgrace was too abhorrent: nailed and mocked and parched he died;
Blood and water, double warrant, issue from his wounded side,
Washing in a mighty torrent earth and stars and oecumene.



Lofty timber, smooth your roughness, flex your boughs for blossoming;
Let your fibers lose their toughness gently let your tendrils cling;
Lay aside your native gruffness, clasp the body of your King!



Noblest tree of all created, richly jeweled and embossed:
Post by Lamb's blood consecrated; spar that saves the tempest-tossed;
Scaffold-beam which, elevated, carries what the world has cost!



A - men.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Every Good Friday a collection is taken to assist in the preservation of the Shrines of the Holy Land. Thank you for your support and generosity.

O Crux ave

Rihards Dubra
(b. 1964)

*O Crux ave, spes unica,
hoc passionis tempore.*

O hail the Cross, our only hope
in this Passiontide.

Auge piis justitiam reisque dona veniam. Grant increase of grace to believers.

(From Vexilla regis prodeunt,
Saint Venantius Fortunatus, c. 530 – c. 600/609)

HOLY COMMUNION

LORD'S PRAYER

Cardinal: At the Savior's command
and formed by divine teaching,
we dare to say:

Assembly: 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.

Cardinal: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days,
that, by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin
and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Assembly: For the kingdom,
the power and the glory are yours
now and for ever.

All kneel.

Cardinal: Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

Assembly: Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed.

GUIDELINES FOR THE RECEPTION OF COMMUNION

For Catholics

As Catholics, we fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion. We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly and frequently. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should not be conscious of grave sin and normally should have fasted for one hour. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord without prior sacramental confession except for a grave reason where there is no opportunity for confession. In this case, the person is to be mindful of the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition, including the intention of confessing as soon as possible (canon 916). A frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all.

For Our Fellow Christians

We welcome our fellow Christians to this celebration of the Eucharist as our brothers and sisters. We pray that our common baptism and the action of the Holy Spirit in this Eucharist will draw us closer to one another and begin to dispel the sad divisions which separate us. We pray that these will lessen and finally disappear, in keeping with Christ's prayer for us "that they may all be one" (John 17:21).

Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to Holy Communion. Eucharistic sharing in exceptional circumstances by other Christians requires permission according to the directives of the diocesan bishop and the provisions of canon law (canon 844 § 4). Members of the Orthodox Churches, the Assyrian Church of the East, and the Polish National Catholic Church are urged to respect the discipline of their own Churches. According to Roman Catholic discipline, the Code of Canon Law does not object to the reception of communion by Christians of these Churches (canon 844 § 3).

For Non-Christians

We also welcome to this celebration those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ. While we cannot admit them to Holy Communion, we ask them to offer their prayers for the peace and the unity of the human family.

For Those Not Receiving Holy Communion

All who are not receiving Holy Communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another.

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 1996

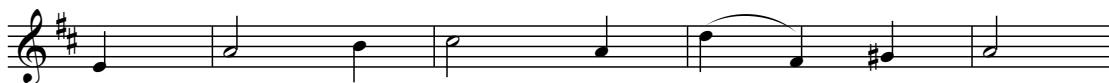
COMMUNION PROCESSION



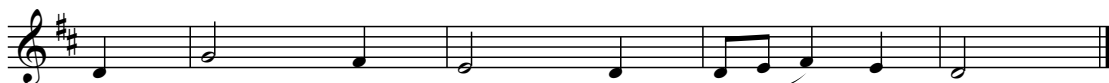
1. When I sur - vey the won - drous cross
 2. For - bid it Lord, that I should boast,
 3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
 4. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine,



On which the prince of glo - ry died,
 Save in the Cross of Christ - my God;
 Sor - row and love flow min - gled down:
 That were a pres - ent far too small;



My rich - est gain I count but loss,
 All the vain things that charm me most,
 Did e'er such love and sor - row meet,
 Love so a - maz - ing, so di - vine,



And pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 De - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Solo voice:



1. Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
3. Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
4. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
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Assembly:



O! Some - times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,
O! Some - times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,
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O! Some - times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,



trem-ble, Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
trem-ble, Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
trem-ble, Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
trem-ble, Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

(Choir) *God So Loved the World*

John Stainer
(1840–1901)

God so loved the world,
that He gave His only-begotten Son,
that whoso believeth in Him should not perish,
but have everlasting life.
For God sent not his Son into the world
to condemn the world;
but that the world through Him might be saved.
Amen.

(John 3:16–17)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

All depart in silence.

*From the conclusion of the celebration of the Lord's Passion
until the Great Vigil of Easter, a genuflection is made to the Cross.*

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EASTER AT THE BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE

HOLY SATURDAY

19 April 2025

The Great Upper Church

8:00 P.M.

THE EASTER VIGIL

His Eminence

CHRISTOPHE CARDINAL PIERRE

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EASTER SUNDAY

20 April 2025

The Great Upper Church

Masses for the Day

7:30 A.M. (Crypt Church), 9:00 A.M., 10:30 A.M., 4:30 P.M.

SOLEMN MASS

12:00 NOON

His Eminence

ROBERT CARDINAL McELROY

Archbishop of Washington

Principal Celebrant and Homilist

Broadcast live by the Eternal Word Television Network

SOLEMN MASS IN SPANISH

2:30 PM

His Excellency

MOST REVEREND TIMOTHY P. BROGLIO

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THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

27 April 2025

4:30 P.M. (Vigil)

7:30 A.M. (Crypt Church), 9:00 A.M., 10:30 A.M., 4:30 P.M.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

11:45 A.M.

SOLEMN MASS

12:00 NOON

His Eminence

DONALD CARDINAL WUERL

Archbishop Emeritus of Washington

Principal Celebrant and Homilist

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET IN SPANISH

2:00 P.M.

SOLEMN MASS IN SPANISH

2:30 P.M.

REVEREND KEVIN LENIUS

Celebrant and Homilist

SOLEMN VESPERS

4:00 P.M.

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