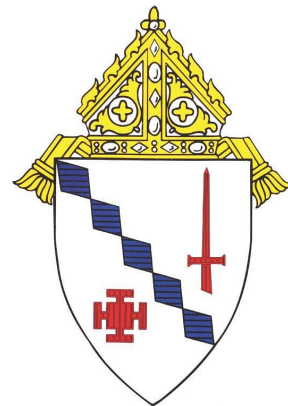


THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM IN ALABAMA

FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD: SOLEMN LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

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In the presence of the Bishop, the priests and deacons go to the altar in silence and then prostrate themselves; all others kneel. After praying in silence, all rise as the priest and deacon go to the chair and sing or say the Collect (Opening Prayer).



The text of today's readings can be found at <http://usccb.org/bible/readings/041020.cfm> (English) or <http://usccb.org/bible/lecturas/041020.cfm> (Español).

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 52:13–53:12

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25



Fa - ther, in-to your hands I com - mend my spi-rit.

SECOND READING

HEBREWS 4:14-16; 5:7-9

GRADUAL *Christus factus est*

PHILIPPIANS 2:8-9

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 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 name.

–Polyphonic setting by Felice Anerio (1560-1614)

GOSPEL

JOHN 18:1–19:42

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John

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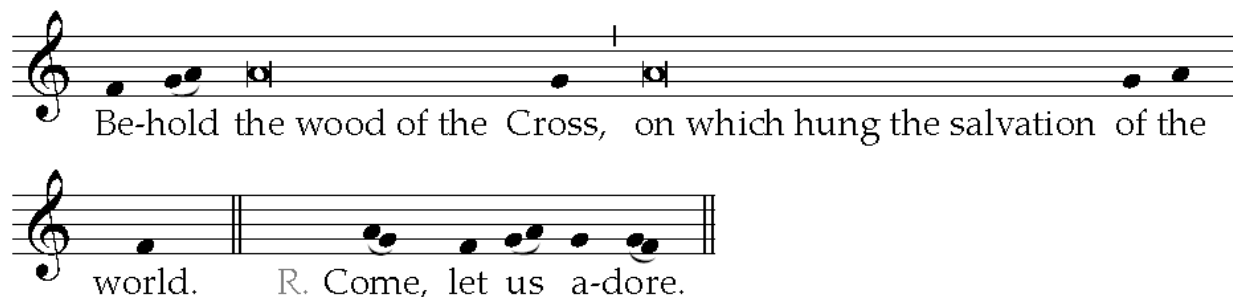
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THE ADORATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

THE SOLEMN INTERCESSIONS

I. FOR HOLY CHURCH II. FOR THE POPE III. FOR ALL ORDERS AND DEGREES OF THE FAITHFUL IV. FOR CATECHUMENS V. FOR THE UNITY OF CHRISTIANS VI. FOR THE JEWISH PEOPLE VII. FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT BELIEVE IN CHRIST VIII. FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT BELIEVE IN GOD IX. FOR THOSE IN PUBLIC OFFICE X. FOR THOSE IN TRIBULATION XI. FOR AN END TO THE PANDEMIC

INVITATION (SUNG)



Be-hold the wood of the Cross, on which hung the salvation of the world. R. Come, let us a-dore.

ANTIPHON

Crucem Tuam

We adore your Cross, O Lord, we praise and glorify your holy Resurrection, for behold, because of the wood of a tree joy has come to the whole world. *May God have mercy on us and bless us; may he let his face shed its light upon us and have mercy on us.* We adore your Cross...

THE REPROACHES

Popule Meus

My people, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me! Because I led you out of the land of Egypt, you have prepared a Cross for your Savior. **My people...** *Holy is God! Holy and strong! Holy immortal One, have mercy on us!* Because I led you out through the desert and fed you with manna and brought you into a land of plenty, you have prepared a Cross for your Savior. *Holy is God!...* What more should I have done for you and have not done? Indeed, I planted you as my most beautiful chosen vine, and you have turned very bitter for me, for in my thirst you gave me vinegar to drink, and with a lance you pierced your Savior's side. *Holy is God!...* I scourged Egypt for your sake with its firstborn sons, and you scourged me and handed me over. **My people...** I led you out from Egypt as Pharaoh lay sunk in the Red Sea, and you handed me over to the chief priests. **My people...** I opened the sea before you, and you opened my side with a lance. **My people...** I went before you in a pillar of cloud, and you led me into Pilate's palace. **My people...** I fed you with manna in the desert, and on me you rained blows and lashes. **My people...** I gave you saving water from the rock to drink, and for drink you gave me gall and vinegar. **My people...** I struck down for you the kings of the Canaanites, and you struck my head with a reed. **My people...** I put in your hand a royal scepter, and you put on my head a crown of thorns. **My people...** I exalted you with great power, and you hung me on the scaffold of the Cross. **My people...**

(refrains in Latin; setting by T.L. de Victoria, English plainchant verses by Fr. Samuel F. Weber, OSB)

HOLY COMMUNION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

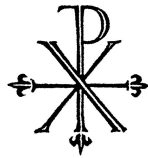
ECCE, AGNUS DEI/DOMINE NON SUM DIGNUS

☩ 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.

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

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



HYMN *Vexilla Regis prodeunt*

Vespers Hymn for Passiontide & Holy Week, 6th Cent.

1. The royal banners forward go, The Cross shines forth in mystic glow, Where he in flesh, our flesh who made, Our sentence bore, our ransom paid.
2. Where deep for us the spear was dyed, Life's torrent rushing from his side, To wash us in that precious flood Where mingled Water flowed, and Blood.
3. Fulfilled is all that David told In true prophetic song of old: Amidst the nations, God, saith he, Hath reigned and triumphed from the Tree.
4. O Tree of beauty! Tree of light! O Tree, with royal purple dight! Elect on whose triumphal breast Those holy limbs should find their rest.
5. On whose dear arms, so widely flung, The weight of this world's ransom hung; The price of humankind to pay, And spoil the Spoiler of his prey.
6. O Cross, our once reliance, hail! This holy Passiontide avail To give fresh merit to the saint And pardon to the penitent.
7. To thee, eternal Three in One, Let homage meet by all be done: Whom by the Cross thou dost restore, Preserve and govern evermore. Amen.

After the postcommunion prayer and prayer over the people, all genuflect to the Cross and depart in silence.



The Crucifixion (1597-1600), El Greco (1541-1614)

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