

HOLY WEEK AT HOME

GOOD FRIDAY: Evening Prayer

INTRODUCTION

O God, come to our aid.
O Lord, make haste to help us. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

HYMN

The royal banners forward go,
The Cross shines forth in radiant glow;
Where he, the Life, did death endure,
And yet by death did life procure.

His feet and hands outstretching there,
He willed the piercing nails to bear,
For us and our redemption's sake
A victim of himself to make.

There whilst he hung, his sacred side
By soldier's spear was opened wide,
To cleanse us in the precious flood
Of water mingled with his blood.

Fulfilled is now what David told
In true prophetic song of old,
To all the nations, 'Lo,' said he,
'Our God is reigning from the tree.'

Blest Three in One, our praise we sing
To thee from whom all graces spring:
As by the cross thou dost restore,
So rule and guide us evermore.

FIRST PSALM

Psalm 115 (116B)

Look, all you peoples, and see my grief.

I trusted, éven when I said: *
'I am sórely afflicted,'
and when I said in my alárm: *
'No mán can be trusted.'

How cán I repáy the Lórd *
for his góodness to mé?
The cúp of salvátion I will ráise; *
I will cáll on the Lórd's name.

My vóws to the Lórd I will fulfil *
befóre all his péople.
O précious in the éyes of the Lórd *
is the déath of his fáithful.

Your sérvant, Lord, your sérvant am Í; *
you have lóosened my bónds.
A thánksgiving sácricfe I máke; *
I will cáll on the Lórd's name.

My vóws to the Lórd I will fulfil *
befóre all his péople,
in the cóurts of the hóuse of the Lórd, *
in your mídst, O Jerúsalem.

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and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,

is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

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SECOND PSALM

Psalm 142 (143)

My spirit fails; my heart is numb within me.

Lórd, listen to my práyer: †
túrn your éar to my appéal. *
You are fáithful, you are júst; give ánsWER.
Do not cáll your sérvant to júdgement *
for nó one is júst in your síght.

The éneMy pursúes my sóul; *
he has crúshed my lífe to the gróund;
he has máde me dwéll in dárkness *
like the déad, lóng forgóttén.

Thérefore my spírit fáils; *
my héart is númb withín me.
I reméber the dáys that are pást: *
I pónder áll your wórks.

I múse on what your hánd has wróught †
and to yóu I strétch out my hánds. *
Like a párched land my sóul thirsts for yóu.
Lórd, make háste and ánsWER; *
for my spírit fáils withín me.

Dó not híde your fáce *
lest I becóme like thóse in the gráve.
In the mórning let me knów your lóve *
for I pút my trúst in yóu.

Make me knów the wáy I should wálk: *
to yóu I líft up my sóul.
Réscue me, Lórd, from my éneMies; *
I have fléd to yóu for réfuge.

Téach me to dó your wíll *
for yóu, O Lórd, are my Gód.
Let yóur good spírit gúide me *
in wáys that are lével and smóoth.

For your náme's sake, Lórd, save my lífe; *
in your jústice save my sóul from dístréss.

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and to the Holy Spirit,
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world without end. Amen.

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CANTICLE

Philippians 2

After Jesus had taken the vinegar he said, 'It is accomplished'; and bowing his head he gave up his spirit.

Though he was in the form of God, *
Jesus did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped.

He emptied himself, †
taking the form of a servant, *
being born in the likeness of men.

And being found in human form, †
he humbled himself and became obedient unto
death, *
even death on a cross.

Therefore God has highly exalted him *
and bestowed on him the name which is above
every name,
That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, *
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, *
to the glory of God the Father.

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and to the Holy Spirit,
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SHORT READING

1 Peter 2

Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to
follow the way he took. He had not done anything
wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth.
He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults;
when he was tortured he made no threats but he put
his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our
faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might
die to our faults and live for holiness; through his
wounds you have been healed.

SHORT RESPONSORY

Christ humbled himself for us and, in obedience,
accepted death, even death on a cross.

CANTICLE

Magnificat

When we were still God's enemies, we were
reconciled to him through the death of his Son.

My soul glóirifies the Lórd, *
my spirit rejóices in Gód, my Sáviour.
He looks on his sérvant in her lówliness; *
henceforth all áges will cáll me bléssed.

The Almíghty works márvels for me. *
Hóly his náme!
His mércy is from age to áge, *
on thóse who féar him.

He púts forth his árm in stréngth *
and scátters the proud-héarted.
He casts the míghty from their thrónes *
and ráises the lówly.

He fills the stárving with good thínghs, *
sends the rích away émpy.
He protects Ísrael, his sérvant, *
remémbering his mércy,
the mércy prómised to our fáthers, *
to Ábraham and his sóns for éver.

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and to the Holy Spirit,
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reconciled to him through the death of his Son.

PRAYERS AND INTERCESSIONS

As we recall Christ's saving death, let us pray to God
the Father: through the death of your Son, Lord hear
us.

Lord, unite your Church throughout the world:
through the death of your Son, Lord hear us.

Keep Pope Francis in your loving care: through the
death of your Son, Lord hear us.

Sanctify by your Spirit the entire people of God:
through the death of your Son, Lord hear us.

Deepen the faith and understanding of those
preparing for baptism: through the death of your
Son, Lord hear us.

Gather all Christians into unity: through the death of
your Son, Lord hear us.

Bring the Jewish people to the fullness of
redemption: through the death of your Son, Lord
hear us.

Shed your light on those who do not believe in
Christ: through the death of your Son, Lord hear us.

Show the signs of your love to those who deny your
existence: through the death of your Son, Lord hear
us.

Guide the minds and hearts of governments and
rulers: through the death of your Son, Lord hear us.

Comfort those who live in sorrow: through the death
of your Son, Lord hear us.

Grant to the dead eternal rest: through the death of
your Son, Lord hear us.

THE 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.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Be mindful, Lord, of this your family, for whose sake
our Lord Jesus Christ, when betrayed, did not
hesitate to yield himself into his enemies' hands and
undergo the agony of the cross. Who lives and
reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord bless us, and keep us from all evil, and
bring us to everlasting life. Amen.