



Christ Episcopal
Church
Ridgewood

THE LITURGY OF GOOD FRIDAY

March 25, 2016

Solemn Liturgy at 4 p.m.

Today's collection goes to support the work of the Domestic & Foreign Missionary Society of The Episcopal Church. Please mark your checks with "Good Friday Offering" added in the notes field and place your offering in the plates near the entrances to the church.

SILENT PROCESSION

All standing

The Ministers enter in silence then kneel for silent prayer.

Celebrant Blessed be our God

People **For ever and ever. Amen**

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, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

A READING FROM THE EPISTLE TO THE HEBREWS

Hebrews 4:14-16

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

PSALM 22:1-11

BCP, pg. 610 said in unison, seated

- 1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? *
 and are so far from my cry
 and from the words of my distress?
- 2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; *
 by night as well, but I find no rest.
- 3 Yet you are the Holy One, *
 enthroned upon the praises of Israel.

- 4 Our forefathers put their trust in you; *
they trusted, and you delivered them.
- 5 They cried out to you and were delivered; *
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.
- 6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man, *
scorned by all and despised by the people.
- 7 All who see me laugh me to scorn; *
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,
- 8 "He trusted in the LORD; let him deliver him; *
let him rescue him, if he delights in him."
- 9 Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, *
and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.
- 10 I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; *
you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.
- 11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near, *
and there is none to help.

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN John 18:1-19:42 abridged

Please be seated and see the insert for the reading

THE SERMON

The Reverend Dr. Daniel Gunn

HYMN 172

"Were You There"

sung by all, standing

THE SOLEMN COLLECTS

please stand as they are able

Celebrant 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.

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

For its unity in witness and service

For all bishops and other ministers and the people whom they serve

For Justin, Michael and Mark, our Bishops;

and for all the people of this diocese

For all Christians in this community

For those about to be baptized: Samantha, London, Melody, Lyric and Kerry.

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

Silence.

Let us pray for all nations and peoples of the earth, and for those in authority among them;
For Barack, 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.

Let us pray for all who suffer and are afflicted in body or in mind;
For the hungry and the homeless, the destitute and the oppressed
For the sick, the wounded, and the handicapped
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.

Let us pray for all who have not received the Gospel of Christ;
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.

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.

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: 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.**

THE VENERATION OF THE CROSS

HYMN 165

“Sing, My Tongue, The Glorious Battle”

sung by all, standing

THE CONFESSION

BCP, PG. 127

Almighty God, our heavenly Father: We have sinned against you, through our own fault, in thought, and word, and deed, and in what we have left undone. For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us all our offenses; and grant that we may serve you in newness of life, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.

COMMUNION FROM THE RESERVE SACRAMENT

COMMUNION HYMN 168

“O Sacred Head, Sore Wounded”

sung by all, standing

THE CONCLUDING PRAYER

BCP, pg. 282

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 sinners everlasting life and glory; for with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTERS AND PEOPLE DEPART IN SILENCE

