

The Order for
the Administration of the Ante-Communion

And the

Veneration of the Cross

On the

Good Friday

April 10th, 2020 at Noon

THE VENERATION OF THE CROSS

Good Friday's ceremonial counterpart to Ash Wednesday's Imposition of Ashes is the Veneration of the Cross. After hearing in faith the Lord's Passion, and having united ourselves to his love in the Prayer for the Church, a Crucifix is unveiled in the presence of the congregation: "before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you" (Galatians 3:1). We may then approach the altar to bow or kneel in homage, and some may wish to kiss the foot of the cross.

In homage we acknowledge our sin, the betrayal of the Lord's charity, set forth in the *Reproaches*: "O my people, what have I done unto thee, or wherein have I wearied thee? Testify against me." We respond in the plea of the *Trisagion*: "Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal, have mercy upon us."

Yet "where sin abounded grace did much more abound" (Romans 5:20): our penitence turns to praise of what his love and obedience have accomplished for us upon the cross: "We adore thy cross, O Lord, and we praise and glorify thy holy resurrection: for, lo, by the cross, joy hath come to the whole world." With this praise is mingled the prayer for blessing in Psalm 67, testimony that "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us (for it is written, cursed is everyone that hangeth on a tree) that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith" (Galatians 3:13,14). He bears the curse and condemnation of our sins, that he may bestow upon us his blessing.

Music at today's Service

Chorale Prelude: *Kings' Weston*
R. Vaughan Williams, arr. Michael Burkhardt
(“At The Name of Jesus”)

Choral Prelude: *Herzlich tut mich Verlangen*,
Han Leo Hassler, arr. Michael Burkhardt
(O Sacred Head, Sore Wounded)

Adoro te devote
arr. Charles Callahan
(“Thee We Adore, O Hidden Saviour”)

THE ANTE-COMMUNION

OPENING PRAYERS

said by the priest alone

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. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PREPARING IN PENITENCE.

¶ *Then may the Priest say,*

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith.

THOU shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it; Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Answer. The Lord be with you.
Minister. And with thy spirit.
Let us pray.

The Collects.

ALMIGHTY God, we beseech thee graciously to behold this thy family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed and

given up into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified; Receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before thee for all estates of men in thy holy Church, that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may truly and godly serve thee; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O MERCIFUL God, who hast made all men, and hatest nothing that thou hast made, nor desirest the death of a sinner, but rather that he should be converted and live; Have mercy upon all who know thee not as thou art revealed in the Gospel of thy Son. Take from them all ignorance, hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word; and so fetch them home, blessed Lord, to thy fold, that they may be made one flock under one shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

The Epistle. Hebrews 10:1-25

BRETHREN: the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the corners thereunto perfect. For then would they not have ceased to be offered? because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins. But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year. For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins. Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith,

Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me: in burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hast had no pleasure.

Then said I,

Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God.

Above when he said,

Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and offering for sin
thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure therein;

which are offered by the law; then said he,

Lo, I come to do thy will, O God.

He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second. By the which
will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once
for all.

And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the
same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: but this man, after he
had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of
God; from hence-forth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool. For
by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.

Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that he had said
before,

This is the covenant that I will make with them after those
days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and
in their minds will I write them; and their sins and iniquities
will I remember no more.

Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin.

Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood
of Jesus, by a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us,
through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; and having an high priest over
the house of God; let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of
faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies
washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the profession of our faith
without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) and let us consider
one another to provoke unto love and to good works: not forsaking the

assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

The Passion according to Saint John (18:1-19: 37)

AT that time: Jesus went forth with his disciples over the brook Cedron, where was a garden, into the which he entered, and his disciples. ² And Judas also, which betrayed him, knew the place: for Jesus oftentimes resorted thither with his disciples. ³ Judas then, having received a band of men and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, cometh thither with lanterns and torches and weapons. ⁴ Jesus therefore, knowing all things that should come upon him, went forth, and said unto them, Whom seek ye? ⁵ They answered him, Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus saith unto them, I am he. And Judas also, which betrayed him, stood with them. ⁶ As soon then as he had said unto them, I am he, they went backward, and fell to the ground. ⁷ Then asked he them again, Whom seek ye? And they said, Jesus of Nazareth. ⁸ Jesus answered, I have told you that I am he: if therefore ye seek me, let these go their way: ⁹ That the saying might be fulfilled, which he spake, Of them which thou gavest me have I lost none. ¹⁰ Then Simon Peter having a sword drew it, and smote the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus. ¹¹ Then said Jesus unto Peter, Put up thy sword into the sheath: the cup which my Father hath given me, shall I not drink it?

¹² Then the band and the captain and officers of the Jews took Jesus, and bound him, ¹³ And led him away to Annas first; for he was father in law to Caiaphas, which was the high priest that same year. ¹⁴ Now Caiaphas was he, which gave counsel to the Jews, that it was expedient that one man should die for the people. ¹⁵ And Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple: that disciple was known unto the high priest, and went in with Jesus into the palace of the high priest. ¹⁶ But Peter stood at the door without. Then went out that other disciple, which was known unto the high priest, and spake unto her that kept the door, and brought in Peter. ¹⁷ Then saith the damsel that kept the door unto Peter, Art not thou also one of this man's disciples? He saith, I am not. ¹⁸ And the servants and officers stood there, who had made a fire of coals; for it was cold: and they warmed themselves: and Peter stood with them, and warmed himself.

¹⁹ The high priest then asked Jesus of his disciples, and of his doctrine.

²⁰ Jesus answered him, I spake openly to the world; I ever taught in the synagogue, and in the temple, whither the Jews always resort; and in secret have I said nothing. ²¹ Why askest thou me? ask them which heard me, what I have said unto them: behold, they know what I said. ²² And when he had thus spoken, one of the officers which stood by struck Jesus with the palm of his hand, saying, Answerest thou the high priest so? ²³ Jesus answered him, If I have spoken evil, bear witness of the evil: but if well, why smitest thou me?

²⁴ Now Annas had sent him bound unto Caiaphas the high priest. ²⁵ And Simon Peter stood and warmed himself. They said therefore unto him, Art not thou also one of his disciples? He denied it, and said, I am not. ²⁶ One of the servants of the high priest, being his kinsman whose ear Peter cut off, saith, Did not I see thee in the garden with him? ²⁷ Peter then denied again: and immediately the cock crew.

²⁸ Then led they Jesus from Caiaphas unto the hall of judgment: and it was early; and they themselves went not into the judgment hall, lest they should be defiled; but that they might eat the passover. ²⁹ Pilate then went out unto them, and said, What accusation bring ye against this man? ³⁰ They answered and said unto him, If he were not a malefactor, we would not have delivered him up unto thee. ³¹ Then said Pilate unto them, Take ye him, and judge him according to your law. The Jews therefore said unto him, It is not lawful for us to put any man to death: ³² That the saying of Jesus might be fulfilled, which he spake, signifying what death he should die.

³³ Then Pilate entered into the judgment hall again, and called Jesus, and said unto him, Art thou the King of the Jews? ³⁴ Jesus answered him, Sayest thou this thing of thyself, or did others tell it thee of me? ³⁵ Pilate answered, Am I a Jew? Thine own nation and the chief priests have delivered thee unto me: what hast thou done? ³⁶ Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence. ³⁷ Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice. ³⁸ Pilate

saith unto him, What is truth? And when he had said this, he went out again unto the Jews, and saith unto them, I find in him no fault at all. ³⁹ But ye have a custom, that I should release unto you one at the passover: will ye therefore that I release unto you the King of the Jews? ⁴⁰ Then cried they all again, saying, Not this man, but Barabbas. Now Barabbas was a robber.

¹⁹ Then Pilate therefore took Jesus, and scourged him. ² And the soldiers platted a crown of thorns, and put it on his head, and they put on him a purple robe, ³ And said, Hail, King of the Jews! and they smote him with their hands. ⁴ Pilate therefore went forth again, and saith unto them, Behold, I bring him forth to you, that ye may know that I find no fault in him. ⁵ Then came Jesus forth, wearing the crown of thorns, and the purple robe. And Pilate saith unto them, Behold the man!

⁶ When the chief priests therefore and officers saw him, they cried out, saying, Crucify him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Take ye him, and crucify him: for I find no fault in him. ⁷ The Jews answered him, We have a law, and by our law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God. ⁸ When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he was the more afraid; ⁹ And went again into the judgment hall, and saith unto Jesus, Whence art thou? But Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰ Then saith Pilate unto him, Speakest thou not unto me? knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee? ¹¹ Jesus answered, Thou couldest have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above: therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin. ¹² And from thenceforth Pilate sought to release him: but the Jews cried out, saying, If thou let this man go, thou art not Caesar's friend: whosoever maketh himself a king speaketh against Caesar.

¹³ When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Jesus forth, and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called the Pavement, but in the Hebrew, Gabbatha. ¹⁴ And it was the preparation of the passover, and about the sixth hour: and he saith unto the Jews, Behold your King! ¹⁵ But they cried out, Away with him, away with him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your King? The chief priests answered, We have no king but Caesar. ¹⁶ Then delivered he him therefore unto them to be crucified.

And they took Jesus, and led him away. ¹⁷ And he bearing his cross went forth into a place called the place of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew Golgotha: ¹⁸ Where they crucified him, and two other with him, on either side one, and Jesus in the midst. ¹⁹ And Pilate wrote a title, and put it on the cross. And the writing was JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS. ²⁰ This title then read many of the Jews: for the place where Jesus was crucified was nigh to the city: and it was written in Hebrew, and Greek, and Latin. ²¹ Then said the chief priests of the Jews to Pilate, Write not, The King of the Jews; but that he said, I am King of the Jews. ²² Pilate answered, What I have written I have written.

²³ Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took his garments, and made four parts, to every soldier a part; and also his coat: now the coat was without seam, woven from the top throughout. ²⁴ They said therefore among themselves, Let us not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be: that the scripture might be fulfilled, which saith, They parted my raiment among them, and for my vesture they did cast lots. These things therefore the soldiers did.

²⁵ Now there stood by the cross of Jesus his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son! ²⁷ Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home.

²⁸ After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst. ²⁹ Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar: and they filled a sponge with vinegar, and put it upon hyssop, and put it to his mouth. ³⁰ When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

All kneel, and keep silence for a time.

³¹ The Jews therefore, because it was the preparation, that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the sabbath day, (for that sabbath day was an high day,) besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. ³² Then came the soldiers, and brake the

legs of the first, and of the other which was crucified with him. ³³ But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs: ³⁴ But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water. ³⁵ And he that saw it bare record, and his record is true: and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might believe. ³⁶ For these things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken. ³⁷ And again another scripture saith, They shall look on him whom they pierced.

The Address – The Rector

THE OFFERTORY

Ye shall not appear before the LORD empty; every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD thy God which he hath given thee. *Deut.* xvi. 16, 17

The Biddings

The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

Minister. I bid your prayers for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed: Rest ✠ eternal grant unto them, O Lord;
Answer. and let light perpetual shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. *Amen.*

The Prayer for Christ's Church.

¶ *Then shall the Priest say,*

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church.

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men; We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our [alms and] oblations, and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

We beseech thee also, so to direct and dispose the hearts of all Christian Rulers, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the punishment of

wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion, and virtue.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops and other Ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy People give thy heavenly grace; and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear, and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless ✠ thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear; beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service, and to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

The Lord's Prayer (*said by all*)

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. Amen.

Closing Prayers

Minister. We adore thee, O Christ, and we bless thee;

Answer. Because by thy holy Cross thou hast redeemed the world.

Let us pray. O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, we pray thee to set thy Passion, Cross and Death between thy Judgment and our souls, now and in the hour of our death. Vouchsafe to the living mercy and grace, to the dead pardon and rest, to thy holy Church peace and concord, and to us sinners everlasting life and glory; who with the Father and the Holy Ghost livest and reignest world without end. Amen.

THE VENERATION OF THE CROSS

The priest unveils a cross before the people, and says three times,

Behold the wood of the cross, whereon hung the Savior of the world.

Answer: O Come, let us worship.

The Reproaches

V. O my people, what have I done unto thee; or wherein have I wearied thee, saith the Lord? Testify against me. Because I, the Lord thy God, brought thee forth from the land of Egypt: thou hast prepared a cross for thy Saviour.

Answer. Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy and immortal, have mercy upon us.

V. Because I, the Lord thy God, led thee through the desert forty years, and fed thee with manna, and brought thee into a land exceeding good; thou hast prepared a cross for thy Saviour.

Answer. Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy and immortal, have mercy upon us.

V. What more could I have done for thee that I have not done, saith the Lord thy God? I indeed did plant thee, O my vineyard, exceeding fair, and thou art become very bitter unto me; for vinegar thou gavest me to quench my thirst, and thou hast pierced with a spear the side of thy Saviour.

Answer. Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy and immortal, have mercy upon us.

V. I, the Lord thy God, did scourge Egypt with her first-born for thy sake; and thou hast scourged me. I led thee forth out of Egypt, through the Red Sea; and thou hast delivered me unto the chief priest. I did open the sea before thee; and thou hast opened my side with a spear.

Answer. O my people, what have I done unto thee; or wherein have I wearied thee, saith the Lord? Testify against me.

V. I did go before thee in the pillar of cloud; and thou hast brought me unto the judgement hall of Pilate. I did feed thee with manna in the desert; and thou hast stricken me with blows and scourges. I did give thee to drink the water of life from the rock; and thou hast given me to drink gall and vinegar.

Answer. O my people, what have I done unto thee; or wherein have I wearied thee; saith the Lord? Testify against me.

V. I did smite kings for thy sake; and thou hast smitten my head with a reed. I did give thee a royal scepter; and thou hast set upon my head a crown of thorns. I did raise thee on high with great power; and thou hast hanged me upon the gibbet of the Cross.

Answer. O my people, what have I done unto thee; or wherein have I wearied thee, saith the Lord? Testify against me.

All: We venerate thy Cross, O Lord, and praise and glorify thy holy Resurrection: For by virtue of the Cross, joy hath come to the whole world.

Psalm 67. Deus misereatur

GOD be merciful unto us, and bless us, *
and show us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us;

2 That thy way may be known upon earth, *
thy saving health among all nations.

3 Let the peoples praise thee, O God; *
yea, let all the peoples praise thee.

4 O let the nations rejoice and be glad; *
for thou shalt judge the folk righteously,
and govern the nations upon earth.

5 Let the peoples praise thee, O God; *
yea, let all the peoples praise thee.

6 Then shall the earth bring forth her increase; *
and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing.

7 God shall bless us; *
and all the ends of the world shall fear him.

All: We venerate thy Cross, O Lord, and praise and glorify thy holy
Resurrection: For by virtue of the Cross, joy hath come to the whole world.

Let us pray.

WE beseech thee, O Lord, that as thy people have now with devout heart
and mind recalled the passion and death of thy Son: so likewise thy
plenteous benediction may descend upon them, thy pardon and consolation
be granted unto them, their holy faith increased, their eternal redemption
made sure; through the same Christ our Lord. *Amen.*