

**GOOD FRIDAY  
LITURGY**

## General Instructions

1. The Good Friday ceremony is conducted with the evening prayers. Psalms, prayers and hymns proper to that of evening prayers are marked in the text. This ceremony shall, if needed, be conducted in the morning; and if so, the prayers proper to evening prayers are omitted.
2. Crucifix or cross shall be used in this service.
3. The veneration of the crucifix/cross shall be done before or after the procession.
4. A white cloth to cover the crucifix/cross shall be kept.
5. The communion service prior to the veneration of the crucifix/cross is optional.
6. The bitter juice is to be kept for distribution after veneration of the crucifix/cross.

C: Celebrant

S – Server

A - Assembly

## ENTRANCE HYMN

### Congregation stands

The celebrant, concelebrants and servers come to the bema in procession.

The crucifix/cross, candles, and book of Gospels are placed at proper places.

Celebrant kneels turning to the altar.

### Congregation kneels

The wooden bell is rung for ten seconds.

The following prayer/hymn is sung/said.

"Father, if thou art willing,  
Remove this cup from me."  
The Son of the Almighty God  
Fell on the ground in prayer.

His sweat became blood drops  
In the terror of the weight of sin.  
The Son of the Almighty God  
Fell on the ground in prayer.

### Celebrant and congregation stand

**C:** Glory to God in the highest (3 times)

**A:** Amen.

**C:** Peace and hope to people on earth always and forever,

**A:** Amen.

**C:** Our Father (continues with community) who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Holy, Holy, thou art Holy.

Our Father who art in heaven, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Angels and men sing out thy glory, “Holy, Holy, thou art Holy.”

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. Lead us not into temptation. But deliver us from the evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

**S:** Let us pray, Peace be with us.

**C:** Almighty God, we bless you. We praise the glorious Trinity at all times. We commemorate the passion of our savior Jesus. Make us

partners in the victory of Messiah over sin and death. Bless us to receive the fruits of his passion and death. Lord of all, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, forever.

A: Amen

**PSALMODY**

**PS. 22**

If needed, a shorter version may be said

Congregation sits

**S:** My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?  
(*canona*) Why so far from my call for help,  
from my cries of anguish?

community prays in two groups

1: My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken  
me?

2: O my God, I cry by day, but thou dost not  
answer;

1: And by night, but find no rest.

2: Yet thou art holy,

1: Enthroned on the praises of Israel.

2: In thee our fathers trusted;  
They trusted, and thou didst deliver them.

- 1: To thee they cried, and were saved;
- 2: In thee they trusted, and were not  
disappointed.
- 1: But I am a worm, and no man;  
scorned by men, and despised by the people.
- 2: All who see me mock at me,  
They make mouths at me,  
They wag their heads;
- 1: "He committed his cause to the LORD;  
Let him deliver him,  
Let him rescue him, for he delights in him!"
- 2: Be not far from me,  
For trouble is near  
And there is none to help.
- 1: Yea, dogs are round about me;  
A company of evildoers encircle me;
- 2: They have pierced my hands and feet  
I can count all my bones  
They stare and gloat over me;
- 1: They divide my garments among them,  
And for my raiment they cast lots.
- 2: But thou, O LORD, be not far off!  
O thou my help, hasten to my aid!

- 1: Deliver my soul from the sword,  
My life from the power of the dog!
- 2: Save me from the mouth of the lion,  
My afflicted soul from the horns of the wild  
oxen!
- 1: For he has not despised or abhorred  
The affliction of the afflicted;  
And he has not hid his face from him,  
But has heard, when he cried to him.
- 2: From thee comes my praise in the great  
congregation;  
My vows I will pay before those who fear him.
- 1: The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;  
Those who seek him shall praise the LORD!  
May your hearts live for ever!
- 2: All the ends of the earth shall remember  
And turn to the LORD;
- 1: And all the families of the nations  
Shall worship before him.
- 2: For dominion belongs to the LORD,  
And he rules over the nations.
- PS. 44**
- 1: In God we have boasted continually,  
And we will give thanks to thy name for ever.

- 2: Yet thou hast cast us off and abased us,  
And hast not gone out with our armies.
- 1: Thou hast made us turn back from the foe;  
And our enemies have gotten spoil.
- 2: Thou hast made us like sheep for slaughter,  
And hast scattered us among the nations.
- 1: Thou hast sold thy people for a trifle,  
Demanding no high price for them.
- 2: Thou hast made us the taunt of our  
neighbors,  
The derision and scorn of those about us.
- 1: Thou hast made us a byword among the  
nations,  
A laughingstock among the peoples.
- 2: All day long my disgrace is before me,  
And shame has covered my face,
- 1: At the words of the taunters and revilers,  
At the sight of the enemy and the avenger.
- 2: All this has come upon us,  
Though we have not forgotten thee,



- 1: Nor been false to thy covenant.  
Our heart has not turned back,  
Nor have our steps departed from thy way,
- 2: Thou shouldst have broken us in the place  
of jackals,  
And covered us with deep darkness.
- 1: If we had forgotten the name of our God,  
Or spread forth our hands to a strange god,
- 2: Would not God discover this?  
For he knows the secrets of the heart.
- 1: For thy sake we are slain all the day long,  
And accounted as sheep for the slaughter.
- 2: Rouse thyself! Why sleepest thou, O Lord?  
Awake! Do not cast us off for ever!
- 1: Why dost thou hide thy face?  
Why dost thou forget our affliction and  
oppression?
- 2: For our soul is bowed down to the dust;  
Our body cleaves to the ground.
- 1: Rise up, come to our help!  
Deliver us for the sake of thy steadfast love!

PS. 56

- 2: Be gracious to me, O God, for men trample  
upon me;  
All day long foemen oppress me;
- 1: My enemies trample upon me all day long,  
For many fight against me proudly.
- 2: When I am afraid,  
I put my trust in thee.  
In God, whose word I praise,
- 1: In God I trust without a fear.  
What can flesh do to me?
- 2: All day long they seek to injure my cause;  
All their thoughts are against me for evil.
- 1: They band themselves together,  
They lurk, they watch my steps.
- 2: As they have waited for my life,
- 1: So recompense them for their crime;  
In wrath cast down the peoples, O God!
- 2: Thou hast kept count of my tossings;  
Put thou my tears in thy bottle!  
Are they not in thy book?

- 1: Then my enemies will be turned back  
In the day when I call.  
This I know, that God is for me.
- 2: In God, whose word I praise,  
In the LORD, whose word I praise,  
1: In God I trust without a fear.  
What can man do to me?
- 2: My vows to thee I must perform, O God;  
I will render thank offerings to thee.
- 1: For thou hast delivered my soul from death,  
Yea, my feet from falling,  
That I may walk before God in the light of  
life.
- 2: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and  
to the Holy Spirit, From the eternity and  
forever. Amen.
- S: My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?  
(canona) My God, My God, Do not let me into  
the hands of those who do not follow you.

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Congregation stands

- S: Let us pray, Peace be with us.

**C:** Lord our God, we owe you praise, honor, thanksgiving, and adoration to your holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity for all the blessings to the humankind. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, forever

**A:** Amen.

*Celebrant blesses the incense*

**C:** *Lord you accepted the sacrifice of martyrs; we pray that you accept this incense from our unworthy hands, forever*

**S:** Amen.

*The hymn of incense is sung as the server incenses the altar. The candles are lit.*

## HYMN OF INCENSE

1. *“How lovely is thy dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!”*

O Lord our Messiah, and Lord our saviour,  
In your presence these, prayers we offer  
As sweet fragrant frankincense  
Answer our prayers.

2. *“My soul longs for the courts of the Lord!”*

O Lord our Messiah, and Lord our savior,  
In your presence these, prayers we offer  
As sweet fragrant frankincense  
Answer our prayers.

1. *“Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.”*

O Lord our Messiah, and Lord our savior,  
In your presence these, prayers we offer  
As sweet fragrant frankincense  
Answer our prayers.

**S:** Let us pray, Peace be with us

**C:** Lord our God, when the sweet fragrance of Your love wafts over us, and when our souls are enlightened with the knowledge of Your truth, may we be found worthy to receive Your beloved Son as He appears from the heaven. May we also glorify You and praise You unceasingly in Your Church, crowned like a spouse with every goodness and grace. For You are the Lord and Creator of all forever and ever

**A:** Amen

### HYMN OF RESURRECTION

**A:** Lord of all we bow and praise you.  
Jesus Christ, we glorify You  
For you give man glorious resurrection  
And you are the one who saves his soul.

**S:** Let us pray, Peace be with us.

**C:** My Lord, you are truly the one who raises our bodies. You are the savior of our souls,

and the preserver of our lives. We are bound always to thank, adore, and glorify you. The Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen.

## EVENING PRAYER STARTS

These hymns, prayers, psalms are part of the evening prayer.

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Congregation sits

1. *Lord save me, my life is in danger*  
Heal O Lord, my heart is broken  
There is no one to console me.
  2. *I will send him unto you*  
They offered a bitter juice to quench  
Their sight and might will fade away.
  1. *Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit*  
Lord, your wrath will fall on them,  
Those sinners who tortured our savior.
- S: Let us pray, Peace be with us.
- C: My Lord, we praise and adore you for your infinite mercy and everlasting providence. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the Lord of all, forever.
- A: Amen.

**EVENING PSALMS**  
**PSALM 140/141**

**S:** I call upon thee, O Lord;  
 Make haste to me!  
 (canona) Give ear to my voice,  
 when I call to thee!

Community prays in two groups

- 1: I call upon thee, O Lord;  
 Make haste to me!
- 2: Let my prayer be counted as incense before  
 thee,
- 1: The lifting up of my hands as an evening  
 sacrifice!
- 2: Set a guard over my mouth, O Lord,  
 Keep watch over the door of my lips!
- 1: Incline not my heart to any evil,  
 To busy myself with wicked deeds  
 In company with men who work iniquity;  
 And let me not eat of their dainties!
- 2: Let a good man strike or rebuke me in  
 kindness,
- 1: But let the oil of the wicked never anoint my  
 head;
- 2: For my prayer is continually against their  
 wicked deeds.

1: When they are given over to those who shall  
condemn them,  
Then they shall learn that the word of the  
LORD is true.

**PSALM 141/142**

1: I cry with my voice to the Lord,  
With my voice I make supplication to the  
Lord,

2: When my spirit is faint,  
Thou knowest my way!

1: In the path where I walk  
They have hidden a trap for me.

2: I look to the right and watch,  
But there is none who takes notice of me;

1: No refuge remains to me,  
No man cares for me.

2: I cry to thee, O Lord;  
I say, Thou art my refuge,  
My portion in the land of the living.

**PSALM 118/119**

1: Thy word is a lamp to my feet  
And a light to my path.

2: I have sworn an oath and confirmed it,  
To observe thy righteous ordinances.



- 1: I am sorely afflicted;  
Give me life, O Lord, according to thy word!
- 2: Accept my offerings of praise, O Lord,  
And teach me thy ordinances.
- 1: I hold my life in my hand continually,  
But I do not forget thy law.
- 2: The wicked have laid a snare for me,  
But I do not stray from thy precepts.

## PSALM 116/117

- 1: Praise the Lord, all nations!  
Extol him, all peoples!
- 2: For great is his steadfast love toward us;  
And the faithfulness of the Lord endures for  
ever.  
Praise the Lord!
- 1: Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and to the  
Holy Spirit, From the eternity and forever.  
Amen.
- S:** I call upon thee, O Lord;  
Make haste to me!  
(*canona*) Give ear to my voice, when I call to  
thee!

**S:** Let us pray, Peace be with us.

**C:** Lord, Kindly listen to us your servants,  
accept our prayers and bless us. You give  
health to our bodies and hope to our souls.  
The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the  
Lord of all forever,

**A:** Amen.

**PSALM 140**

**S:** Deliver me, O Lord, from evil men;  
Preserve me from violent men,  
(*canona*) My God and my Lord,  
Save me from the desires  
And violence of the wicked.

*Congregation prays in two groups*

1. Deliver me, O Lord, from evil men;  
Preserve me from violent men
2. Who plan evil things in their heart,  
And stir up wars continually.
  1. They make their tongue sharp as a serpent's,  
And under their lips is the poison of vipers.
  2. Guard me, O Lord, from the hands of the  
wicked;  
Preserve me from violent men,  
Who have planned to trip up my feet.

1. Arrogant men have hidden a trap for me,  
And with cords they have spread a net,  
By the wayside they have set snares for me.
2. I say to the Lord, Thou art my God;  
Give ear to the voice of my supplications, O  
Lord!
1. O Lord, my Lord, my strong deliverer,  
Thou hast covered my head in the day of  
battle.
2. Grant not, O Lord, the desires of the wicked;  
Do not further his evil plot!
1. Those who surround me lift up their head,  
Let the mischief of their lips overwhelm  
them!
2. Let burning coals fall upon them!  
Let them be cast into pits, no more to rise!
1. Let not the slanderer be established in the  
land;  
Let evil hunt down the violent man speedily!
2. I know that the Lord maintains the cause of  
the afflicted,  
And executes justice for the needy.
1. Surely the righteous shall give thanks to thy  
name;  
The upright shall dwell in thy presence.

2: Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, From the eternity and forever, Amen.

S: Deliver me, O Lord, from evil men;  
Preserve me from violent men,  
(*canona*) My God and my Lord,  
Save me from the desires  
And violence of the wicked.

S: Let us pray, Peace be with us.

C: Lord our God, perfect our faith in your Holy Trinity. Make us worthy to offer you praise, honor, thanksgiving, and adoration. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the Lord of all, forever.

A: Amen.

HYMN

1. *"Our help is in the name of the Lord"*

The Son of God is crucified  
The creatures mourn in the death of the  
saviour  
The sun faded, the earth lost radiance  
To mark, a sign of this terror.

2. *"Heal our wounded heart"*

The veil in the temple is torn in the middle  
And the earth announced its sorrow

A new generation sprung forth  
In the new life of the Holy Spirit

1. *"Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and to  
the Holy Spirit"*

The crucified Lord stretched his hands  
To embrace everyone in his divine love  
Come in reverence to his grace  
That redeems us from sins and debts.

**S:** Let us pray, Peace be with us.

**C:** O Lord, wounded and sacrificed on the cross, heal our wounds. All the creatures lamented over your grievous death. As we commemorate your passion and death, grant us the grace to die to this world and live a new life in you. We repent of our sins. Lord have mercy on us. The Lord of all, forever.

**A:** Amen.

**EVENING PRAYER ENDS**

**TRISAGION**

Congregation stands

**S:** Brothers and sisters, raise your voices and glorify the living God.

**A:** Holy God,  
Holy Mighty One,  
Holy Immortal One,  
Have mercy on us.

**S:** Let us pray, Peace be with us.

**C:** Glorious, mighty, immortal, and holy God, you are pleased to dwell in the holy ones. We beseech you. Look upon us, pardon us, and show us compassion according to your nature. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the Lord of all, forever.

**A:** Amen.

## READINGS

First and second readings are read from the podium kept on the left side of the celebrant

### FIRST READING GENESIS 22:01-19

**S:** Brothers and sisters, please be seated and listen attentively.

Congregation sits

**S:** A reading from the book of Genesis.

**S:** Bless me my Lord (bowing to the celebrant)

**C:** May God bless + you.

Some time afterward, God put Abraham to the test and said to him: Abraham! "Here I am!" he replied. Then God said: Take your

son Isaac, your only one, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There offer him up as a burnt offering on one of the heights that I will point out to you. Early the next morning Abraham saddled his donkey, took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac, and after cutting the wood for the burnt offering, set out for the place of which God had told him.

On the third day Abraham caught sight of the place from a distance. Abraham said to his servants: “Stay here with the donkey, while the boy and I go on over there. We will worship and then come back to you.” So Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, while he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two walked on together, Isaac spoke to his father Abraham. “Father!” he said. “Here I am,” he replied. Isaac continued, “Here are the fire and the wood, but where is the sheep for the burnt offering?” “My son,” Abraham answered, “God will provide the sheep for the burnt offering.” Then the two walked on together.

When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. Next he bound his son Isaac, and put him on top of the wood on the altar. Then Abraham reached

out and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, “Abraham, Abraham!” “Here I am,” he answered. “Do not lay your hand on the boy,” said the angel. “Do not do the least thing to him. For now I know that you fear God, since you did not withhold from me your son, your only one.” Abraham looked up and saw a single ram caught by its horns in the thicket. So Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering in place of his son. Abraham named that place Yahweh-yireh; hence people today say, “On the mountain the LORD will provide.”

A second time the angel of the LORD called to Abraham from heaven and said: “I swear by my very self oracle that because you acted as you did in not withholding from me your son, your only one, I will bless you and make your descendants as countless as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore; your descendants will take possession of the gates of their enemies, and in your descendants all the nations of the earth will find blessing, because you obeyed my command.”

Abraham then returned to his servants, and they set out together for Beer-sheba, where Abraham lived.

A: Praise be to the Lord our God



## PS. 27

**S:** The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
Whom shall I fear?  
(*canona*) God who knows secrets  
Do not forsake me from your holy presence

*community prays in two groups*

- 1: The LORD is the stronghold of my life;  
Of whom shall I be afraid?
- 2: When evildoers assail me,  
Uttering slanders against me,  
My adversaries and foes,  
They shall stumble and fall.
- 1: One thing have I asked of the LORD,  
That will I seek after;
- 2: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD  
All the days of my life,
- 1: Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud,  
Be gracious to me and answer me!
- 2: My heart says to thee,  
"Thy face, LORD, do I seek."  
Hide not thy face from me.
- 1: Turn not thy servant away in anger,  
Thou who hast been my help.
- 2: Teach me thy way, O LORD;  
and lead me on a level path  
because of my enemies.

- 1: Give me not up to the will of my adversaries;  
For false witnesses have risen against me,  
And they breathe out violence.
- 2: Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and to the  
Holy Spirit,  
From the eternity and forever. Amen
- S: The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
Whom shall I fear?  
(*canona*) God who knows secrets  
Do not forsaken me from your holy presence

**SECOND READING**  
**ISAIAH 52:13-53:09**

- S: A reading from the book of Isaiah.
- S: Bless me my Lord (*bowing to the celebrant*)
- C: May God bless + you.

See, my servant shall prosper, he shall be raised high and greatly exalted. Even as many were amazed at him—so marred were his features, beyond that of mortals his appearance, beyond that of human beings—So shall he startle many nations, kings shall stand speechless; For those who have not been told shall see, those who have not heard shall ponder it.

Who would believe what we have heard? To whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? He grew up like a sapling before him, like a shoot from the parched earth; He had no majestic bearing to catch our eye, no beauty to draw us to him. He was spurned and avoided by men, a man of suffering, knowing pain, like one from whom you turn your face, spurned, and we held him in no esteem. Yet it was our pain that he bore, our sufferings he endured. We thought of him as stricken, struck down by God and afflicted, but he was pierced for our sins, crushed for our iniquity. He bore the punishment that makes us whole, by his wounds we were healed. We had all gone astray like sheep, all following our own way; but the LORD laid upon him the guilt of us all. Though harshly treated, he submitted and did not open his mouth; like a lamb led to slaughter or a sheep silent before shearers, he did not open his mouth. Seized and condemned, he was taken away. Who would have thought any more of his destiny? For he was cut off from the land of the living, struck for the sins of his people. He was given a grave among the wicked, a burial place with evildoers, though he had done no wrong, nor was deceit found in his mouth.

A: Praise be to the Lord our God

## HYMN OF PRAISE

**C:** *“The heavens proclaim the glory of God”*

With the hymns of the Holy Spirit  
And the hymns of Halleluiah  
Let us commemorate the death of Lord Jesus  
Let us now celebrate on this altar.

**S:** *“The firmament declares the work of His hands”*

**A:** With the hymns of the Holy Spirit  
And the hymns of Halleluiah  
Let us commemorate the death of Lord Jesus  
Let us now celebrate on this altar.

**S:** *“The peoples proclaim your glory and bow before  
you.”*

**A:** With the hymns of the Holy Spirit  
And the hymns of Halleluiah  
Let us commemorate the death of Lord Jesus  
Let us now celebrate on this altar.

**C:** *“Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and to the  
Holy Spirit”*

**A:** With the hymns of the Holy Spirit  
And the hymns of Halleluiah  
Let us commemorate the death of Lord Jesus  
Let us now celebrate on this altar.

**S:** “From the eternity and forever, Amen”

**A:** With the hymns of the Holy Spirit  
And the hymns of Halleluiah  
Let us commemorate the death of Lord Jesus  
Let us now celebrate on this altar.

**S:** Let us pray, peace be with us.

**C:** Lord our God, illumine our hearts and minds to hear and understand the sweet voice of your life-giving and divine commandments. In your mercy and grace, grant that they bear in us the fruits of love, hope, and salvation beneficial to our body and soul and that we may constantly praise You. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the Lord of all, forever

**A:** Amen.

Epistle (third reading) is read from the podium kept on the right side of the celebrant

**THIRD READING  
ROMANS 05:06-16**

**S:** A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans

**S:** Bless me my Lord (bowing to the celebrant)

**C:** May Christ bless + you.

For Christ, while we were still helpless, yet died at the appointed time for the ungodly. Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. How much more then, since we are now justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath. Indeed, if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, how much more, once reconciled, will we be saved by his life. Not only that, but we also boast of God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Therefore, just as through one person sin entered the world, and through sin, death, and thus death came to all, inasmuch as all sinned—for up to the time of the law, sin was in the world, though sin is not accounted when there is no law. But death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin after the pattern of the trespass of Adam, who is the type of the one who was to come.

But the gift is not like the transgression. For if by that one person's transgression the many died, how much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one person Jesus Christ overflow for the many. And the

gift is not like the result of the one person's sinning. For after one sin there was the judgment that brought condemnation; but the gift, after many transgressions, brought acquittal.

A: Praise be to Christ our Lord

### HYMN

A Hymn may be sung

### GOSPEL

#### THE PASSION NARRATIVE

Passion narrative is a meditation on the suffering, crucifixion, and death of our Lord. Let us participate in deep prayer and meditation.

Congregation sits

**NARRATOR:** When he had said this, Jesus went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to where there was a garden, into which he and his disciples entered.

There was a garden by the name Gethsemane and they entered the garden. There, he told them;

**JESUS:** Sit here while I go over there and pray. Pray that you may not undergo the test.

**NARRATOR:** He took along Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to feel sorrow and distress. Then he said to them,

**JESUS:** My soul is sorrowful even to death. Remain here and keep watch with me.

**NARRATOR:** Then Jesus walked a small distance, knelt down and prayed;

**JESUS:** Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me; still, not my will but yours be done.

**NARRATOR:** When he returned he found them asleep. He said to Peter,

**JESUS:** Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep watch for one hour? Watch and pray that you may not undergo the test. The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak.

**NARRATOR:** Withdrawing again, he prayed, saying the same thing.

**JESUS:** My Father, if it is not possible that this cup pass without me drinking it, your will be done!

**NARRATOR:** When Jesus came back again, he found them sleeping. Their eyes were



too heavy for want of sleep. They were very sad they had no reason to tell Jesus. Jesus left them and went to pray for the third time. He kept on repeating the same prayer. Suddenly, an angel appeared from heaven to assure and strengthen Jesus. As time passed and when the pain became unbearable, his prayers became more intense. His sweat came out and fell down as drops of blood. After his prayers, Jesus came back to his disciples for the third time. They were sad, tired and sleeping. Jesus said;

**JESUS:** Are you still sleeping and taking rest? Here it is time for the Son of Man to be handed over to the sinners. Get up, let us go. Look, my betrayer is at hand.

**NARRATOR:** Judas the betrayer also knew this place where Jesus met his disciples quite often. Judas came along with a group of soldiers and guards from the chief priests and the pharisees. They carried torches and lanterns along with arms. They reached when Jesus was talking to his disciples. Judas the betrayer had told them,

**RESPONSE:** The man I shall kiss is the one; arrest him.

**NARRATOR:** Judas, when he reached close to Jesus, kissed him and said,

**RESPONSE:** Hail, Rabbi!

**NARRATOR:** Then Jesus asked him,

**JESUS:** My friend, did you come for this? Are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?

**NARRATOR:** Jesus, who knew everything that was about to happen to him, went out and said to them,

**JESUS:** Whom are you looking for?

**NARRATOR:** They answered him,

**CROWD:** Jesus the Nazarene.

**NARRATOR :** He said to them,

**JESUS :** I AM he

**NARRATOR:** Judas his betrayer was also with them. When he said to them, "I AM," they turned away and fell to the ground. So he again asked them,

**JESUS:** Whom are you looking for?

**NARRATOR:** They said,

**CROWD:** Jesus the Nazarene.

**NARRATOR:** Jesus answered,

**JESUS:** I told you that I AM. So, if you are looking for me, let these men go.

**NARRATOR:** This was to fulfill what he had said, “I have not lost any of those you gave me.” His disciples realized what was about to happen, and they asked,

**RESPONSE:** Lord, shall we strike with a sword?

**NARRATOR:** Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest’s slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave’s name was Malchus. Jesus said to Peter,

**JESUS:** Put your sword back into its sheath, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot call upon my Father and he will not provide me at this moment with more than twelve legions of angels? But then how would the scriptures be fulfilled which say that it must come to pass in this way? Shall I not drink the cup that my Father gave me?

**NARRATOR:** Then Jesus told the crowd,

**JESUS:** Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs? Day after day I was with you in the temple area, and you did not seize me. But this is your hour, the time for the power of darkness. These things have to happen for the Holy Scriptures to come true.

**NARRATOR:** So the group of soldiers, the tribune, and the Jewish guards seized Jesus, and bound him. Seeing this all other disciples of Jesus ran away. A young man escorted Jesus, but the soldiers caught him. He left his clothes there and ran away to safety. Jesus was taken to Annas first. He was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was the high priest that year. It was Caiaphas who had counselled the Jews that it was better that one man should die rather than the people. Then Annas, the chief priest asked Jesus about his disciples and his teachings. Jesus replied,

**JESUS:** I have spoken publicly to the world. I have always taught in a synagogue or in the temple area where all the Jews gather, and in secret I have said nothing. Why ask me? Ask those who heard me what I said to them. They know what I said.

**NARRATOR:** When he had said this, one of the temple guards standing there struck Jesus and said,

**RESPONSE:** Is this the way you answer the high priest?

**NARRATOR:** Jesus answered him,

**JESUS:** If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong; but if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?

**NARRATOR:** Annas sent Jesus to Caiaphas, the high priest, bound. The chief priests and the entire Sanhedrin kept trying to obtain testimony against Jesus in order to put him to death, but they found none. Many gave false witness against him, but their testimony did not agree. Some took the stand and testified falsely against him, alleging,

**CROWD:** We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple made with hands and within three days I will build another not made with hands.'

**NARRATOR:** Even so their testimony did not agree. The high priest rose before the assembly and questioned Jesus, saying,

**RESPONSE:** Have you no answer? What are these men testifying against you?

**NARRATOR:** But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him,

**RESPONSE:** I order you to tell us under oath before the living God whether you are the Messiah, the Son of God.

**NARRATOR:** Jesus said to him in reply,

**JESUS:** You have said so. But I tell you; from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Almighty and coming on the clouds of heaven.

**NARRATOR:** Then the high priest tore his robes and said,

**RESPONSE:** He has blasphemed! What further need have we of witnesses? You have now heard the blasphemy; what is your opinion?

**NARRATOR:** They replied,

**CROWD:** He deserves to die.

**NARRATOR:** Then they spat on his face and struck him, while some slapped him, saying,

**CROWD:** Prophecy for us, Messiah, who is it that struck you?

**NARRATOR:** Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Now the other disciple was known to the high priest and he entered the courtyard of the high priest with Jesus. But, Peter stood at the gate outside. So the other disciple, the acquaintance of the high priest, went out and spoke to the gate-keeper and brought Peter in. One of the maids came over to him and said,

**RESPONSE :** Are you not a disciple of that man?  
(Female)

**NARRATOR :** He replied in haste

**RESPONSE:** No I am not.

**NARRATOR:** Now the slaves and the guards were standing around a charcoal fire that they had made, because it was cold and they were warming themselves. Peter was also standing there, keeping warm. A maid saw him seated in the light, looked intently at him and said,

**RESPONSE:** Are you not one with Jesus the Nazarene?  
(Female)

**NARRATOR:** But he denied it in front of everyone, saying,

**RESPONSE:** I do not know what you are talking about. I do not know him.

**NARRATOR:** He went to the gate and cock crowed. A while after those who were there told Peter.

**RESPONSE:** You too are with them. No doubt, your style of conversation attest to that.

**NARRATOR:** Peter swore before them.

**RESPONSE:** I do not know him.

**NARRATOR:** One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the one whose ear Peter had cut off, said,

**RESPONSE :** Did I not see you in the garden with him?

**NARRATOR:** Again Peter denied it. Immediately, the cock crowed. Jesus looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the words that Jesus had spoken: “Before the cock crows you will deny me three times.” He went out and wept bitterly.

When it was morning, all the chief priests and the elders took counsel against Jesus to put him to death. They brought him before the court and said.



**CROWD:** If you are the Messiah, tell us.

**NARRATOR:** But he said to them.

**JESUS:** If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I ask you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man shall be seated at the right hand of the Almighty.

**NARRATOR:** They asked him again.

**CROWD:** Are you the Son of God, then?

**NARRATOR:** He said to them.

**JESUS:** You say that I AM.

**NARRATOR:** They said,

**CROWD:** What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips.

**NARRATOR:** They bound him and led him away and delivered him to Pilate the governor.

When Judas, his betrayer, saw that he was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders, saying,

**RESPONSE:** I have sinned in betraying innocent blood.

**NARRATOR:** They said,

**CROWD:** What is that to us? See to it yourself.

**NARRATOR:** Flinging the money into the temple, he departed and went off and hanged himself. The chief priests gathered up the money, but said,

**CROWD:** It is not lawful to deposit this in the temple treasury, for it is the price of blood.

**NARRATOR:** After consultation, they used it to buy the potter's field as a burial place for foreigners. That is why that field even today is called the Field of Blood. Then was fulfilled what had been said through Jeremiah the prophet, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the value of a man with a price on his head, a price set by some of the Israelites, and they paid it out for the potter's field just as the Lord had commanded me."

Then they brought Jesus from Caiaphas to the praetorium. It was morning. And they themselves did not enter the praetorium, in order not to be defiled so that they could eat the

Passover. So Pilate came out to them and said,

**RESPONSE :** What charge do you bring against this man?

**NARRATOR:** They answered and said to him,

**CROWD:** If he were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you.

**NARRATOR:** At this, Pilate said to them,

**RESPONSE:** Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law.

**NARRATOR:** The Jews answered him,

**CROWD:** We do not have the right to execute anyone!

**NARRATOR:** Thus fulfilled the words of Jesus indicating the kind of death he would die. And they began to accuse him, saying,

**CROWD:** We found this man perverting our people, and forbidding us to give tribute to Caesar, and saying that he himself is a King, the Messiah.

**NARRATOR:** So Pilate went back into the praetorium and summoned Jesus and asked him,

**RESPONSE:** Are you the king of Jews?

**NARRATOR:** Jesus answered,

**JESUS:** Do you say this on your own or have others told you about me?

**NARRATOR:** Pilate answered,

**RESPONSE:** I am not a Jew, am I? Your own people and the chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?

**NARRATOR:** Jesus answered,

**JESUS:** My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here.

**NARRATOR:** So Pilate said to him,

**RESPONSE:** Then are you a King?

**NARRATOR:** Jesus answered,

**JESUS:** You say I am a King. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice

**NARRATOR:** Pilate said to him,

**RESPONSE:** What is the truth?

**NARRATOR:** When Pilate had said this, he again went out to the Jews and said to them,

**RESPONSE:** I find no guilt in him.

**NARRATOR:** But they were adamant and said,

**CROWD:** He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee even to this place.

**NARRATOR:** On hearing Galilee, Pilate asked,

**RESPONSE:** Is this man a Galilean?

**NARRATOR:** Upon learning that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod who was in Jerusalem at that time. Herod was very glad to see Jesus; he had been wanting to see him for a long time, for he had heard about him and had been hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at length, but he gave him no answer. The chief priests and scribes, meanwhile, stood by accusing him harshly. Herod and his soldiers treated him contemptuously

and mocked him, and after clothing him in resplendent garb, he sent him back to Pilate. Herod and Pilate became friends that very day, even though they had been enemies before. Pilate then summoned the chief priests, the rulers, and the people and said to them,

**RESPONSE:** You brought this man to me and accused him of inciting the people to revolt. I have conducted my investigation in your presence and have not found this man guilty of the charges you have brought against him, nor did Herod, for he sent him back to us. So no capital crime has been committed by him. Therefore I shall have him flogged and then release him.

**NARRATOR:** Now on the occasion of the feast he used to release to them one prisoner whom they requested. A man called Barabbas was then in prison along with the rebels who had committed murder in a rebellion. The crowd came forward and began to ask him to do for them as he was accustomed. Pilate asked the crowd,

**RESPONSE:** You have a custom that I release one prisoner to you at Passover. Do you

want me to release to you the King of Jews?

**NARRATOR:** For he knew that it was out of envy that they had handed him over. While he was still seated on the bench, his wife sent him a message,

**RESPONSE :** Have nothing to do with that righteous (Female) man. I suffered much in a dream today because of him.

**NARRATOR:** The chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas but to kill Jesus. The governor said to them in reply,

**RESPONSE:** Which of the two do you want me to release to you?

**NARRATOR:** They answered,

**CROWD:** Away with this man, and release to us Barabbas

**NARRATOR:** With the intent of freeing Jesus, Pilate again asked,

**RESPONSE:** What shall I do with Jesus known as the King of Jews?

**NARRATOR:** Then the crowd said loud,

**CROWD:** CRUCIFY HIM! CRUCIFY HIM!

**NARRATOR:** Pilate asked the crowd for the third time,

**RESPONSE:** Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no crime deserving death.

**NARRATOR:** But they were adamant, demanding with loud cries that he should be crucified. And their voices prevailed. So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas to them and, after he had Jesus scourged, handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the praetorium, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe upon him, and plaiting a crown of thorns they put it on his head, and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him they mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of Jews!" And they spat upon him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe, and put his own clothes on him, and led him away to crucify him.



Once more Pilate went out and said to them,

**RESPONSE:** Look, I am bringing him out to you, so that you may know that I find no guilt in him.

**NARRATOR:** So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple cloak. And Pilate said to them,

**RESPONSE:** Behold, the man!

**NARRATOR:** When the chief priests and the guards saw him, they cried aloud.

**CROWD:** CRUCIFY HIM! CRUCIFY HIM!

**NARRATOR:** Pilate said to them,

**RESPONSE:** Take him yourselves and crucify him. I find no guilt in him.

**NARRATOR:** The Jews answered,

**CROWD:** We have a law, and according to that law, he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God.

**NARRATOR:** Now when Pilate heard this statement, he became even more afraid, and went back into the praetorium and asked Jesus,

RESPONSE : Where are you from?

**NARRATOR:** Jesus did not answer him. So Pilate said to him,

RESPONSE : Do you not speak to me? Do you not know that I have the power to release you and I have the power to crucify you?

**NARRATOR:** Jesus answered him,

**JESUS:** You would have no power over me if it had not been given to you from above. For this reason the one who handed me over to you has the greater sin.

**NARRATOR:** Consequently, Pilate tried to release him, but the Jews cried out,

**CROWD:** If you release him, you are not a friend of Caesar. Everyone who makes himself a king is an enemy of Caesar.

**NARRATOR:** When Pilate heard these words he brought Jesus out and seated him on the judge's bench in the place called Stone Pavement, in Hebrew, Gabbatha. It was preparation day for Passover, and it was about noon. And he said to the Jews,

RESPONSE : Behold, your King!

**NARRATOR :** They cried out,

CROWD: Take him away, Take him away! Crucify him!

**NARRATOR:** Pilate said to them,

RESPONSE: Shall I crucify your king?

**NARRATOR:** The chief priests answered,

CROWD: We have no king but Caesar

**NARRATOR:** Assuming that his efforts were in vain and seeing that the situation was getting worse, Pilate took some water and washed his hands in front of the crowd and said,

RESPONSE: I am not responsible for this man's blood

**NARRATOR:** Hearing this the crowd shouted

CROWD: Let his blood be on us and upon our children.

**NARRATOR:** Then he handed Jesus over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus, removed his purple cloak and put

on him his own clothes. Carrying the cross himself, Jesus went out to what is called the Place of the Skull, in Hebrew, Golgotha. On the way, they met Simon from Cyrene who was the father of Alexander and Rufus. He was coming from his fields. They persuaded him to carry Jesus' cross and kept it on his shoulders for him to carry.

A large crowd followed Jesus on his way to the cross. The crowd included a lot of women from Jerusalem, who were weeping and crying for him. Seeing this, Jesus turned to them and said,

**JESUS:** Oh, daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep instead for yourselves and for your children, for indeed, the days are coming when people will say, 'Blessed are the barren, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed.' At that time people will say to the mountains, 'fall upon us!' and to the hills, 'cover us!' For if these things are done when the wood is green what will happen when it is dry?

**NARRATOR:** Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with

him. They offered him wine to drink, mingled with gall; he tasted it, but he did not drink it.

There, they crucified him along with two thieves, one on either side with Jesus in the middle. Thus the writing in the scriptures, 'He will be counted amongst the wicked', came true.

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#### Congregation kneels

The crucifix is unveiled. Everyone kneels, wooden bells are rung.

After a moment of deep silence the following psalm is prayed in two groups

#### PSALM: 22

- 1: But I am a worm, and no man;  
Scorned by men,  
And despised by the people.
- 2: All who see me mock at me,  
They make mouths at me,  
They wag their heads;
- 1: "He committed his cause to the LORD;  
Let him deliver him,
- 2: Let him rescue him  
For he delights in him!"

- 1: Upon thee was I cast from my birth,  
And since my mother bore me,  
Thou hast been my God.
- 2: Be not far from me,  
For trouble is near  
And there is none to help.
- 1: Many bulls encompass me,  
Strong bulls of Bashan surround me;  
They open wide their mouths at me,  
Like a ravening and roaring lion.
- 2: I am poured out like water,  
And all my bones are out of joint;
- 1: My heart is like wax,  
It is melted within my breast;
- 2: My strength is dried up like a potsherd,  
And my tongue cleaves to my jaws;  
Thou dost lay me in the dust of death.
- 1: Yea, dogs are round about me;  
A company of evildoers encircle me;
- 2: They have pierced my hands and feet  
I can count all my bones  
They stare and gloat over me;
- 1: They divide my garments among them,  
And for my raiment they cast lots.

Congregation sits

**PASSION NARRATIVE CONTINUES**

**NARRATOR:** Around three in the afternoon, Jesus was crucified. Lying on the cross, Jesus said,

**JESUS:** Father, forgive them, they know not what they do.

**NARRATOR:** Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus the Nazarene, the King of the Jews." Now many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, Latin, and Greek. So the chief priests said to Pilate,

**CROWD:** Do not write 'The King of the Jews,' but that "he said, 'I am the King of the Jews'."

**NARRATOR:** Pilate answered,

**RESPONSE:** What I have written, I have written

**NARRATOR:** When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four shares, a share for each soldier. They also took his tunic,

but the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top down. So they said to one another,

**CROWD:** Let's not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it will be,

**NARRATOR:** The soldiers did so to fulfill the scriptures: "They divided my garments among them, and for my vesture they cast lots." Those passing by reviled him, shaking their heads and saying,

**CROWD:** Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself by coming down from the cross.

**NARRATOR:** Likewise the chief priests, with the scribes, mocked him and said,

**CROWD:** He saved others; he cannot save himself. So he is the king of Israel! Let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusted in God; let him deliver him now if he wants him. For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'

**NARRATOR:** Even the soldiers jeered at him. As they approached to offer him wine they called out,



**CROWD:** If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself.

**NARRATOR:** Now one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus, saying,

**RESPONSE:** Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us.

**NARRATOR:** The other, however, rebuking him, said in reply,

**RESPONSE:** Have you no fear of God, for you are subject to the same condemnation? And indeed, we have been condemned justly, for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes, but this man has done nothing criminal.

**NARRATOR:** Then he said,

**RESPONSE:** Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

**NARRATOR:** He replied to him,

**JESUS:** Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.

**NARRATOR:** Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister,

Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother,

**JESUS:** Woman, behold, your son.

**NARRATOR:** Then he said to his disciple,

**JESUS:** Behold, your mother.

**NARRATOR:** And from that hour, the disciple took her into his home.

At noon darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And at three o'clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice,

**JESUS:** *Ei Ei, L'ma shabkthaani?* - My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

**NARRATOR:** Some of the bystanders who heard it said,

**CROWD:** Look, he is calling Elijah.

**NARRATOR:** After this, aware that everything was now finished, in order that the scripture might be fulfilled, Jesus said,

**JESUS:** I thirst.

**NARRATOR:** There was a vessel filled with common wine. So they put a sponge soaked in wine on a sprig of Hyssop and put it up to his mouth. Seeing this, people said,

**CROWD:** Wait, let us see if Elijah comes to take him down.

**NARRATOR:** When Jesus had taken the wine, he said,

**JESUS:** It is finished.

**NARRATOR:** Jesus cried loudly and said,

**JESUS:** Father, into your hands I commend my spirit

To be read **LOUD**

**NARRATOR:** **He bowed his head, and breathed his last.**

Congregation kneels

Wooden bells are rung.

The following hymn/prayers is  
sung/said

We adore You, O Lord Jesus Christ,  
And we bless You.  
Because by Your Holy Cross  
You have redeemed us and the whole world.

celebrant incenses the crucifix

## HOMILY

Congregation sits

## KARAZUTHA

Congregation kneels

## FIRST KARAZUTHA

**S :** Let us kneel down in repentance and reverence, let us pray 'Have mercy on us.'

**A:** Have mercy on us

**S:** Jesus who came to call sinners to repentance,

**A:** Have mercy on us

**S:** Jesus who healed our wounds with your wounds and who won over death with your death,

**A:** Have mercy on us

**S:** Jesus who made the sun and the moon dark during the hours of pain on the cross,

**A:** Have mercy on us

**S:** Jesus who consoled the heavenly and saved those who crucified him through his death on the cross,

**A:** Have mercy on us

**S:** Jesus who went to sheol and proclaimed the Gospel of hope to them,

**A:** Have mercy on us

**S:** Jesus, who opened the tombs and made the saints risen and thus humbled those who crucified him,

**A:** Have mercy on us

**S:** Jesus who paid for our sins with his sacrifice on Golgotha,

**A:** Have mercy on us

**S:** Jesus who drank the bitter during his crucifixion for the renewal and redemption of mankind,

**A:** Have mercy on us

**S:** Jesus who sacrificed himself and redeemed his lambs with his blood to save them from the evil one,

**A:** Have mercy on us

**S:** Lord who rules over everything with infinite kindness

**A:** Have mercy on us

**S:** God who is hailed by the whole of heaven and revered by all on earth in truth and in spirit

**A:** Have mercy on us

**S:** Jesus our saviour, save the church from all evils. Remove our sins and restore peace and happiness in your church. Grant mercy to the whole mankind,

**A:** Amen.

### SECOND KAROZUTHA

**S:** Let us humbly pray to our Lord that he would answer our prayers and petitions,

**A:** Amen

**S:** Let us pray to God to make the Holy Catholic Church perfect and joyous,

**A:** Amen

**S:** Let us pray to God that he would preserve her and make her radiant in the light of the divine word,

**A:** Amen

**S:** Let us pray for our Holy Father Pope Mar ———, the head of the universal church, our Major Archbishop Mar ———, the father and head of our church, our bishop Mar ———, the father and head of our diocese, all other bishops and their fellow ministers, that they would guide us like Moses and administer the priestly ministry like Aaron,

**A:** Amen.

**S:** Let us pray that God bless our bishops that they lead us with their words and deeds and that they are protected from evil forces,

**A:** Amen

**S:** Let us pray for the priests at the service of the church and for the sanctification of the world, that they lead the people of God in truth and thus making them the light of the world and salt of the earth,

**A:** Amen

**S:** Let us pray for the deacons anointed as the servers in the church that they serve at the altar like angels and fulfill their duties to the demands of the Gospel,

**A:** Amen.

**S:** Let us pray for the subdeacons and lectors who are appointed for the growth of the Church that they grow in love and wisdom to fulfill their duties efficient,

**A:** Amen.

**S:** Let us pray for the consecrated and religious who are the light of the people of God and sign of holiness, that they live their lives in divine love,

**A:** Amen.

**S:** Let us pray for the lay people that they lead a life after Holy Family, that our families become the source of peace and joy, and that holy vocations are fostered in our families,

**A:** Amen.

**S:** Let us pray that the power of the Holy Spirit who came upon Blessed Mary, eternal virgin and mother of God, may sanctify us and make us worthy of eternal life in heaven,

**A:** Amen

**S:** Let us pray that we have the mediation of saints, prophets, apostles, martyrs and blessed to be glorified in heaven in their communion,

**A:** Amen.

**S:** Let us commemorate our fathers of the church, doctors of the church, priests, and all the saints and pray that the authentic faith they proclaimed may flourish in the whole world,

**A:** Amen.

**S:** Let us pray that all the ministers of justice on earth, may fulfil their responsibilities and administer true and fair justice,

**A:** Amen



**S:** Let us pray that the rich shall have a kind heart to share with the poor in mercy and charity, as true stewards of wealth,

**A:** Amen

**S:** Let us pray to the Lord to provide food for the hungry, consolation for the oppressed, healing for the sick, and refuge for the afflicted,

**A:** Amen

**S:** Let us pray that all the captives may be released to live the freedom of the children of God,

**A:** Amen

**S:** Let us pray that the sons of the Holy Spirit, specially this community shall be protected from all evil,

**A:** Amen

**S:** Let us pray for a gentle weather, an abundance of water, and fruitfulness of plants and trees,

**A:** Amen

**S:** It is proper for us to confess and adore the almighty Father, his only begotten Son, and his everliving Holy Spirit. Let us pray that the

Lord of our salvation may bless us and that we enter into his heavenly kingdom,

A: Amen

S: Let's all rise and pray.

### THIRD KAROZUTHA

Congregation stands

S: We pray almighty God, that you send the angel of peace and blessings to us.

A: Lord, we pray to you.

S: We seek to have sinless days and nights throughout our lives and perpetual peace for the Church.

A: Lord, we pray to you.

S: We pray for the communion in love, the gift of the Holy Spirit,

A: Lord, we pray to you.

S: We pray for the forgiveness of our sins and the divine gifts for our lives,

A: Lord, we pray to you.

S: We pray for wisdom to our leaders, sense of justice to our judges, sincerity to our ministers, and peace to the whole world,

A: Lord, we pray to you.

**S:** We pray for your everlasting blessings and grace to your Church,

**A:** Lord, we pray to you.

**S:** Let us commend ourselves and one another to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

**A:** Lord our God, we commend ourselves to you.

**S:** Let us pray, Peace be with us.

**C:** O Lord, we humbly pray to you. Fill us with your grace. Strengthen us to bear sufferings and afflictions in joy together with the sufferings of Christ our Lord. Help us to make our lives fruitful through a life of genuine prayer, fraternal love, and sincere self denial. The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, the Lord of all, for ever,

**A:** Amen

**S:** Bless us O Lord, Brothers and sisters, bow your heads for the imposition of hands and receive the blessing.

**C:** May the blessing of the one who blesses, consolation of the one who consoles, and the mercy of the one who is merciful be with us, with our community and with the whole world. Now, always, and forever,

**A:** Amen.

## COMMUNION SERVICE (OPTIONAL)

The consecrated mysteries (bread & wine) are brought to the altar.  
Celebrant prays at the altar.

**C:** May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all, now, always, and forever,

**A:** Amen.

**S:** Let us approach the mysteries of the precious Body and Blood of our Savior with reverence and respect. With the hope arising from repentance, let us turn away from wrongdoing, repent of our sins, and forgive the trespasses of our brothers and sisters. Let us pray to God, the Lord of all, for mercy and forgiveness.

**A:** Lord, forgive the sins and offences of your servants.

**S:** Let us cleanse our hearts, turning away from dissensions and conflicts.

**A:** Lord, forgive the sins and offences of your servants.

**S:** Let us free our souls from enmity and hatred.

**A:** Lord, forgive the sins and offences of your servants.

**S:** Let us receive the Holy Qurbana and be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

- A: Lord, forgive the sins and offences of your servants.
- S: Let us receive these sacred mysteries in peace and unity with one another.
- A: Lord, forgive the sins and offences of your servants.
- S: O Lord! May these sacred mysteries be for the resurrection of our bodies and the salvation of our souls.
- A: May they be the source of life everlasting, Amen.
- S: Let us pray, Peace be with us.
- C: Lord our God, in your mercy forgive the sins and offences of your servants. Sanctify our lips to praise you, O Most High, together with all the saints in the kingdom of heaven.
- C: Lord, our God, make us worthy to be in your presence with the confidence you have mercifully bestowed on us. Enable us to stand in your presence with cheerful face and pure hearts. Calling upon you together, we pray,
- C: Our Father, (the congregation joins) 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. Lead us not into temptation. But deliver us from the evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever, Amen.

**C:** Lord, God Almighty! Fullness of all Goodness! Our Merciful Father! We entreat you for your mercy. Do not lead us to temptation. Deliver us from the evil one and his hosts. For, thine is the kingdom, the might, the power and the dominion in heaven and on earth. Now, always, and forever,

**A:** Amen.

**C:** Peace ✝ be with you.

*celebrant blesses the congregation*

**A:** With you and with your spirit.

**C:** The Holy Qurbana is for the holy people.

**A:** God, the Father alone is Holy. God, the Son alone is Holy. God, the Spirit alone is Holy. Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit forever. Amen.

**S:** Let us praise the Living God.

**A:** Let there be eternal praise to Him in the Church. Let His blessings and mercy be on us at all times.

Raising the Holy Host

**C:** Lord Jesus, behold, the treasure of your grace is in my hands in spite of my unworthiness. Help me with the grace of this awe inspiring mysteries that I receive as a gift of your mercy.

celebrant receives body and blood of Christ

celebrant blesses the congregation

**C:** May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ who gives us life, be made perfect in us through his mercy.

**A:** Always and forever, Amen.

**S:** Brothers and sisters, the holy Church invites you to receive the Body and Blood of the Son of God, with faith and hope in the heavenly kingdom. May these be for the expiation of our sins and for our everlasting life.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN

after the communion the following is said/sung

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Congregation stands

1. O divine Son, the Lord of this world  
You redeemed us through your cross.
2. Remember us in your mercy  
In the dawn of your heavenly kingdom.
1. We shall follow your divine path  
Seeking your grace and blessings.
2. We come with a joyous and desirous heart  
Seeking only your benevolence.
1. We come to be your disciples  
To proclaim your Holy Gospel.
2. We shall follow your divine path  
Seeking your grace and blessings.

celebrant reads the following

**GOSPEL READING**  
**JOHN 19:31-42**

**C:** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ as announced by St. John.

Now since it was preparation day, in order that the bodies might not remain on the cross on the sabbath, for the sabbath day of that week was a solemn one, the Jews asked Pilate that their legs be broken and they be taken down. So the soldiers came



and broke the legs of the first and then of the other one who was crucified with Jesus. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs, but one soldier thrust his lance into his side, and immediately blood and water flowed out. An eyewitness has testified, and his testimony is true; he knows that he is speaking the truth, so that you also may [come to] believe. For this happened so that the scripture passage might be fulfilled: “Not a bone of it will be broken.” And again another passage says: “They will look upon him whom they have pierced.”

After this, Joseph of Arimathea, secretly a disciple of Jesus for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate if he could remove the body of Jesus. And Pilate permitted it. So he came and took his body. Nicodemus, the one who had first come to him at night, also came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes weighing about one hundred pounds. They took the body of Jesus and bound it with burial cloths along with the spices, according to the Jewish burial custom. Now in the place where he had been crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had yet been buried. So they laid Jesus there because of the Jewish preparation day; for the tomb was close by.

A: Glory to You, Christ our Lord

## PROCESSION AND VENERATION OF THE CROSS

As the congregation sings, the crucifix is taken to the bema. The procession shall be done with crucifix covered in white linen or uncovered.

Procession shall be done around the church or around the cross at the front of the church. The procession is led by the server carrying the book of Gospels/ Bible in the front with two servers on sides with lighted candles. The celebrant carries the crucifix at the back of the procession with servers bearing lighted candles and incense.

Hymns are sung during procession.

After the procession the Crucifix is placed on the Bema or Altar.

## CONCLUDING PRAYERS

at the Bema/table of the Word

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Congregation stands

- S:** Let us pray, Peace be with us.
- C:** Lord our God, may your peace flourish all over the world. Strengthen the holy Church in your cross and protect all her children.

Grant us the grace to offer you unending praise, homage, and adoration. The Lord of all, forever,

A: Amen.

Congregation prays in two groups

1: They have pierced my hands and feet  
I can count all my bones,  
They stare and gloat over me.

2: They divide my garments among them,  
And for my raiment they cast lots.

1: But thou, O Lord, be not far off!  
O thou my help, hasten to my aid!

2: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to  
the Holy Spirit, From the eternity and forever.  
Amen.

S: Let us pray, Peace be with us.

### FINAL BLESSING

C: Lord Jesus, we adore you. You are the glory of God the Father, the firstborn before all ages, before all creatures and before all times. You began the public ministry with baptism of John at Jordan. You proclaimed your divinity through signs and miracles. You triumphantly entered into Jerusalem temple. You endured the passion and

offered your life on the cross. You blessed us with the hope in our resurrection through your resurrection. We trust in you the Lord and protector of all. Make these repentant sinners worthy of your kingdom, as for the good thief, by forgiving our sins and debts. Save us from all evil visible and invisible through the power of your holy Cross. Now, always, and forever.

A: Amen.

### VENERATION OF CROSS / CRUCIFIX

Cross / crucifix is placed on a special table for veneration by the congregation.

Appropriate hymns are sung during veneration.

The bitter juice is distributed as a sign of Lord's passion.

After the veneration, the cross / crucifix is placed on the altar and is incensed.