

Leaders: My people, what have I done to you?  
Or how have I grieved you? Answer me!

**All: I struck down for you the kings of the Canaanites,  
and you struck my head with a reed.**

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Or how have I grieved you? Answer me!

**All: I put in your hand a royal sceptre,  
and you put on my head a crown of thorns.**

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Or how have I grieved you? Answer me!

**All: I exalted you with great power,  
and you hung me on the scaffold of the Cross.**

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Or how have I grieved you? Answer me!  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit.

**All: As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be;  
world without end. Amen.  
We worship you, Lord; we venerate your cross,  
we praise your resurrection.  
Through the cross you brought joy to the world.**

### **CONCLUDING RITE**

*With closing prayer and a blessing, the Liturgy concludes in silence.*

Leader: O saviour God, your Son was nailed to the cross *Stand*  
so that we might enjoy everlasting life with you:  
May we see through the pain and suffering of our own lives,  
to the glory of salvation that your son won for us.  
We pray through Jesus Christ.

**All: Amen.**

*All depart in silence.*

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## **LITURGY FOR GOOD FRIDAY**

### **THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION – YEAR A 2023**

#### **GATHERING**

*Kneel*

*All assemble in silence. When the Liturgy is to commence, Leaders and ministers kneel for several minutes of silent prayer. All in the assembly kneel also.*

#### **OPENING PRAYER**

*All remain kneeling*

### **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING:** *Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12* *Sit*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** **Father, I put my life in your hands.**

**SECOND READING:** *Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *Stand*

**All: Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
Christ became obedient for us even unto death, dying on the cross.  
Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all  
other names. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

**GOSPEL:** *John 18:1 – 19:42*

*A time of silence follows the reading of the Passion.* *Sit*

#### **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

*Kneel*

*The Prayers of the Faithful conclude the Liturgy of the Word. The Leader says the introduction in which each prayer is stated. All pray silently for some period of time and then the Leader says the prayer.*

Leader: **I. For Holy Church**  
...Through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

**II. For the Pope**

**III. For all orders and degrees of the faithful**

- IV. For Catechumens
- V. For the unity of Christians
- VI. For the Jewish people
- VII. For those who do not believe in Christ
- VIII. For those who do not believe in God
- IX. a. For those in public office
- ix. b. For the afflicted in time of pandemic
- X. For those in tribulation

## **ADORATION OF THE CROSS**

### **1. The Showing of the Holy Cross**

*Stand*

Leaders: Behold the wood of the Cross,  
on which hung the salvation of the world.

**All: Come, let us adore.**

*All kneel and for a brief moment adore in silence.*

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### **2. The Adoration of the Holy Cross**

*All now approach for Adoration of the Cross in a kind of procession and make a simple bow rather than kissing and/or touching the cross.*

### **3. Reproaches**

*Kneel*

Leaders: My people, what have I done to you?  
Or how have I grieved you? Answer me!

**All: Because I led you out of the land of Egypt,  
you have prepared a Cross for your Saviour.**

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Or how have I grieved you? Answer me!

**All: Holy is God, Holy and Mighty,**

**Holy and Immortal One, have mercy on us.**

Leaders: Because I led you out through the desert forty years  
and fed you with manna and brought you into a land of plenty,  
you have prepared a Cross for your Saviour.

**All: Holy is God, Holy and Mighty,  
Holy and Immortal One, have mercy on us.**

Leaders: What more should I have done for you and have not done?  
Indeed, I planted you as my most beautiful chosen vine  
and you have turned very bitter for me,  
for in my thirst you gave me vinegar to drink  
and with a lance you pierced your Saviour's side.

**All: Holy is God, Holy and Mighty,  
Holy and Immortal One, have mercy on us.**

**All: I scourged Egypt for your sake with its firstborn sons,  
and you scourged me and handed me over.**

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**All: I led you out from Egypt as Pharaoh lay sunk in the Red Sea,  
and you handed me over to the chief priests.**

Leaders: My people, what have I done to you?  
Or how have I grieved you? Answer me!

**All: I opened up the sea before you,  
and you opened my side with a lance.**

Leaders: My people, what have I done to you?  
Or how have I grieved you? Answer me!

**All: I went before you in a pillar of cloud,  
and you led me into Pilate's palace.**

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Or how have I grieved you? Answer me!

**All: I fed you with manna in the desert,  
and on me you rained blows and lashes.**

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Or how have I grieved you? Answer me!

**All: I gave you saving water from the rock to drink,  
and for drink you gave me gall and vinegar.**