



**S. THOMAS' COLLEGE, MOUNT LAVINIA**

**THE CHAPEL OF THE TRANSFIGURATION**

# **THE LITURGY OF GOOD FRIDAY**

**02<sup>nd</sup> April 2021**

*The service is normally without instrumental music except when needed to accompany congregational singing. Words given in **bold** are to be said by all.*

## THE GATHERING

*The ministers enter in silence. All kneel for a time of silent prayer.*

*After which, all stand and the president says the Collect*

## THE COLLECT

**E**ternal God, in the cross of Jesus we see the cost of our sin and the depth of your love: in humble hope and fear may we place at his feet all that we have and all that we are, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## HYMN

**S**weet the moments, rich in blessing,  
Which before the cross we spend.  
Life and health and peace possessing  
From the sinner's dying Friend.

2. Here I stay, for ever viewing  
Mercy streaming in his Blood;  
Precious drops, my soul bedewing  
Plead and claim my peace with God.

3. Truly blessed is this station  
Low before his Cross to lie,  
While I see divine compassion,  
Floating in his languid eye.

4. Lord, in ceaseless contemplation  
Fix our hearts and eyes on Thee  
Till we taste Thy full salvation  
And unveiled thy glories see.

*Please sit*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 52.: 3 – end of 53

*At the end the reader may say*

This is the word of the Lord.

*All*     **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence is kept.*

## PSALM

*To be sung by the Choir alone, congregation standing.*

Psalm 51

*Please sit*

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

Hebrews 4: 14 - 16

*At the end the reader may say*

This is the word of the Lord.

*All*     **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence is kept.*

*Sung by all, standing*

## HYMN

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| <p><b>I</b>n the Cross of Christ I glory,<br/>Towering o'er the wrecks of time;<br/>All the light of sacred story<br/>Gathers round its head sublime.</p> | <p>2. When the woes of life o'ertake me,<br/>Hopes deceive and fears annoy,<br/>Never shall the Cross forsake me:<br/>Lo! it glows with peace and joy.</p>       |
| <p>3. When the sun of bliss is beaming<br/>Light and love upon my way,<br/>From the Cross the radiance streaming,<br/>Adds more lustre to the day.</p>    | <p>4. Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,<br/>By the Cross are sanctified;<br/>Peace is there that knows no measure,<br/>Joys that through all time abide.</p> |

## THE PASSION READING

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

St. John 18: 1 – 27

### FIRST MESSAGE

*A moment of silence is kept after the message for silent reflection on the spoken words, which shall be followed by a prayer.*

*To be sung by all, standing*

### HYMN

- A**ll ye who seek a comfort sure  
In trouble and distress,  
Whatever sorrow vex the mind,  
Or guilt the soul oppress;
2. Jesus, who gave himself for you  
Upon the cross to die,  
Opens to you his sacred heart:  
O to that heart draw nigh.
3. Ye hear how kindly he invites;  
Ye hear his words so blest:  
'All ye that labour come to me,  
and I will give you rest.'
4. O Jesus, joy of saints on high,  
Thou hope of sinners here,  
Attracted by those loving words  
To thee we lift our prayer.
5. Wash thou our wounds in that dear blood  
Which forth from thee doth flow;  
New grace, new hope inspire a new  
And better heart bestow.

## THE PASSION READING

St. John 18: 28 – 19: 16

### SECOND MESSAGE

*A moment of silence is kept after the message for silent reflection on the spoken words, which shall be followed by a prayer.*

**T**here's a wideness in God's mercy,  
Like the wideness of the sea.  
There's a kindness in his justice,  
Which is more than liberty.

2. There is no place where earth's sorrows  
Are more felt than up in heaven;  
There is no place where earth's failings  
Have such kindly Judgement given.

3. There is grace enough for thousands  
Of new worlds as great as this;  
There is room for fresh creations  
In that upper home of bliss.

4. For the love of God is broader  
Than the measures of man's mind,  
And the heart of the Eternal  
Is most wonderfully kind.

5. But we make God's love too narrow  
By false limits of our own,  
And we magnify his strictness  
With a zeal he will not own.

6. There is plentiful redemption  
In the Blood that has been shed,  
There is joy for all the members  
In the sorrows of the Head.

7. 'Tis not all we owe to Jesus;  
It is something more than all;  
Greater good because of evil,  
Larger mercy through the fall.

8. If our love were but more simple,  
We should take him at his word,  
And our lives would be all sunshine  
In the sweetness of our Lord.

## THE PASSION READING

St. John 19: 17 – 37

*At the end*

This is the Passion of the Lord.

*No response is made.*

## THIRD MESSAGE

*A moment of silence is kept after the message for silent reflection on the spoken words, which shall be followed by a prayer.*

*To be sung by all, standing. During the singing of the hymn, a wooden cross shall be brought into the sanctuary and placed in the sight of the people.*

## HYMN

There is a green hill far away,  
Without a city wall,  
Where the dear Lord was crucified,  
Who died to save us all.

2. We may not know, we cannot tell,  
What pains he had to bear;  
But we believe it was for us  
He hung and suffered there.

3. He died that we might be forgiv'n,  
He died to make us good,  
That we might go at last to heav'n,  
Saved by his precious blood.

4. There was no other good enough  
To pay the price of sin;  
He only could unlock the gate  
Of heav'n, and let us in.

5. O dearly, dearly has he loved,  
And we must love him too,  
And trust in his redeeming blood,  
And try his works to do.

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE CROSS

The cross of Christ.

*All*    **The cross on which the Saviour of the world was hung.**

*Then the Choir sings the following hymn, all kneeling*

### HYMN

**W**hen I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss,  
And pour contempt on all my pride.

2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast  
Save in the death of Christ, my God!  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his blood.

3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet,  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down.  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

4. His dying crimson like a robe,  
Spreads o'er his body on the Tree;  
Then am I dread to all the globe,  
And all the globe is dead to me.

5. Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were a present far too small.  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.

## THE VENERATION OF THE CROSS

*The congregation may walk up to the sanctuary step for the veneration of the cross using the side aisles. During this time, the choir will sing the reproaches.*

## THE REPROACHES

*Tomás Luis de Victoria*

**O** my people, what have I done to you?  
Or how have I grieved you?  
Answer me!

Agios, o Theos. Holy is God.

Agios Ischyros. Holy and Mighty.

Agios Athanatos, eleison hymas. Holy and immortal, have mercy upon us.

*To be said by all*

**W**e glory in your cross, O Lord, and praise you for your mighty resurrection; for by virtue of your cross joy has come into our world.

## ACCLAMATIONS

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,

*All* **Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

This is the wood of the cross,

*All* **On which hung the Saviour of the world. Come, let us worship.**

O Saviour of the world, who by your cross and precious blood have redeemed us,

*All* **Save us and help us, we humbly pray.**

## THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord, hear us.

*All* **Lord, graciously hear us.**

*The choir will then sing, while the congregation continues in an attitude of prayer.*



## ANTHEM

### GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD

*Words John 3:16-17*

*Arr. John Stainer*

**G**od so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son,  
That whoso believeth, believeth in him  
Should not perish but have everlasting life.  
God sent not his son into the world to condemn the world,  
But that the world through him might be saved.

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Standing at the foot of the cross, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us;

*To be said by all*

**O**ur 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 them that trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,  
For ever and ever. Amen.

### THE CONCLUSION

*Silence is kept.*

**O** Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, set your passion, cross and death between your judgement and our souls, now and in the hour of our death. Grant mercy and grace to the living, rest to the departed, to your Church peace and concord and to us sinners forgiveness, and everlasting life and glory; for, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you are alive and reign, God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*All standing*

## **THE GOSPEL OF THE BURIAL OF CHRIST**

St. John 19: 38 - 42

*No response is made.*

*The ministers depart in silence while the choir sings the following anthem.*

### **ANTHEM**

#### **WERE YOU THERE WHEN THEY CRUCIFIED MY LORD?**

*Words & Music: African American Spiritual*

*Arranged: David Ogden*

**W**ere you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble.

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

*The choir processes silently out after which the congregation will disperse in silence.*

*The offertory from today's services will be towards the Theological Education Fund in our Diocese that funds the seminary at Theological College of Lanka, Pilimathalawa. You may make the offering using the two offertory boxes made available at the entrance of the Chapel.*

**“And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.”**

***2 Corinthians 5:15***