THE SOLEMN INTERSESSION

The Solemn Intersessions are a series of prayers for the world with moments of silence for communion with the Eternal God.

LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever, Amen.

SOLEMN REPROACHES OF THE CROSS

Our response for the Solemn Reproaches is:you have prepared a cross for your Savior. *Holy God, have mercy upon us.*

– Sending –

Music

Joshua Allen

We depart in silence, as we wait for the Resurrection to be revealed on Easter morning.

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Holy Week — Good Friday

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Bold italic letters indicate congregational responses.

Service for Good Friday – Gathering –

Music

WELCOME

OPENING SENTENCES

Knowing the fate that awaited him, Jesus rode into the city on Sunday, and we shouted "Hosanna!" Knowing that we would betray him, Jesus broke bread with his disciples on Thursday, and we let him wash our feet. Knowing why the soldiers look for him tonight, Jesus will answer, "I am he," and we will not defend him. Let us worship in the shadow of the cross and with Christ lament the pain of the world.

Music

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LITANY FOR GOOD FRIDAY

O crucified Jesus, Son of the Father, conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, eternal Word of God,

we worship you.

O crucified Jesus, holy temple of God, dwelling place of the Most High, gate of heaven, burning flame of love,

we worship you.

O crucified Jesus, sanctuary of justice and love, full of kindness, source of all faithfulness,

we worship you.

O crucified Jesus, ruler of every heart, in you are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, in you dwells all the fullness of the Godhead.

we worship you.

Jesus, Lamb of God,

have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins,

have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world,

grant us peace.

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Almighty God, look with mercy on your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and to be given over to the hands of sinners and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

CONFESSION

In the name of Christ, I urge you: Be reconciled to God. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin together: On this Friday we call Good, we relive the story of your great passion, your love bleeding on a cross. Forgive us, O Christ, if we are on the wrong side of this crucifixion story. Forgive us, O Christ, if we are prideful enough to think that we would not have abandoned you. Forgive us, O Christ, for the ways we have shouted, "Crucify him," with our actions if not with our words. Forgive us for not hearing the prayers of desperation from people condemned, from people who are isolated, from people who carry violence and pain in their bodies. Forgive us, O Lord, and let us not forget that our enemies' wounds are our wounds. our neighbors' pain is our pain.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Michele R. Goff

Listen, the time has come at last. Look, now is the day of salvation! In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

- Word -

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE

Rev. Michele R. Goff

O Lord, open our lips, and our mouths will declare your praise.

Gospel according to John 18:1–19:42

Having heard the story of the Passion of our Lord, we observe 3 minutes of silence.

ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

Music

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