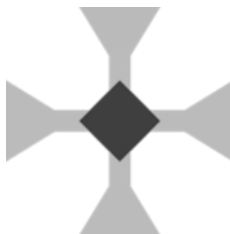
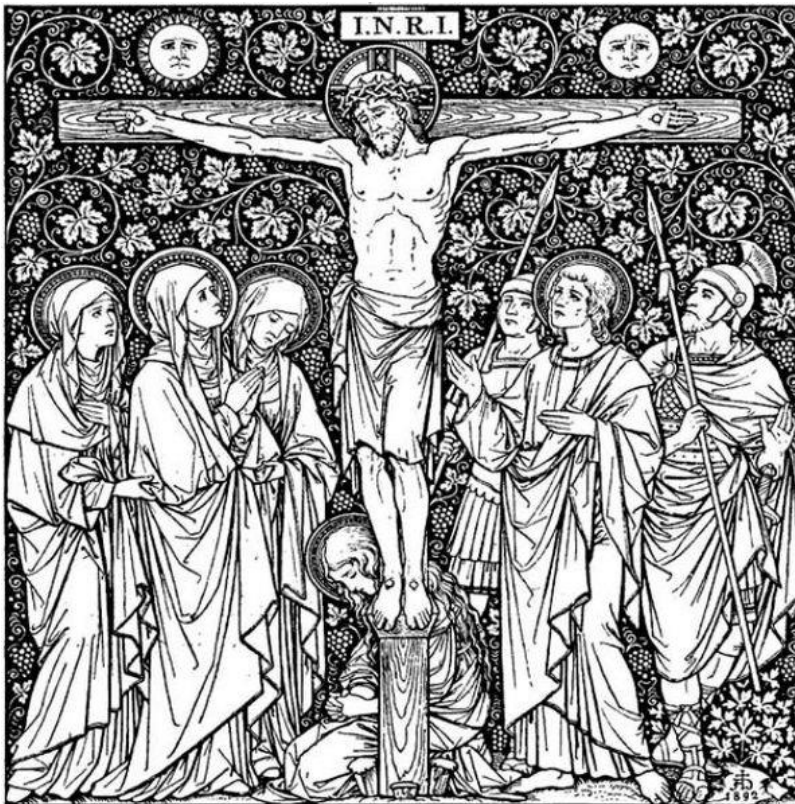


# Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

*March 29, 2024 † 7:00 pm*



*St. Stephen's Catholic Community † Anoka, MN*

*Welcome to St. Stephen's Catholic Community!*

*We are so glad you are here to worship with us today.*

*Upon the conclusion of this service, please return your worship aid  
to one of the entrances of the church. Thank you!*

**Prayer for Good Friday**

My Most Glorious and Suffering Lord, it is Your Hour.

It is the Hour by which You conquered sin and death.

It is the Hour for which You came into this world, taking  
on flesh so as to offer Your precious life  
for the salvation of the world.

May I be with You, dear Lord,  
in these moments of suffering and death.

May I, like Your Mother, John and Mary Magdalene, stand  
at the foot of the Cross,  
gazing upon the perfect Gift of Love.

My suffering Lord, may I see in Your Cross the most  
perfect act ever known in this world.

May I see Love in its most pure form.

May my eyes and soul look beyond the blood and pain and  
see Your Divine Heart, pouring forth Mercy upon me and  
upon the whole world.

*Amen.*

GOOD FRIDAY

# UNFAILING LOVE



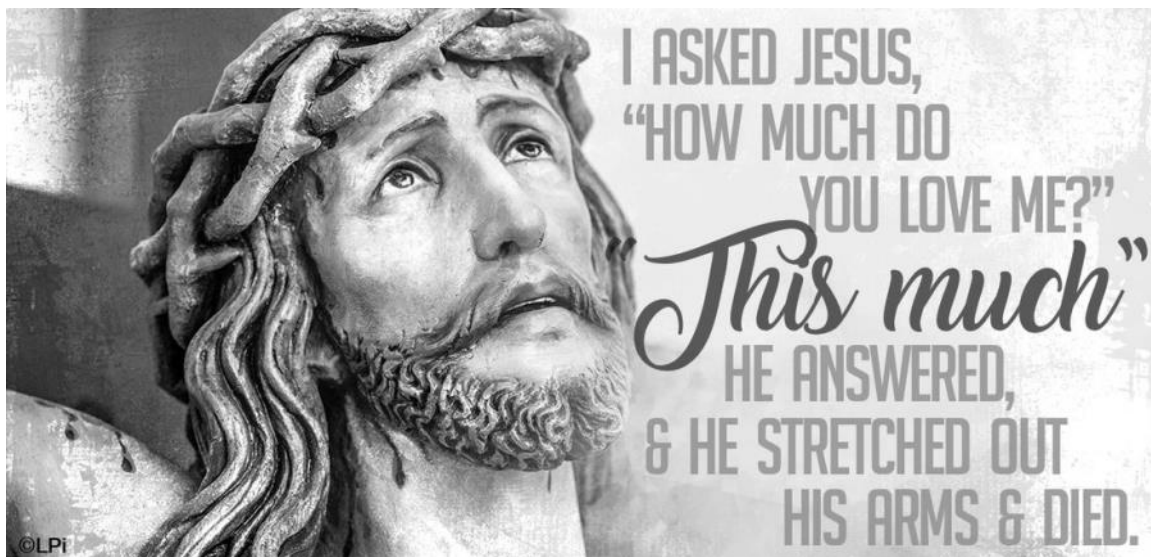
## INTRODUCTORY RITES

*The celebrant and ministers enter in silence.*

*After the ministers make a sign of reverence, the celebrant prostrates himself, while the other ministers kneel.*

*All pray silently, then rise.*

Collect



## LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

*A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.*

See, my servant shall prosper, he shall be raised high and greatly exalted. Even as many were amazed at him--so marred was his look beyond human semblance and his appearance beyond that of the sons of man-- so shall he startle many nations, because of him kings shall stand speechless; or 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; there was in him no stately bearing to make us look at him, nor appearance that would attract us to him. He was spurned and avoided by people, a man of suffering, accustomed to infirmity, one of those from whom people hide their faces, spurned, and we held him in no esteem. Yet it was our infirmities that he bore, our sufferings that he endured, while we thought of him as stricken, as one smitten by God and afflicted. But he was pierced for our offenses, crushed for our sins; upon him was the chastisement that makes us whole, by his stripes we were healed. We had all gone astray like sheep, each following his own way; but the LORD laid upon him the guilt of us all. Though he was harshly treated, he submitted and opened not his mouth; like a lamb led to the slaughter or a sheep before the shearers, he was silent and opened not his mouth. Oppressed and condemned, he was taken away, and who would have thought any more of his destiny? When he was cut off from the land of the living, and smitten for the sin of his people, a grave was assigned him among the wicked and a burial place with evildoers, though he had done no wrong nor spoken any falsehood. But the LORD was pleased to crush him in infirmity. If he gives his life as an offering for sin, he shall see his descendants in a long life, and the will of the LORD shall be accomplished through him. Because of his affliction he shall see the light in fullness of days; through his suffering, my servant shall justify many, and their guilt he shall bear. Therefore I will give him his portion among the great, and he shall divide the spoils with the mighty, because he surrendered himself to death and was counted among the wicked; and he shall take away the sins of many, and win pardon for their offenses.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.     *All respond: Thanks be to God.*



1. In you, O LORD, I take refuge.  
Let me never be put to shame.  
In your justice, set me free.  
Into your hands I commend my spirit.  
You will redeem me, O LORD, O  
faithful God.

2. Because of all my foes I have become  
a reproach,  
an object of scorn to my neighbors  
and of fear to my friends.  
Those who see me in the street flee  
from me.  
I am forgotten, like someone dead,  
and have become like a broken vessel.

3. But as for me, I trust in you, O LORD;  
I say, "You are my God.  
My lot is in your hands, deliver me  
from the hands of my enemies and  
those who pursue me."

4. Let your face shine on your servant.  
Save me in your merciful love.  
Be strong, let your heart take courage,  
all who hope in the LORD.

Second Reading

Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

*A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.*

Brothers and sisters:

Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has similarly been tested in every way, yet without sin. So let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help. In the days when Christ was in the flesh, he offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered; and when he was made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

***All respond: Thanks be to God.***

*Please remain seated during the reading of the Passion.*

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Jesus went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to where there was a garden, into which he and his disciples entered. Judas his betrayer also knew the place, because Jesus had often met there with his disciples. So Judas got a band of soldiers and guards from the chief priests and the Pharisees and went there with lanterns, torches, and weapons. Jesus, knowing everything that was going to happen to him, went out and said to them, "Whom are you looking for?" They answered him, "Jesus the Nazorean." He said to them, "I AM." 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, "Whom are you looking for?" They said, "Jesus the Nazorean." Jesus answered, "I told you that I AM. So if you are looking for me, let these men go." This was to fulfill what he had said, "I have not lost any of those you gave me." 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, "Put your sword into its scabbard. Shall I not drink the cup that the Father gave me?" So the band of soldiers, the tribune, and the Jewish guards seized Jesus, bound him, and brought him to Annas first. He was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. It was Caiaphas who had counseled the Jews that it was better that one man should die rather than the people. 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 gatekeeper and brought Peter in. Then the maid who was the gatekeeper said to Peter, "You are not one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not." Now the slaves and the guards were standing around a charcoal fire that they had made, because it was cold, and were warming themselves. Peter was also standing there keeping warm. The high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his doctrine. Jesus answered him, "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." When he had said this, one of the temple guards standing there struck Jesus and said, "Is this the way you answer the high priest?" Jesus answered him, "If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong; but if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?" Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

Now Simon Peter was standing there keeping warm. And they said to him, "You are not one of his disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not." One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the one whose ear Peter had cut off, said, "Didn't I see you in the garden with him?" Again Peter denied it. And immediately the cock crowed. 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, "What charge do you bring against this man?" They answered and said to him, "If he were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you." At this, Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves, and judge him according to your law." The Jews answered him, "We do not have the right to execute anyone, " in order that the word of Jesus might be fulfilled that he said indicating the kind of death he would die. So Pilate went back into the praetorium and summoned Jesus and said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you say this on your own or have others told you about me?" Pilate answered, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "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." So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "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." Pilate said to him, "What is truth?" When he had said this, he again went out to the Jews and said to them, "I find no guilt in him. But you have a custom that I release one prisoner to you at Passover. Do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?" They cried out again, "Not this one but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a revolutionary. Then Pilate took Jesus and had him scourged. And the soldiers wove a crown out of thorns and placed it on his head, and clothed him in a purple cloak, and they came to him and said, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they struck him repeatedly. Once more Pilate went out and said to them, "Look, I am bringing him out to you, so that you may know that I find no guilt in him." So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple cloak. And he said to them, "Behold, the man!"



When the chief priests and the guards saw him they cried out, "Crucify him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him. I find no guilt in him." The Jews answered, "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God." Now when Pilate heard this statement, he became even more afraid, and went back into the praetorium and said to Jesus, "Where are you from?" Jesus did not answer him. So Pilate said to him, "Do you not speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you and I have power to crucify you?" Jesus answered him, "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." Consequently, Pilate tried to release him; but the Jews cried out, "If you release him, you are not a Friend of Caesar. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar." 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, "Behold, your king!" They cried out, "Take him away, take him away! Crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your king?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." Then he handed him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus, and, carrying the cross himself, he went out to what is called the Place of the Skull, in Hebrew, Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus in the middle. Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus the Nazorean, 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 of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write 'The King of the Jews,' but that he said, 'I am the King of the Jews'." Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written." 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, "Let's not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it will be," in order that the passage of Scripture might be fulfilled that says: *They divided my garments among them, and for my vesture they cast lots.*

This is what the soldiers did. 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, "Woman, behold, your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his home. After this, aware that everything was now finished, in order that the Scripture might be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I thirst." 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. When Jesus had taken the wine, he said, "It is finished." And bowing his head, he handed over the spirit. **Here all kneel and pause for a short time.** 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 that 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.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

***All respond: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.***

## Homily

*The prayers of the Church are more solemn in tone and form this day.*

### SOLEMN INTERCESSIONS

**Deacon: Let us kneel.**

*All kneel and pray silently.*


**Deacon: Let us stand.**

*All Stand.*


*The celebrant chants the prayer.*

*At the conclusion of each oration, the assembly chants: **Amen.***

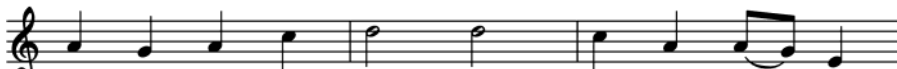
*A collection is taken for the Holy Land at this time.*




1. What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my  
2. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will  
3. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing




1. soul? What won-drous love is this, O my soul? What  
2. sing; To God and to the Lamb, I will sing; To  
3. on; And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; And



1. won-drous love is this that caused the Lord of  
2. God and to the Lamb, who is the great I  
3. when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joy - ful



1. bliss To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul, for my  
2. AM, While mil-lions join the theme, I will sing, I will  
3. be, And through e - ter - ni - ty, I'll sing on, I'll sing



1. soul, To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?  
2. sing; While mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.  
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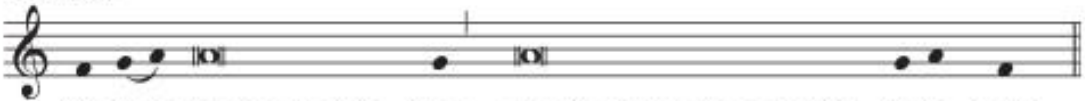
## THE ADORATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

*The Cross of Christ stands at the center of salvation, not only as an image of suffering, but as a symbol of Christ's Passover, where, "dying he destroyed our death and rising he restored our life."*

The Showing of the Holy Cross  
*The cross is brought forth.*

*As the celebrant processes with the cross, he chants the following acclamation:*

*Celebrant:*

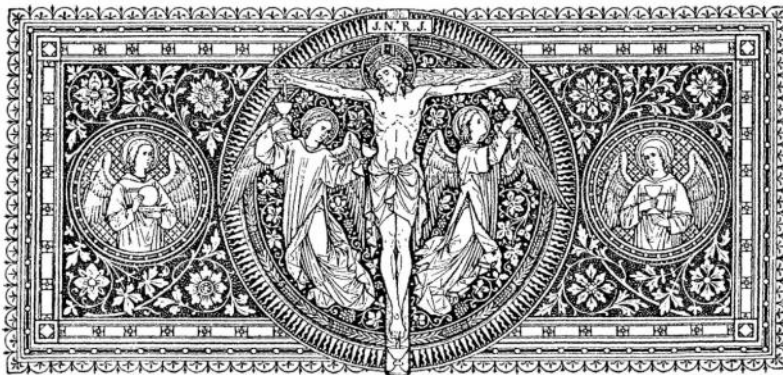


Be-hold the wood of the Cross, on which hung the salvation of the world.

*Assembly:*



Come, let us a - dore.



# HOLY COMMUNION

Preparation of the Altar

Lord's Prayer

Distribution of Communion

Eat This Bread

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev-er be hun-gry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

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Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994  
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All Will Be Well

All will be well, and all will be well, all  
man - ner of things will be well.

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Prayer after Communion

Dismissal & Prayer over the People

*There is NO Closing Procession*

***Following our service today, all are invited to stay pray and venerate the cross, as you would like. Please be sure to depart in silence.***

**WERE YOU THERE**

WERE YOU THERE



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|---|----------|
| 1. Were you there when they cru - ci-fied my Lord?  | Were you |
| 2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? | Were you |
| 3. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?   | Were you |



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|--|-----|
| 1. there when they cru - ci-fied my Lord?  | Oh! |
| 2. there when they nailed him to the tree? | Oh! |
| 3. there when they laid him in the tomb?   | Oh! |



- 1-3. Some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.



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|---|
| 1. Were you there when they cru - ci-fied my Lord?  |
| 2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? |
| 3. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?   |

# BEHOLD THE WOOD

Dan Schutte

## Refrain

Be - hold, be - hold the wood of the cross, on which is  
hung our sal - va-tion. O come, let us a - dore.

# Jesus, the Lord

## Refrain

Je - sus. Je - sus. Let all cre-  
a - tion bend the knee to the Lord.

# Jesus, Remember Me

## Ostinato Refrain

Je-sus, re-mem-ber me when you come in-to your King-dom.

Je-sus, re-mem-ber me when you come in-to your King-dom.

# TRIDUUM SCHEDULE

MARCH 28-31

## HOLY WEEK

### Holy Thursday

8am - Morning Prayer

1pm - Stations of the Cross  
presented by School -Church

7pm Mass - *Bilingual*

8pm - Altar of Repose  
until Good Friday at 3 pm -Chapel

### Good Friday

8am - Morning Prayer

3pm - Stations of the Cross -*Bilingual*

5:45pm - The Way of the Cross-*Español*

7pm - Services:  
English in Church | Spanish in FCC

### Holy Saturday

9am Easter Egg Hunt

8:30pm Easter Vigil -*Bilingual*

### Easter Sunday

MASS TIMES: 8:30am,  
10:30am, 12:30pm *Español*  
No 6pm Mass



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