

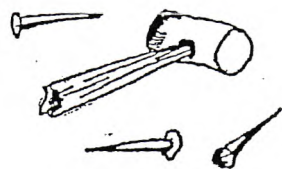
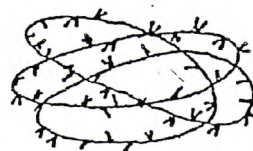
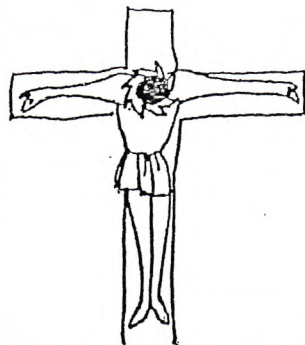
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Good Friday

2016

*The Liturgy
of the Passion*

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church



GOOD FRIDAY: THE LITURGY OF THE PASSION

In Good Friday's liturgy of the word and veneration of the cross there is great solemnity; a pondering of the "mystery of our faith," the passion, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Fasting and praying during these days, the Catechumens and the baptized assemble on Good Friday in the afternoon or evening for a time of prayer together. This begins a time of silence.

Because the Good Friday service is a continuation of the Holy Thursday liturgy, there is no entrance rite. The service begins with the presider prostrating himself in a profound gesture of prayer. The assembly kneels.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Isaiah 52:13 -- 53:12

Psalm 31: Father, Into Your Hands I Commend My Spirit. Hurd

(English) Fa - ther, in - to your hands I com - mend my spir - it. Fa - ther, in - to your hands I com - mend my spir - it.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time on three staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is composed of quarter and eighth notes, with some phrases connected by slurs. The lyrics are written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody, including a triplet of eighth notes marked with a '3' over the notes. The third staff concludes the phrase. The piece ends with a double bar line.

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

Gospel John 18:1-- 19:42

Homily

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

As at Sunday liturgy, the word service concludes with prayers of intercession. Today these prayers take a more solemn form as the church lifts up to God its own needs and those of the world.



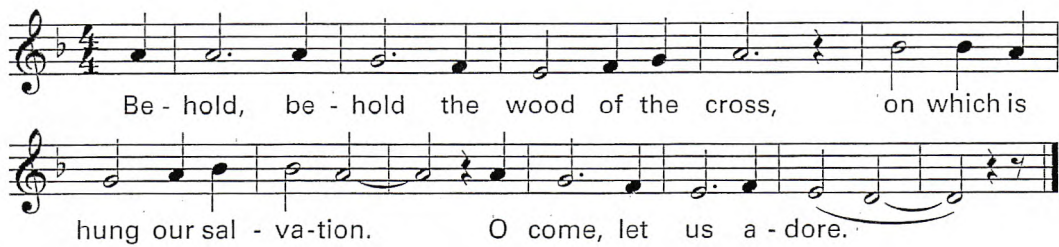
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Offering#436 Worship (Red Book)
Were You There

On Good Friday our offering is for the holy places and shrines in the land where Christ walked the earth, and the support of the education of children and young people provided for in the Holy Land religious schools. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

THE VENERATION OF THE CROSS

An ancient liturgical text reads: "See here the true and most revered tree. Hasten to Kiss it and cry out with faith: You are our help, most revered Cross." For many centuries the church has solemnly venerated the relic or image of the Cross on Good Friday. It is not present as a picture of suffering only but as a symbol of Christ's Passover, where "dying he destroyed our death and rising restored our life." It is the glorious, the life-giving Cross that the faithful venerate with song, prayer, kneeling, and a kiss. When the Cross is brought into the Church, our sung response is:



All are invited to come and venerate the wood of the Cross according to personal custom. Please come forward as you would during a communion procession.

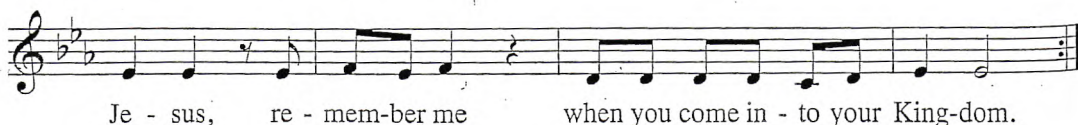
THE LITURGY OF HOLY COMMUNION

This liturgy concludes with a simple communion rite. All recite the Lord's Prayer and receive Holy Communion. There is no concluding rite or dismissal for the church continues to be at prayer throughout the Triduum.

Preparation of the Altar

Lord's Prayer

Communion



Communion Meditation

O Crucified Messiah : O crucified Messiah,
O crucified Redeemer,
Son of God most holy,
Crucified for us.

O Sacred Head Surrounded #434 Worship

Prayer over the People

ALL DEPART IN UNBROKEN SILENCE