

Worship Aid for April 2 — Good Friday

Things to note during restrictions due to Covid:

- A simple procession will be observed at the beginning of Mass, so that the ministers and servers may observe appropriate social distancing protocols. You will notice fewer altar servers for this same reason.
- Per the Diocese of Youngstown, reception of the Precious Blood from the Chalice is suspended.
- Holy Communion will be received by hand, not by mouth. Please wait for the usher to release you from the pew, maintain 6 feet of space and wear your mask until you reach the altar. At that time pull your mask down, hold out your hands, receive the Host and replace your mask.
- **Please take this bulletin with you!** Do not leave it in the pews. We will then sanitize before the next mass.

Thank you for helping to keep us all safe!

Prayer for the Bishop's Appeal

Loving and gracious God, you gave us your Son, Jesus Christ. He gave of himself, not only on the cross, but in every moment of his life. Jesus saw the hungry; he fed them. Jesus saw the lame; he cured them. Jesus saw the sick; he healed them. Jesus saw the discouraged; he encouraged them. Jesus saw the dying; he gave them new life. Jesus gave. In this way, he taught us to give. Loving and gracious God, open our hearts to the many ministries offered throughout our Diocesan Church. Strengthen our resolve to be like your Son, Jesus Christ, to give of ourselves in every moment of our lives. Amen.

First Reading

Isaiah 52:13—53:12 (40ABC)

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; for 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.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps. 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25

Father, Father, I put my life in your hands.

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.

The Passion of the Lord

John 18:1—19:42

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (Separate sheet)

The Showing of the Holy Cross

Response: Come, let us adore.

The Adoration (Veneration) of the Holy Cross:

Behold the Cross

Behold the cross on which was hung life's very Lord, God's only Son: Mary's own babe, so cold and so still, helpless before her on Calvary hill.

Nails in his hands, nails in his feet, a traitor kiss upon his cheek; and his pierced heart, now broken in two, love crucified for me and for you.

Eyes that won't see, ears that won't hear, lips that deny the friend once so dear; slowly he turns and captures your eye, then passes on to Calv'ry to die.

The Adoration (Veneration) of the Holy Cross:

Behold the Cross (con't)

Behold the cross of Christ in our midst: all those who bear his wounds in their flesh. Suffering for crimes of mercy and peace, signs of the kingdom on Calvary street.

Behold the cross on which was hung life's very Lord, God's only Son: Mary's own babe, so cold and so still, helpless before her on Calvary hill.

Wood of the Cross (if needed)

Refrain:

Behold the wood of the cross, on which hung the Savior of the world. O come, O come, let us worship, let us adore. (Verses)

Verses:

O God, my God, why have you abandoned me? Why have you forsaken me? Answer me, O God! (Refrain)

I am despised, rejected by my people. How could they forget me? Answer me, O God! (Refrain)

My heart is failing. They pierce my hands and feet. Why have you abandoned me? Answer me, O God! (Refrain)

Communion Hymn: Gathered 'Round This Table

Refrain:

Gathered 'round this table for the supper of the Lord. Christ himself becomes our food; in him our life restored. Here he stands before us as the first-born from the dead. Now our eyes are opened in the breaking of the bread. (Verses)

Verses:

I am the vine and you are the branches. You will know great abundance when you live in my love. (Refrain)

I will be there when two or three have gathered. And the Father will hear you when you pray in my name. (Refrain)

I am the bread that came down from heaven. If you eat of my body you will share in my life. (Refrain)

Meditation Hymn: Lord, We Adore You

Lord, we adore you, kneeling before you; bringing our sorrows, leaving our burdens for you, our Redeemer, here at your cross.

Depart in Silence



THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Mark 14:1—15:47 or 15:1–39

The Passion according to St. Mark is proclaimed by the Deacon, or if there is no Deacon, by the Priest. It may also be read by lay readers, with the part of Christ reserved to the Priest, if possible. Speakers in the Passion Narrative are represented by these abbreviations:

N. – Narrator

V. – Voice

† – Christ

C. – Crowd

(Include the bracketed text for the long form)

N. The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

[The Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread were to take place in two days' time. So the chief priests and the scribes were seeking a way to arrest him by treachery and put him to death. They said,

C. **"Not during the festival, for fear that there may be a riot among the people."**

N. When he was in Bethany reclining at table in the house of Simon the leper, a woman came with an alabaster jar of perfumed oil, costly genuine spikenard. She broke the alabaster jar and poured it on his head. There were some who were indignant.

C. **"Why has there been this waste of perfumed oil? It could have been sold for more than three hundred days' wages and the money given to the poor."**

N. They were infuriated with her. Jesus said,

† "Let her alone. Why do you make trouble for her? She has done a good thing for me. The poor you will always have with you, and whenever you wish you can do good to them, but you will not always have me. She has done what she could. She has anticipated anointing my body for burial. Amen, I say to you, wherever the gospel is proclaimed to the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her."

N. Then Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, went off to the chief priests to hand him over to them. When they heard him they were pleased and promised to pay him money. Then he looked for an opportunity to hand him over.

On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, his disciples said to him,

V. "Where do you want us to go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?"

N. He sent two of his disciples and said to them,

† "Go into the city and a man will meet you, carrying a jar of water. Follow him. Wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says, "Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?"' Then he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready. Make the preparations for us there."

N. The disciples then went off, entered the city, and found it just as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover.

When it was evening, he came with the Twelve. And as they reclined at table and were eating, Jesus said,

† "Amen, I say to you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me."

N. They began to be distressed and to say to him, one by one,

V. "Surely it is not I?"

N. He said to them,

† "One of the Twelve, the one who dips with me into the dish. For the Son of Man indeed goes, as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed. It would be better for that man if he had never been born."

N. While they were eating, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, and said,

† "Take it; this is my body."

N. Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them,

† "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many. Amen, I say to you, I shall not drink again the fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

N. Then, after singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Then Jesus said to them,

† "All of you will have your faith shaken, for it is written:

*I will strike the shepherd,
and the sheep will
be dispersed.*

But after I have been raised up,
I shall go before you to Galilee."

N. Peter said to him,

V. "Even though all should have their faith shaken, mine will not be."

N. Then Jesus said to him,

† "Amen, I say to you, this very night before the cock crows twice you will deny me three times."

N. But he vehemently replied,

V. "Even though I should have to die with you, I will not deny you."

N. And they all spoke similarly.

Then they came to a place named Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples,

† "Sit here while I pray."

N. He took with him Peter, James, and John, and began to be troubled and distressed. Then he said to them,

† "My soul is sorrowful even to death. Remain here and keep watch."

N. He advanced a little and fell to the ground and prayed that if it were possible the hour might pass by him; he said,

† "Abba, Father, all things are possible to you. Take this cup away from me, but not what I will but what you will."

N. When he returned he found them asleep. He said to Peter,

† "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep watch for one hour? Watch and pray that you may not undergo the test. The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak."

N. Withdrawing again, he prayed, saying the same thing. Then he returned once more and found them asleep, for they

could not keep their eyes open and did not know what to answer him. He returned a third time and said to them,

† "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough. The hour has come. Behold, the Son of Man is to be handed over to sinners. Get up, let us go. See, my betrayer is at hand."

N. Then, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived, accompanied by a crowd with swords and clubs who had come from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. His betrayer had arranged a signal with them, saying,

V. "The man I shall kiss is the one; arrest him and lead him away securely."

N. He came and immediately went over to him and said,

V. "Rabbi."

N. And he kissed him. At this they laid hands on him and arrested him. One of the bystanders drew his sword, struck the high priest's servant, and cut off his ear. Jesus said to them in reply,

† "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs, to seize me? Day after day I was with you teaching in the temple area, yet you did not arrest me; but that the Scriptures may be fulfilled."

N. And they all left him and fled. Now a young man followed him wearing nothing but a linen cloth about his body. They seized him, but he left the cloth behind and ran off naked.

They led Jesus away to the high priest, and all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes came together. Peter followed him at a distance into the high priest's courtyard and was seated with the guards, warming himself at the fire. The chief priests and the entire Sanhedrin kept trying to obtain testimony against Jesus in order to put him

to death, but they found none. Many gave false witness against him, but their testimony did not agree. Some took the stand and testified falsely against him, alleging,

C. "We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple made with hands and within three days I will build another not made with hands.'"

N. Even so their testimony did not agree. The high priest rose before the assembly and questioned Jesus, saying,

V. "Have you no answer? What are these men testifying against you?"

N. But he was silent and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked him and said to him,

V. "Are you the Christ, the son of the Blessed One?"

N. Then Jesus answered,

† "I am;

and 'you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power and coming with the clouds of heaven.'"

N. At that the high priest tore his garments and said,

V. "What further need have we of witnesses? You have heard the blasphemy. What do you think?"

N. They all condemned him as deserving to die. Some began to spit on him. They blindfolded him and struck him and said to him,

C. "Prophecy!"

N. And the guards greeted him with blows.

While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the high priest's maids came along. Seeing Peter warming himself, she looked intently at him and said,

C. "You too were with the Nazarene, Jesus."

N. But he denied it saying,

V. "I neither know nor understand what you are talking about."

N. So he went out into the outer court. Then the cock crowed. The maid saw him and began again to say to the bystanders,

C. "This man is one of them."

N. Once again he denied it. A little later the bystanders said to Peter once more,

C. "Surely you are one of them; for you too are a Galilean."

N. He began to curse and to swear,

V. "I do not know this man about whom you are talking."

N. And immediately a cock crowed a second time. Then Peter remembered the word that Jesus had said to him, "Before the cock crows twice you will deny me three times." He broke down and wept.]

As soon as morning came, the chief priests with the elders and the scribes, that is, the whole Sanhedrin, held a council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate questioned him,

V. "Are you the king of the Jews?"

N. He said to him in reply,

† "You say so."

N. The chief priests accused him of many things. Again Pilate questioned him,

V. "Have you no answer? See how many things they accuse you of."

N. Jesus gave him no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed.

Now on the occasion of the feast he used to release to them one prisoner whom they requested. A man called Barabbas was then in prison along with the rebels who had committed murder in a rebellion. The crowd came forward and began to ask him to do for them as he was accustomed. Pilate answered,

V. "Do you want me to release to you the king of the Jews?"

N. For he knew that it was out of envy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate again said to them in reply,

V. "Then what do you want me to do with the man you call the king of the Jews?"

N. They shouted again,

C. "Crucify him."

N. Pilate said to them,

V. "Why? What evil has he done?"

N. They only shouted the louder,

C. "Crucify him."

N. So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas to them and, after he had Jesus scourged, handed him over to be crucified.

The soldiers led him away inside the palace, that is, the praetorium, and assembled the whole cohort. They clothed him in purple and, weaving a crown of thorns, placed it on him. They began to salute him with,

C. "Hail, King of the Jews!"

N. and kept striking his head with a reed and spitting upon him. They knelt before him in homage. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak, dressed him in his own clothes, and led him out to crucify him.

They pressed into service a passerby, Simon, a Cyrenian, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross.

They brought him to the place of Golgotha—which is translated Place of the Skull—. They gave him wine drugged with myrrh, but he did not take it. Then they crucified him and divided his garments by casting lots for them

to see what each should take. It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." With him they crucified two revolutionaries, one on his right and one on his left. Those passing by reviled him, shaking their heads and saying,

C. "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself by coming down from the cross."

N. Likewise the chief priests, with the scribes, mocked him among themselves and said,

C. "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe."

N. Those who were crucified with him also kept abusing him.

At noon darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And at three o'clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice,

† "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?"

N. which is translated,

† "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

N. Some of the bystanders who heard it said,

C. "Look, he is calling Elijah."

N. One of them ran, soaked a sponge with wine, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink, saying,

V. "Wait, let us see if Elijah comes to take him down."

N. Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Here all kneel and pause for a short time.

N. The veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom. When the centurion who stood facing him saw how he breathed his last he said,

V. "Truly this man was the Son of God!"

N. [There were also women looking on from a distance. Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of the younger James and of Joses, and Salome. These women had followed him when he was in Galilee and ministered to him. There were also many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

When it was already evening, since it was the day of preparation, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a distinguished member of the council, who was himself awaiting the kingdom of God, came and courageously went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate was amazed that he was already dead. He summoned the centurion and asked him if Jesus had already died. And when he learned of it from the centurion, he gave the body to Joseph. Having bought a linen cloth, he took him down, wrapped him in the linen cloth, and laid him in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. Then he rolled a stone against the entrance to the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses watched where he was laid.]