

Good Friday Liturgy

Celebration of the Lord's Passion



Good Friday is the day on which Catholics commemorate the crucifixion of Jesus Christ and since we cannot gather as a community in church because of the COVID-19 lockdown, the family can gather at about 15:00 (three in the afternoon):

- Prepare a little home altar by draping a black or purple cloth over a small table
- Place a crucifix and candle/s on it (candle/s to be lit later).
- The family then can gather praying different devotions like
 - o the Liturgy as set out below
 - o the Rosary,
 - o Stations of the Cross,
 - o the Divine Mercy Chaplet, or

The **Good Friday liturgy** consists of three parts: the **Liturgy** of the Word, the **Veneration of the Cross**, and **Holy Communion**. For this year we can celebrate the first two parts and then express the desire for Spiritual Communion – all within our homes.

May our prayers sanctify our homes and families.

Opening Prayer

Lord, by the suffering of Christ, your Son
you have saved us all from the death we inherited from sinful Adam.
By the law of nature we have borne the likeness of his manhood;
may the sanctifying Power of grace
help us to put on the likeness of our Lord in heaven,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever,

Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

1st Reading:

(Isaiah 52: 13-53, 12),

Responsorial Psalm

R. Father into your hands I commit my spirit!

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.

R. Father into your hands I commit my spirit!

Because of all my foes
I have become a reproach,
an object of scorn to my neighbours
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.

R. Father into your hands I commit my spirit!

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."
R. Father into your hands I commit my spirit!

"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.

R. Father into your hands I commit my spirit!

2nd Reading:

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

Gospel:

Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 18: 1 – 19:42

The Solemn Intercessions

Let us pray for the holy, Church of God
throughout the world, that God the almighty Father guide it,
and gather it together so that we may worship him in peace and tranquility.

R. Lord Hear us.

Let us pray for our Holy Father, Pope Francis,
that God who chose him to be bishop
may give him health and
strength to guide and govern God's holy people.

R. Lord Hear us.

Let us pray for Stephen Brislin, our Archbishop; Sylvester David his auxiliary,
for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
for all who have a special ministry in the Church;
and for all God's people.

R. Lord Hear us.

Let us pray for all our brothers and sisters
who share our faith in Jesus Christ,
that God may gather and keep together in one Church
all those who seek the truth with sincerity.

R. Lord Hear us.

Let us pray for those who do not believe in Christ,
that the light of the Holy Spirit may show them the way to salvation.

R. Lord Hear us.

Let us pray for those who serve us in public office,
that God may guide their minds and hearts,
so that all men may live in true peace and freedom.

R. Lord Hear us.

Let us pray that God the almighty Father
may heal the sick, comfort the dying,
give safety to travelers, free those unjustly deprived of liberty,
and rid the world of falsehood,
hunger, and disease.

R. Lord Hear us.

Veneration of the Cross

Light the candle/s next to the cross and together say:

***We adore Thy Cross, O Lord
and we praise and glorify Thy holy Resurrection
for behold by the wood of the Cross
joy has come into the whole world***

Each family member can now genuflect or bow the cross

Act of Spiritual Communion

As a family, together pray the Our Father.

Then follows the Act of Spiritual Communion.

***My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were
already there and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from
You.
Amen.***

[St Alphonsus Liguori]

Concluding Prayer

***Send down your abundant blessing,
Lord, upon us people who have devoutly recalled the death of your Son
in the sure hope of the resurrection.
Grant us pardon; bring us comfort.
May our faith grow stronger and our eternal salvation be assured.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.***