The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

GOOD FRIDAY
April 2, 2021 • 12:00 noon

The Cathedral Basilica of Saint Peter in Chains
In the City and Archdiocese of Cincinnati
Our Good Friday liturgy is full of paradoxes. The ceremony is sparse and austere in the extreme, yet the clergy are robed in festal red. We commemorate the death of the Lord, and yet there is no Liturgy of the Eucharist. The Church mourns, and yet the solemn veneration of the cross is marked by the triumphant joy of the resurrection. The death of Christ is both our shame and our hope.

Accustomed as we are to understanding Good Friday solely as a day of mourning, its note of joy and hope can easily be overlooked. But as on Palm Sunday, it is Christ's triumph which is the dominant note. The red of martyrdom is used in honor of the victory which gives all martyrdom its meaning.

The proclamation of the Passion is from the Gospel of St. John, who portrays Christ as the conqueror of sin and death. The prayers are for the world which Christ has redeemed. The cross is the cross of life and victory, and the liturgy concludes with a share in communion. Even while we mourn the death of the Savior, we know that the day can be called good, because the death of Christ brought life to the world. For the Christian, no tragedy is ultimate, death is not the final word.

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**Procession of the Ministers**

*The liturgy begins in silence. After the ministers make a reverence, they prostrate themselves; the assembly kneels. All pray silently for a while, then rise for the opening prayer.*

**Opening Prayer**

**Liturgy of the Word**

**First Reading**

Isaiah 52: 13-53

**Responsorial Psalm**

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

In you, O Lord, I take refuge. Let me never be put to shame. In your justice, set me free. It is you who will redeem me, Lord In the face of all my foes, I am a reproach, an object of scorn to my neighbors and of fear to my friends. Those who see me in the street run far away from me. I am like the dead, forgotten by all, like a thing thrown away.

But as for me, I trust in you, Lord; I say, "You are my God. My life is in your hands. Deliver me from those who hate me. Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your love. Be strong, let your heart take courage, all who hope in the Lord.

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**Second Reading**

Hebrews 4: 14-16; 5, 7-9.
Gospel Acclamation

Glo-ry and praise to you, Lord_ Je-sus Christ.

_Choir verse:_ Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name.

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Gospel

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John

Homily

Solemn Intercessions   Kneel

_The prayers of the Church take a more solemn form this day. We pray for the Church and the pope, clergy and laity, for those preparing for baptism, the unity of Christians, our Jewish brothers and sisters, those who do not believe in Christ or God, all in public office and those in special need._

Collection   Sit

_The collection taken during this service is given in its entirety to help support the churches and shrines in the Holy Land._

Christus factus est   Felice Anerio

_Christ was made obedient for us even unto death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God also has exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name._
The Adoration of the Holy Cross

Showing of the Holy Cross

The ministers enter with the cross in silent procession. The cross is held high three times, while “Behold the wood of the Cross, on which hung the salvation of the world” is chanted. After the assembly responds “Come let us adore,” all kneel and spend some time in silent prayer.

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Adoration of the Holy Cross

After the clergy and other ministers have reverenced the Cross, the faithful will also do so. Please approach the bottom of the sanctuary stairs, leaving the pews by the side aisle and returning by the center.

Individual veneration of the Cross is to be made only by a genuflection or bow, not a kiss.

Crucem Tuam

Crucem tuam adoramus Domine, resurrectionem tuam laudamus Domine. Laudamus et glorificamus resurrection tuam laudamus Domine.

We adore your Cross, O Lord and praise your resurrection. We praise and glorify your resurrection, O Lord.

The Reproaches

O my people, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me! I led you out of Egypt, from slavery to freedom, but you led your Savior to the cross. O my people,... Holy is God! Holy and strong! Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us. For forty years I led you safely through the desert. I fed you with manna from heaven, and brought you to a land of plenty: but you led your Savior to the cross. Holy is God!... What more could I have done for you? I planted you as my fairest vine, but you yielded only bitterness: When I was thirsty you gave me vinegar to drink, and you pierced your Savior’s side with a lance. Holy is God!... I opened the sea before you, but you opened my side with a spear. I led you on your way in a pillar of cloud but you led me to Pilate’s court. O my people,... I bore you up with manna in the desert, but you struck me down and scourged me. I gave you saving water from the rock, but you gave me gall and vinegar to drink. O my people,... I gave you a royal scepter, but you gave me a crown of thorns. I raise you to the height of majesty, but you have raised me high on a cross. O my people,...
Holy Communion

Procession of the Blessed Sacrament

In silence

The Lord's Prayer

At the conclusion of the prayer, all kneel.

Communion Procession

O Sacred Head

Vere Languores Nostros

Tomás Luis de Victoria

Surely he hath borne our griefs, and He Himself carried our sorrows. By His stripes we are healed. Sweet the wood, sweet the nails, sweet the load that hangs, you alone were worthy to bear the King and Lord of Heaven.

Vere languores nostros ipse tuli et dolores nostros ipse portavit cujus livore sanati sumus. Dulce lignum, dulces clavos, dulcia ferens pondera quae sola fuistis digna sustinere regem coelorum et Dominum.

Crux Fidelis, inter omnes, arbor una nobilis: nulla silva talem profert fronde, flore, germine. Dulce lignum, dulces clavos, dulce pondus sustinet.

Faithful cross, the one noble tree above all others: none is your equal in foliage, blossoms or fruit. Dear wood, bearing the dear nails and the sweet burden.

Crux Fidelis

Clemens non Papa
Prayer after Communion

Stand

Concluding Rites

Prayer over the People

Procession of the Ministers

All depart in silence

Private prayer and veneration of the Cross will continue until 5:15 pm today.
From the conclusion of the celebration of the Lord’s Passion until the Easter Vigil a genuflection is made to the cross.

Hymn [Choir and Assembly]

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748
Tune: ROCKINGHAM; adapted by Edward Miller, 1735-1807.
Liturgical Ministers

Presider
Very Rev. Jan Schmidt
Rector of the Cathedral Basilica

Assisting Clergy
The Most Reverend Dennis M. Schnurr
Reverend James Bramlage
Reverend Raymond Larger

Deacons
Rev. Mr. Edward Hoffmann
Rev. Mr. Michael Kapolka
Deacon Larry Day

Lectors
Pat Basye
Alan Sakalas

Master of Ceremonies
Rev. Jason Williams

Minor Ministers
Ethan Hoying
Chibueze Asiegbulem
Stephen Jones
Jacob Schmiesing

Music
The Choir of St. Peter in Chains Cathedral Basilica
Matthew J. Geerlings
Cathedral Basilica Music Director

Cathedral Basilica Triduum and Easter Day Liturgies

Good Friday
5:15 pm Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday
8:45 pm Easter Vigil in the Holy Night
Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr, celebrant
Music: Cathedral Choir

Easter Sunday
9:00 am Solemn Mass of Easter
Reverend Raymond Larger, presider
Music: Cantor, Trumpet and organ

11:00 am Solemn Mass of Easter
Very Rev. Jan Schmidt, presider
Music: Cathedral Basilica Choir & Brass

We welcome you to the Cathedral Basilica for the celebration of our Holy Week liturgies. We hope that you might consider joining us on a regular basis. For information about parish membership, return to active participation or becoming a Catholic, call the cathedral office at 421-5354.