The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

GOOD FRIDAY
April 19, 2019 • 12:00 noon

The Cathedral 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 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**

*The Liturgy of the Word*

**First Reading**

Isaiah 52:13-53

**Responsorial Psalm**

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

*Fa ther, in to your hands I com mend my spir it.*

In you, O Lord, I take refuge. But as for me, I trust in you, O Lord;
Let me never be put to shame. I say, “You are my God.
In your justice, set me free. My lot is in your hands, deliver me
Into your hands I commend my spirit. from the hands of my enemies
You will redeem me, O Lord, O faithful God. and those who pursue me.

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.

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.

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Gospel Acclamation

Salve caput cruentatum; Ascr. to Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091-1153. Tr. Henry Baker, 1821-1877.
Tune: PASSION CHORALE; Hans Leo Hassler, 1564-1612.

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

Hymn after the Passion

O Sacred Head surrounded by crown of piercing thorn!
O bleeding head, so wounded, Reviled and put to scorn!
The pow'r of death comes o'er you, The glow of life decays,
Yet angel hosts adore you, And tremble as they gaze.

I see your strength and vigor All fading in the strife,
And death with cruel rigor, Bereaving you of life;
O agony and dying! O love to sinners free!
Jesus, all grace supplying, O turn your face on me.

In this, your bitter Passion, Good Shepherd, think of me,
With your most sweet compassion, Unworthy though I be.
Beneath your Cross abiding Forever would I rest,
In your dear love confiding, And with your presence blest.

Tune: PASSION CHORALE; Hans Leo Hassler, 1564-1612.

Homily

Solemn Intercessions

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

Adoration of the Holy Cross

After the ministers have reverenced the cross, the faithful come forward for individual veneration. In order to avoid unduly prolonging this part of the service, please approach the cross two by two (as you would for communion) and kiss the cross while standing.

Crucem Tuam

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

Jesus, Remember Me

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. Jesus said, "In truth, I tell you that today you will be with me in paradise." Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

O Vos Omnes

O all you that pass by the way, attend and see if there be any sorrow like to my sorrow.
Procession of the Blessed Sacrament

Holy Communion

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

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

**Text:** Pange lingua, gloriose lauream certaminis; Venantius Fortunatus, c. 530-609.

**Tune:** picardy; Medieval French carol.

Vere Languores Nostros
Tomás Luis de Victoria

The Lord's Prayer

At the conclusion of the prayer, all kneel.
Communion Procession

Prayer after Communion

Stand

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.

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[Latin trans.]

Soul of Christ, sanctify me;
Body of Christ, save me;
Blood of Christ, refresh me;
Water from the side of Christ, wash me;
Passion of Christ, strengthen me;
O good Jesus, hear me;
Within thy wounds hide me;

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Suffer me not to be separated from thee;
From the malicious enemy defend me;
In the hour of my death call me,
And bid me come to thee,
That with thy saints I may praise thee forever and ever. Amen.

Hymn [Choir and Assembly]

1. When I survey the won-drous cross On which the
2. For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the
3. See, from his head, his hands, feet, Sor - row and
4. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a

Prince of glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I
death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that
love flow min - gled down; Did e’er such love and
pres - ent far too small: Love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss, And pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
sor - row meet, Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748
Tune: ROCKINGHAM; adapted by Edward Miller, 1735-1807.
Celebrant
The Most Reverend Joseph Binzer
Auxiliary Bishop

Assisting Clergy
The Most Reverend Dennis M. Schnurr
Reverend James Bramlage
Reverend Joseph Cardone
Reverend Raymond Larger
Reverend Jan Schmidt

Deacons
Deacon Zachary Cecil
Deacon Alex Biryomumeisho
Deacon Ambrose Dobrozsi
Deacon Michael Trimpe

Lectors
Pat Basye
Mary Jacobs

Master of Ceremonies
Deacon Tim Helmick

Minor Ministers
Matthew Bischoff
Kevin LeMelle
Jacob Lindle
Benson Lotiang’a Lokidiriyo
Benjamin Mersch
Anthony Sanitato

Music
The Choir of St. Peter in Chains Cathedral
Anthony J. DiCello,
Cathedral Music Director
Blake Callahan, Organist
Marco Panuccio, Psalmist

Ushers
Knights of Columbus

Cathedral Triduum and Easter Day Liturgies

Good Friday
5:15 pm Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday
8:30 pm Easter Vigil in the Holy Night
Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr, celebrant
Music: Cathedral Choir and brass

Easter Sunday
8:30 am Solemn Mass of Easter
Reverend Raymond Larger, celebrant
Music: Cantor, Trumpet and organ

11:00 am Solemn Mass of Easter
Bishop Joseph R. Binzer, celebrant
Music: Cathedral Choir, brass & chamber orchestra

No 6:00 pm Mass on Easter Sunday

We welcome you to the cathedral 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.