

GOOD FRIDAY  
SOLEMN LITURGY  
OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



THE BASILICA OF St. MARY  
Alexandria, Virginia

ALL KNEEL WHEN THE CELEBRANT PROSTRATES HIMSELF BEFORE THE ALTAR.

ALL STAND WHEN THE CELEBRANT STANDS.

**Collect**

## **PART 1 LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**First Reading**

Is 52:13- 53:12

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**

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



### **Second Reading**

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

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.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

R. Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.

### **The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ**

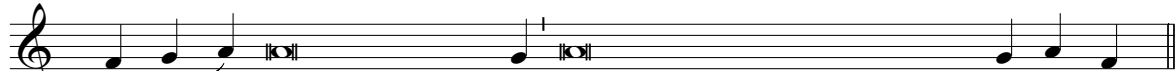
Jn 18:1-19:42

## Homily

## Solemn Intercessions


# PART 2 VENERATION OF THE CROSS

### Celebrant



Be- hold\_ the wood of the cross, on which hung the sal - va - tion of the world.

### Congregation



Come\_ let us\_ a - dore.\_\_\_\_\_

## Crux Fidelis

Chant, Mode I  
Venantius Fortunatus, c. 530 – c. 609

### *Translation:*

O faithful Cross, incomparable tree, the noblest of all; no forest hath ere put forth the likes of thine own leaves, thy flowers, thy fruits. Gentle wood with a gentle nail, to support so gentle a burden.

# **PART 3**

## **Holy Communion**

**Our Father**

**Music for Communion**

Vere Languores

Antonio Lotti  
1740-1776

*Translation:*

Truly, our failings he has taken upon himself and our sorrows he has borne. By his wounds we have been saved. O sweet wood, O sweet nails that bore this sweet burden which alone were worthy to support the King of heaven and Lord.

**ALL DEPART IN SILENCE.**