Praised be Christ's immortal body, and his precious blood be praised.

Born of royal virgin mother, he shall reign for for endless days.

Dying once to save all nations, ever more he wins our praise.

Coming from the spotless virgin, he for us was born a man.

Sowing seeds of truth among us, he fulfilled the Father's plan.

Then his final night upon him, wondrously that night began.

By a word, the Word among us changes common bread and wine.

Bread becomes his holy body, wine is made his blood divine.

Though this truth evades the senses, faith unveils the sacred sign.

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Humbly let us sing our homage for so great a sacrament. Let all former rites surrender to the Lord's new testament. What our senses fail to fathom let us grasp through faith's consent.

Glory, honour, adoration, let us sing with one accord. Praised be God almighty Father, praised be Christ his Son, our Lord. Praised be God the Holy Spirit, blessed Trinity adored.

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# Good Friday

## LITURGY IN THE AFTERNOON IN HONOUR OF THE PASSION AND DEATH OF OUR LORD

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Remember your mercies, O Lord, and with your eternal protection sanctify your servants.

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for whom Christ your Son, by the shedding of his Blood, established the Paschal Mystery. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

- FLITTEDING

## A reading from the prophet Isaiah

See, my servant will prosper, he shall be lifted up, exalted, rise to great heights. As the crowds were appalled on seeing him so disfigured did he look that he seemed no longer human so will the crowds be astonished at him. and kings stand speechless before him; for they shall see something never told and witness something never heard before: "Who could believe what we have heard, and to whom has the power of the Lord been revealed?"

Like a sapling he grew up in front of us, like a root in arid ground. Without beauty, without majesty (we saw him), no looks to attract our eyes; a thing despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and familiar with suffering, a man to make people screen their faces; he was despised and we took no account of him. And yet ours were the suffering he bore, ours the sorrows he carried.

But we, we thought of him as someone punished, struck by God, and brought low.

Yet he was pierced through for our faults, crushed for our sins.

On him lies a punishment that brings us peace, and through his wounds we are healed. We had all gone astray like sheep each taking his own way, and the Lord burdened him with the sins of all of us.

Harshly dealt with, he bore it humbly, he never opened his mouth. like a lamb that is led to the slaughter-house, like a sheep that is dumb before its shearers never opening its mouth. By force and by law he was taken; would anyone plead his cause? Yes, he was torn away from the land of the living; for our faults struck down in death. They gave him a grave with the wicked. a tomb with the rich, though he had done no wrong and there had been no perjury in his mouth. The Lord has been pleased to crush him with sufferina.

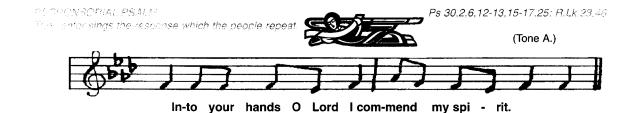
If he offers his life in atonement,

he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life and through him what the Lord wishes will be done.

His soul's anguish over he shall see the light and be content. By his sufferings shall my servant justify many, taking their faults on himself. Hence I will grant whole hordes for his tribute. he shall divide the spoil with the mighty, for surrendering himself to death and letting himself be taken for a sinner, while he was bearing the faults of many and praying all the time for sinners.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



- 1. 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. It is you who will redeem me, Lord. (R)
- 2. In the face of all my foes I am a reproach an object of scorn to my neighbours and of fear to my friends. (R)
- 3. Those who see me in the street run far away from me. I am like a dead man, forgotten in men's hearts. like a thing thrown away. (R)
- 4. But as for me, I trust in you, Lord I say: 'You are my God.' My life is in your hands, deliver me from the hands of **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.

# A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help.

During his life on earth, he offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was a Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, O Christ! Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names.