



**SAINT FRANCIS IN THE VALLEY**  
**EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
Green Valley, Arizona

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**THE GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY**  
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**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**

**THE OPENING SENTENCES**

Celebrant Blessed be our God.

*People For ever and ever. Amen.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**THE FIRST LESSON**

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (52:13—53:12).

See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high. Just as there were many who were astonished at him—so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of mortals—so he shall startle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which had not been told them they shall see, and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate.

Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account. Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted.

But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.

By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the Lord shall prosper. Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

**THE PSALM** (22:1-11) *Please respond at the half-verse*

1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? \* and are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress?

2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; \* by night as well, but I find no rest.

3 Yet you are the Holy One, \* enthroned upon the praises of Israel.

4 Our forefathers put their trust in you; \* they trusted, and you delivered them.

5 They cried out to you and were delivered; \* they trusted in you and were not put to shame.

6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man, \* scorned by all and despised by the people.

7 All who see me laugh me to scorn; \* they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,

8 "He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him; \* let him rescue him, if he delights in him."

9 Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, \* and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.

10 I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; \* you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.

11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near, \* and there is none to help.

## **The Epistle**

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews (4:14-16; 5:7-9)

Since, then, 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 we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up 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 reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

## **THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN (18:1—19:42)**

*The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted. Please sit for the first part of the Passion and, as you are able, stand at the verse that mentions the arrival at Golgatha.*

**THE SERMON** The Rev. Nelson Mendoza

## **THE SOLEMN COLLECTS**

*All standing, the Deacon, or other person appointed, says to the people*

Dear People of God: Our heavenly Father sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved; that all who believe in him might be delivered from the power of sin and death, and become heirs with him of everlasting life.

We pray, therefore, for people everywhere according to their needs.

Let us pray for the holy Catholic Church of Christ throughout the world;

For its unity in witness and service  
For all bishops and other ministers  
and the people whom they serve  
For Jennifer, our Bishop, and all the people of this diocese  
For all Christians in this community  
For those about to be baptized

That God will confirm his Church in faith, increase it in love,  
and preserve it in peace.

*Silence*

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole  
body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified:  
Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before  
you for all members of your holy Church, that in their  
vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you;  
through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Let us pray for all nations and peoples of the earth, and for  
those in authority among them;

For Joe, the President of the United States

For the Congress and the Supreme Court

For the Members and Representatives of the United Nations

For all who serve the common good

That by God's help they may seek justice and truth, and live  
in peace and concord.

*Silence*

Almighty God, kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of  
peace, and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for  
the nations of the earth; that in tranquillity your dominion may  
increase, until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your  
love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for all who suffer and are afflicted in body or in mind;

For the hungry and the homeless, the destitute

and the oppressed

For the sick, the wounded, and the crippled

For those in loneliness, fear, and anguish

For those who face temptation, doubt, and despair

For the sorrowful and bereaved

For prisoners and captives, and those in mortal danger

That God in his mercy will comfort and relieve them, and  
grant them the knowledge of his love, and stir up in us the  
will and patience to minister to their needs.

*Silence*

Gracious God, the comfort of all who sorrow, the strength of  
all who suffer: Let the cry of those in misery and need come  
to you, that they may find your mercy present with them in all

their afflictions; and give us, we pray, the strength to serve them for the sake of him who suffered for us, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for all who have not received the Gospel of Christ;  
For those who have never heard the word of salvation  
For those who have lost their faith  
For those hardened by sin or indifference  
For the contemptuous and the scornful  
For those who are enemies of the cross of Christ and persecutors of his disciples  
For those who in the name of Christ have persecuted others  
That God will open their hearts to the truth, and lead them to faith and obedience.

*Silence*

Merciful God, creator of all the peoples of the earth and lover of souls: Have compassion on all who do not know you as you are revealed in your Son Jesus Christ; let your Gospel be preached with grace and power to those who have not heard it; turn the hearts of those who resist it; and bring home to your fold those who have gone astray; that there may be one flock under one shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us commit ourselves to our God, and pray for the grace of a holy life, that, with all who have departed this world and have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to God alone, we may be accounted worthy to enter into the fullness of the joy of our Lord, and receive the crown of life in the day of resurrection.

*Silence*

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquillity the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **THE PRESENTATION OF THE CROSS**

*Cantor* This is the wood of the cross, on which hung the Savior of the world.  
*People* Come, let us worship.

## **THE VENERATION OF THE CROSS**

*(The congregation is invited forward for the veneration.)*

## **HYMN DURING THE VENERATION, 158**

1. Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended,  
that man to judge thee hath in hate pretended?  
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,  
O most afflicted.

2. Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?  
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.  
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee:  
I crucified thee.

3. Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;  
the slave hath sinnèd, and the Son hath suffered;  
for our atonement, while we nothing heeded,  
God interceded.

4. For me, kind Jesus, was thy incarnation,  
thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation;  
thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion,  
for my salvation.

5. Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee,  
I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee,  
think on thy pity and thy love unswerving,  
not my deserving.

## **THE OFFERTORY**

*Funds collected from the Good Friday offering are gathered and distributed to the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East which includes the Dioceses of Jerusalem and Cyprus and the Gulf, all members of the Anglican Communion. Offering baskets are available at the entrance to the Courtyard.*

## **CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION**

*Deacon* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.  
*Silence may be kept.*

*People* Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins  
through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all  
goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in  
eternal life. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
*People* Our Father...

...for ever and ever. Amen

### **CLOSING HYMN 168**

1. O sacred head, sore wounded,  
defiled and put to scorn;  
O kingly head, surrounded  
with mocking crown of thorn:  
what sorrow mars thy grandeur?  
Can death thy bloom deflower?  
O countenance whose splendor  
the hosts of heaven adore!

2. Thy beauty, long-desirèd,  
hath vanished from our sight;  
thy power is all expirèd,  
and quenched the light of light.  
Ah me! for whom thou diest,  
hide not so far thy grace:  
show me, O Love most highest,  
the brightness of thy face.

3. In thy most bitter passion  
my heart to share doth cry,  
with thee for my salvation  
upon the cross to die.  
Ah, keep my heart thus movèd  
to stand thy cross beneath,  
to mourn thee, well-belovèd,  
yet thank thee for thy death.

**CLOSING PRAYER**

Celebrant Let us pray.

*Together* Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, we pray you to set your passion, cross, and death between your judgment and our souls, now and in the hour of our death. Give mercy and grace to the living; pardon and rest to the dead; to your holy Church peace and concord; and to us sinners everlasting life and glory; for with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

*The service ends with the Closing Prayer.*

*No blessing or dismissal is added.*

**SOLEMN PROCESSION OUT IN SILENCE**

*Please remain until the Ministers have processed out.*

