

1. O sacred head ill-used,  
by reed and bramble scarred;  
that idle blows have bruised  
and mocking lips have marred:  
how dimmed that eye so tender,  
how wan those cheeks appear,  
how overcast the splendour  
that angel hosts revere!
2. What marvel if thou languish,  
vigour and virtue fled,  
wasted and spent with anguish  
and pale as are the dead?  
o by thy foes' derision,  
that death endured for me,  
grant that thy open vision  
a sinner's eyes may see.
3. Good Shepherd, spent with  
loving,  
look on me, who have strayed,  
oft by those lips unmoving  
with milk and honey stayed;  
spurn not a sinner's crying  
now from thy love out cast,

but rest thy head in dying  
on these frail arms at last.

4. In this thy sacred Passion  
O, that some share had !!  
O, may thy Cross's fashion  
o'erlook me when I *die!*  
For these dear pains that rack  
thee  
a sinner's thanks receive;  
O, lest in death I lack thee,  
a sinner's care relieve.
5. Since death must be my ending,  
in that dread hour of need,  
my friendless cause befriending,  
Lord, to my rescue speed;  
thyself, dear Jesus, trace me  
that passage to the grave,  
and from thy Cross embrace me  
with arms outstretched to save.

### EASTER CELEBRATIONS

Don't forget, we have Morning Prayer tomorrow at 10:00, with the Blessing of Baskets (Swietçonka). Put some vegetables, some meat/ sausage, salt, boiled eggs, bread, herbs if you have them into a basket/ dish. They represent what we offer to God, and what God gives to us.

Our celebrations of the greatest Christian feast of all begin tomorrow evening, Saturday, at 19:00 online. Join us for this solemn, joyful and inspiring liturgy!

We can't actually meet together, but as a community we share by our participation at home, our prayers for those in need and our solidarity with each other – it is lifegiving and it is so important.

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# GOOD FRIDAY CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION

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Online, Luxembourg  
10 April 2020

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### First Reading *Isaiah 52:13-53:12*

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 sufferings 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 suffering.  
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.

**Psalm** R/ Into your hands I commend my spirit

## **Second Reading** Hebrews 4:14-16,5:7-9

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 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 PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO ST JOHN** John 18:1-19:42

#### **THE SOLEMN INTERCESSIONS**

*The traditional prayers for the Church and the world.*

#### **THE VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**

*The priest intones: Behold the wood of the Cross on which hung the Saviour of the world* All respond: Come, let us worship  
*All are invited to reverence the crucifix with a bow or a genuflection.*

#### **ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

*Beginning with the Our Father, the usual preparation prayers for Holy Communion are omitted today*

#### **CLOSING CHANT**

Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom  
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There's no formal closure to this ceremony, but we'll stay live for 10 minutes afterwards. Then we meet again for a meditation on the Passion and Death of the Lord at 19:00.