

Communion : Jesus remember me *Taizé*

Communion II : The Old Rugged Cross

1. On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
The emblem of suff'ring and shame;
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain.

*So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it someday for a crown.*

2. Oh, that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,
Has a wondrous attraction for me;
For the dear Lamb of God left his glory above
To bear it to dark Calvary.
3. In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,
A wondrous beauty I see,
For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died,
To pardon and sanctify me.
4. To the old rugged cross I will ever be true;
Its shame and reproach gladly bear;
Then He'll call me someday to my home far away,
Where His glory forever I'll share.

Easter Vigil:

Our celebrations of the greatest Christian feast of all begin tomorrow evening, Saturday, at 21:00 in the church. Join us for this solemn, joyful and inspiring liturgy!

GOOD FRIDAY CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION



St Alphonse, Luxembourg
2 April 2021

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 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. Please stand and kneel as invited.

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 on their cross while the reproaches are sung: O my people, what have I done to you?

HOLY COMMUNION (MASS OF THE PRESANCTIFIED)

Beginning with the Our Father, the usual preparation prayers for Holy Communion are said. All are invited to receive the Body of the Lord. After the final prayer, please leave in silence.