

THE CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PAUL

BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA



FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD [GOOD FRIDAY]

SOLEMN LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

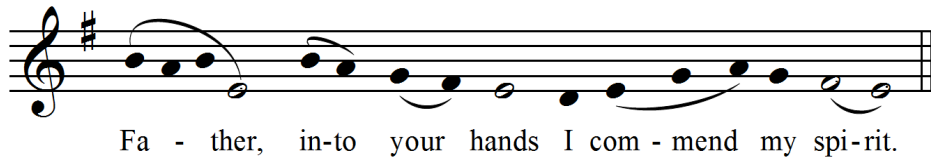
APRIL 18, 2025

Please follow this order of worship for today's music. Today's readings are found in Sunday's Word.

The Bishop and ministers go to the altar in silence and then prostrate themselves; all others kneel. After praying in silence, all rise as the Bishop goes to the cathedra to sing or say the Collect (Opening Prayer).

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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



GRADUAL *Christus factus est*

PHILIPPIANS 2:8-9

Christus factus est pro nobis obediens usque ad mortem, mortem autem crucis. Propter quod et Deus exaltavit illum et dedit illi nomen, quod est super omne nomen. / Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name.

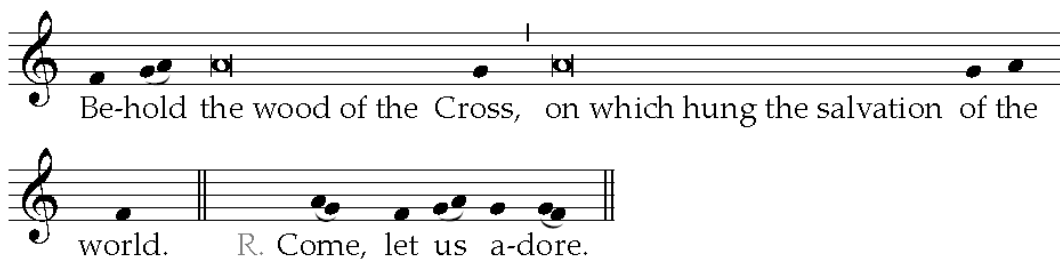
—Polyphonic setting by Felice Anerio

THE ADORATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

THE SOLEMN INTERCESSIONS

- I. FOR HOLY CHURCH II. FOR THE POPE III. FOR ALL ORDERS AND DEGREES OF THE FAITHFUL IV. FOR CATECHUMENS V. FOR THE UNITY OF CHRISTIANS VI. FOR THE JEWISH PEOPLE VII. FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT BELIEVE IN CHRIST VIII. FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT BELIEVE IN GOD IX. FOR THOSE IN PUBLIC OFFICE X. FOR THOSE IN TRIBULATION

INVITATION (SUNG)



ANTIPHON

Crucem Tuam

We adore your Cross, O Lord, we praise and glorify your holy Resurrection, for behold, because of the wood of a tree joy has come to the whole world. *May God have mercy on us and bless us; may he let his face shed its light upon us and have mercy on us.* We adore your Cross...

THE REPROACHES *Popule Meus*

My people, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me! Because I led you out of the land of Egypt, you have prepared a Cross for your Savior. *Holy is God! Holy and strong! Holy immortal One, have mercy on us!* Because I led you out through the desert and fed you with manna and brought you into a land of plenty, you have prepared a Cross for your Savior. *Holy is God!...* What more should I have done for you and have not done? Indeed, I planted you as my most beautiful chosen vine, and you have turned very bitter for me, for in my thirst you gave me vinegar to drink, and with a lance you pierced your Savior's side. *Holy is God!...* I scourged Egypt for your sake with its firstborn sons, and you scourged me and handed me over. **My people...** I led you out from Egypt as Pharaoh lay sunk in the Red Sea, and you handed me over to the chief priests. **My people...** I opened the sea before you, and you opened my side with a lance. **My people...** I went before you in a pillar of cloud, and you led me into Pilate's palace. **My people...** I fed you with manna in the desert, and on me you rained blows and lashes. **My people...** I gave you saving water from the rock to drink, and for drink you gave me gall and vinegar. **My people...** I struck down for you the kings of the Canaanites, and you struck my head with a reed. **My people...** I put in your hand a royal scepter, and you put on my head a crown of thorns. **My people...** I exalted you with great power, and you hung me on the scaffold of the Cross. **My people...** —setting by T.L. de Victoria, English verses: Fr. Samuel F. Weber, OSB

HYMN

Crux Fidelis

Faithful Cross the Saints rely on, Noble tree beyond compare! Never was there such a scion, Never leaf or flower so rare. Sweet the timber, sweet the iron, Sweet the burden that they bear!

Sing, my tongue, in exultation Of our banner and device! Make a solemn proclamation Of a triumph and its price: How the Savior of creation Conquered by his sacrifice! **Faithful Cross...** For, when Adam first offended, Eating that forbidden fruit, Not all hopes of glory ended With the serpent at the root: Broken nature would be mended By a second tree and shoot. **Sweet the timber, sweet the iron, Sweet the burden that they bear!** Thus the tempter was outwitted By a wisdom deeper still: Remedy and ailment fitted, Means to cure and means to kill; That the world might be acquitted, Christ would do his Father's will. **Faithful Cross...** So the Father, out of pity For our self-inflicted doom, Sent him from the heavenly city When the holy time had come: He, the Son and the Almighty, Took our flesh in Mary's womb. **Sweet the timber...** Hear a tiny baby crying, Founder of the seas and strands; See his virgin Mother tying Cloth around his feet and hands; Find him in a manger lying Tightly wrapped in swaddling-bands! **Faithful Cross...** So he came, the long-expected, Not in glory, not to reign; Only born to be rejected, Choosing hunger, toil and pain, Till the scaffold was erected And the Paschal Lamb was slain. **Sweet the timber...** No disgrace was too abhorrent: Nailed and mocked and parched he died; Blood and water, double warrant, Issue from his wounded side, Washing in a mighty torrent Earth and stars and ocean-tide. **Faithful Cross...** Lofty timber, smooth your roughness, Flex your boughs for blossoming; Let your fibers lose their toughness, Gently let your tendrils cling; Lay aside your native gruffness, Clasp the body of your King! **Sweet the timber...** Noblest tree of all created, Richly jeweled and embossed: Post by Lamb's blood consecrated; Spar that saves the tempest-tossed; Scaffold-beam which, elevated, Carries what the world has cost! **Faithful Cross...** Wisdom, power, and adoration To the blessed Trinity For redemption and salvation Through the Paschal Mystery, Now, in every generation, And for all eternity. **Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

Because Mass is not celebrated today, Holy Communion is from the hosts consecrated yesterday, at the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, and begins with the prayer of the Our Father.

HOLY COMMUNION

We invite all Catholics who are properly disposed (i.e., in the state of grace and having fasted for one hour before communion) to come forward in the usual way to receive Holy Communion.

All others, including our non-Catholic guests, may remain in their pews and join us in prayer. Alternatively, to participate in the communion procession and receive a blessing, come forward in the line and cross your arms over your chest as you approach the minister. Thank you.

MOTET

MISERERE MEI, DEUS

ORLANDO DI LASSO

Miserere mei, Deus, secundum magnam misericordiam tuam, et secundum multitudinem miserationum tuarum, dele iniquitatem meam. / *Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your great mercy. And according to Your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions.*

—Psalm 51:3

ANTHEM

HEAR MY PRAYER, O LORD

HENRY PURCELL

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and let my crying come unto Thee.

—Psalm 102:1

MOTET

SALVATOR MUNDI II

THOMAS TALLIS

Salvator mundi, salva nos, qui per crucem et sanguinem redemisti nos, auxiliare nobis, te deprecamur, Deus noster. / *Savior of the world, save us, who by thy cross and blood hast redeemed us, help us, we pray thee, O Lord our God.*

—Antiphon for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

ANTHEM

“ACH HERR LASS DEIN” FROM ST. JOHN PASSION, BWV 245

J.S. BACH

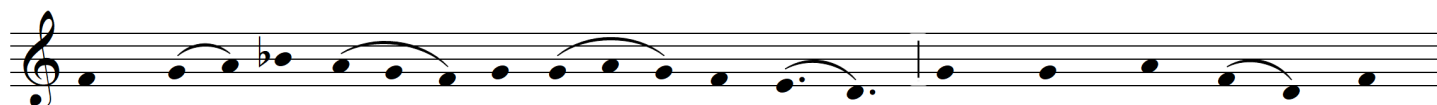
O Lord, let your dear angels, At the very end carry my soul Into Abraham's bosom [to heaven], My body resting in the grave: Peacefully, without any sorrow and pain, Until the Last Day. Raise me thereafter from the dead, So that my eyes will look on you In all joy, O son of God, My Savior and throne of grace! Lord Jesus Christ, hear me: I desire to praise you eternally!



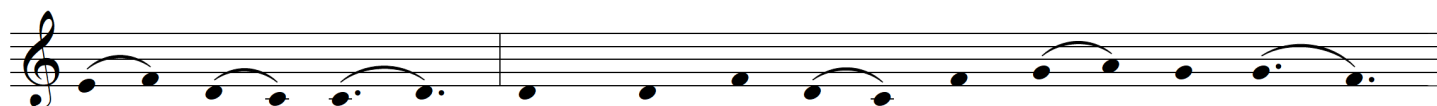
HYMN

Vexilla Regis prodeunt

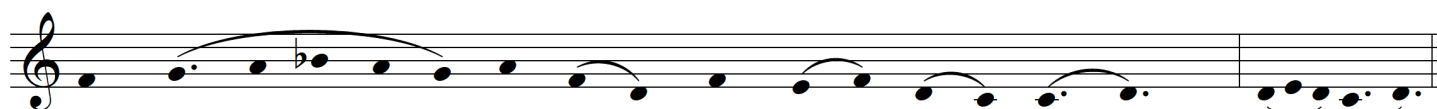
Please join in the hymn on the following page, as needed.



1. The roy - al ban - ners for - ward go, — The cross shines forth in
 2. Where deep for us — the spear — was dyed. — Life's tor - rent rush - ing
 3. Ful - filled is all — that Da - vid told — In true pro - phe - tic
 4. O Tree of beau - ty, Tree — of life, — O Tree with roy - al
 5. On whosedear arms, — so wide - ly flung, The weight of this — world's
 6. O cross, our one — re - li - ance, hail! — Still may thy pow'r with
 7. To Thee, e - ter - nal Three — in One, — Let hom - age meet by



mys - tic — glow; — Where He in flesh, our flesh Who made, —
 from his — side, — to wash us in — that pre - cious flood, —
 song of — old; — A - midst the na - tions, God, saith he, —
 pur - ple — dight; — E - lect, on whose tri - um - phal breast —
 ran - som hung, — The price of hu - man - kind to pay, —
 us — a - vail — To give new vir - tue to — the saint, —
 all — be — done: — As by the cross Thou dost — re - store, —



Our sen - tence bore, our ran - som paid. —
 Where min - gled wa - ter flowed, and — blood.
 Hath reigned — and tri - umphed from the — Tree. —
 Those ho - ly limbs should find their rest —
 And spoil — the spoil - er of — his — prey. —
 And par - don to — the pen - i - tent. —
 So rule — and guide us ev - er - more. — A - men.



PLEASE JOIN US IN WORSHIP DURING TRIDUUM AND EASTER

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 20: THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT, 8:00PM

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 21: MASS DURING THE DAY AT 7:15AM, 8:30AM, AND 11:00AM

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