

Solemn Liturgy at 7:00 P.M.

Good Friday

April 7, 2023

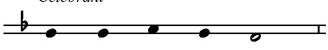
*BCP = Book of Common Prayer
S = Service Music in front of Hymnal*

Entrance

The ministers enter in silence.

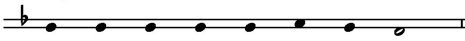
All then kneel for silent prayer, after which the Celebrant and congregation stand and the Celebrant begins the liturgy by chanting

Celebrant



Bless - ed be our God.

People



For ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

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Opening Prayer

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.

People: Amen.

The First Lesson

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.

Psalm 22 *Deus, Deus meus* BCP, pg. 610
The Choir intones the refrain and the Congregation repeats it.

Mode 4 Refrain

My God, my God, why have you for - sak - en me?

from Gradual Psalms for the RCL, ed. Bruce E. Ford, Church Publishing Incorporated

The Holy Spirit testifies saying, "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds," he also adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

The Passion Gospel according to John (Handout)

The Passion Gospel is read in parts, the congregation also taking part in the reading. The congregation may be seated for the first part of the Passion.

Meditatio/Contemplatio Rev. Edie Bird

Hymn #163 Sunset to sunrise changes now

The Solemn Collects and Biddings BCP, pg. 277

The Cantor chants the Biddings instructing the congregation when to kneel and when to stand. The Celebrant chants the Collects

Procession of Cross

A cross is carried in by the Celebrant who pauses at three stations and chants, "Behold the wood of the Cross on which hung the Savior of the world." The cross is placed in a prominent place and the congregation is invited to come forward to touch or kiss the cross as a symbol of repentance for our sins.

Veneration of the Cross

Hymn #172 "Were you There?"

The Lord's Prayer BCP, pg. 364

Departure in Silence

*You are invited to remain and pray or sit in silent meditation.
When you leave, please do so in silence!*

It is immensely easier to suffer in obedience to a human command than to suffer in the freedom of one's own responsible deed. It is immensely easier to suffer with others than to suffer alone. It is immensely easier to suffer openly and honorably than apart and in shame. It is immensely easier to suffer through commitment of the physical life than in the spirit. Christ suffered in freedom, alone, apart and in shame, in body and spirit, and since then many have suffered with him.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer,

Ministers of Service

Altar Guild

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Nona Nan Chapman

Passion Gospel Readers

Tyler Helm, Kent Miller

Celebrant

The Rev. Edie Bird