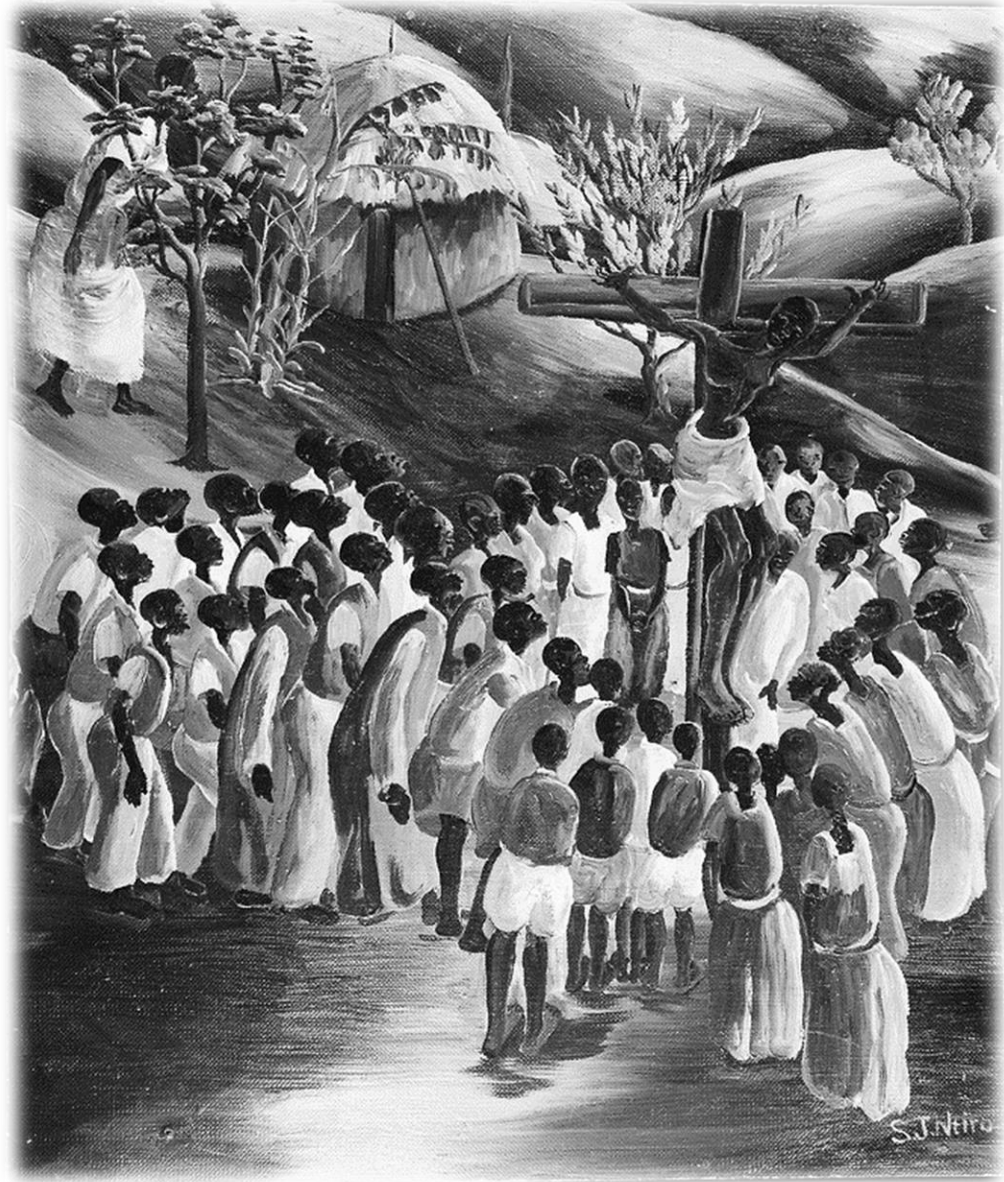


St. Luke's Table

GOOD FRIDAY

Christ became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name.

Philippians 2.8–9



Crucifixion, Sam Joseph Ntiro, Tanzanian, 1923–1993

Welcome and Good Morning!

Good Friday Liturgy, from the Book of Alternative Services

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The Ministry of the Word
(Please Stand)

All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned every one to his own way,

**And the Lord has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.**

Christ the Lord
became obedient
unto death,

Even death on a cross.



Crucifixion, Parish Church, Coatepec, Mexico

Almighty God,
our heavenly Father,
we have sinned in thought and word and deed;
we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We pray you of your mercy,
forgive us all that is past,
and grant that we may serve you
in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray TOGETHER,

**Almighty God, look graciously, we pray,
on 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.**

First Reading:

Isaiah 52: 13 – 53: 12



Christ Crucified, Stained glass window
given by the people of Wales,
Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, AL

Psalm 22 (alternating verses)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**“He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him;
let him rescue him, if he delights in him.”**

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

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

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

**Many young bulls encircle me;
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.**

They open wide their jaws at me,
like a ravening and a roaring lion.

**I am poured out like water;
all my bones are out of joint;
my heart within my breast is melting wax.**

My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd;
my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;
and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.

**Packs of dogs close me in,
and gangs of evildoers circle around me;
they pierce my hands and my feet;
I can count all my bones.**

They stare and gloat over me;
they divide my garments among them;
they cast lots for my clothing.

**Be not far away, O Lord; you are my strength;
hasten to help me.**

Save me from the sword,
my life from the power of the dog.

**Save me from the lion's mouth,
my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.**

I will declare your name to my brethren;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

**Praise the Lord, you that fear him;
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.**

For he does not despise nor abhor the poor
in their poverty; neither does he hide his face
from them; but when they cry to him
he hears them.

**My praise is of him in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the presence
of those who worship him.**

The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him:
“May your heart live for ever!”

**All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the Lord, and all the families
of the nations shall bow before him.**

For kingship belongs to the Lord;
he rules over the nations.

**To him alone all who sleep in the earth
bow down in worship;
all who go down to the dust fall before him.**

My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall serve him;
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.

**They shall come and make known
to a people yet unborn the saving deeds
that he has done.**

**Father, your tortured Son felt abandoned,
and cried out in anguish from the cross,
yet you delivered him.**

**He overcame the bonds of death
and rose in triumph from the grave.**

**Do not hide your face from those
who cry out to you: feed the hungry,
strengthen the weak,
and break the chains of the oppressed,
that your people may rejoice
in your saving deeds.**

**This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ
our Saviour. Amen.**

Second Reading:

Hebrews 4: 14-16, 5: 7-9



Nailed to the Cross -- Notre Dame de la Garde,
Marseille, France



YEAR C

Good Friday

Gradual Hymn

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 18: 1 ~ 19: 42

Please note that when the Gospel is read today the responses are OMITTED. Also note that the term “The Jews” in Saint John’s Gospel applies to particular individuals and not to the whole Jewish people. Insofar as we ourselves turn against Christ, we are responsible for his death.



YEAR C

Good Friday

Musical Reflection

The Solemn Intercession *(please stand)*

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 eternal life.

Please find a comfortable,
prayerful, position:

Let us pray for the one holy catholic and apostolic
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 Sandra our Bishop, Archbishop Ron, Reverend Bill
and our entire lay ministry team.
For all the people of this diocese, for all Christians in
this community, for those about to be baptized,
that Christ will confirm his Church in faith,
increase it in love, and preserve it in peace.

Almighty and everlasting God, by your 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 our vocation and ministry
we may truly and devoutly serve you;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Let us pray for all nations and peoples of the earth,
and for those in authority among them:
For Elizabeth our Queen and all the Royal Family,
for Justin the Prime Minister and for the government
of this country, for Tim the Premier of Nova Scotia and
the members of the legislature, for those holding
office in Halifax and in Lunenburg County, for all
those who serve the common good. That by God's
help they may seek justice and truth and live in
peace and concord.

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 justice and peace 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 homeless, the destitute and the
oppressed, and all who suffer persecution or prejudice,
for the sick, the wounded,
and the handicapped, 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.

Gracious God, the comfort of all who sorrow,
the strength of all who suffer, hear the cry
of those in misery and need. In their afflictions
show them your mercy 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 all who have not heard the words of salvation,
for all who have lost their faith,
for all whose sin has made them indifferent to Christ,
for all who actively oppose Christ by word or deed,
for all who are enemies of the cross of Christ,
and persecutors of his disciples,

for all 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.

Merciful God, creator of 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 God, and pray for the grace of a holy life, that with all who have departed this life 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.

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light,
look favourably on your whole Church,
that wonderful and sacred mystery. By the effectual
working of your providence, carry out in tranquility
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, forever and ever. **Amen.**

No “money” offering
will be taken up today
as we are offering
ourselves to be
blessed by God.



Endless Road,
Hofheinz-Doring, Margret, 1910-1994

Meditation on the Cross of Jesus

This is the wood of the cross, on which hung the
Saviour of the world,

Come let us worship

Anthem 1

Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by?
Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow
which was brought upon me,
which the Lord inflicted on the day
of his fierce anger.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal one,
have mercy upon us.**

O my people, O my Church, What have I done to you, or in what have I offended you? Testify against me. I led you forth from the land of Egypt, and delivered you by the waters of baptism, but you have prepared a cross for your Saviour.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal one,
have mercy upon us.**

I led you through the desert forty years,
and fed you with manna. I brought you through
tribulation and penitence, and gave you my body,
the bread of heaven, but you have prepared
a cross for your Saviour.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal one,
have mercy upon us.**

What more could I have done for you
that I have not done? I planted you,
my chosen and fairest vineyard, I made you the
branches of my vine; but when I was thirsty,
you gave me vinegar to drink, and pierced with a
spear the side of your Saviour.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal one,
have mercy upon us.**

I went before you in a pillar of cloud, and you have led me to the judgement hall of Pilate. I scourged your enemies and brought you to a land of freedom, but you have scourged, mocked, and beaten me. I gave you the water of salvation from the rock, but you have given me gall and left me to thirst.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal one, have mercy upon us.

I gave you a royal sceptre, and bestowed the keys to the kingdom, but you have given me a crown of thorns. I raised you on high with great power, but you have hanged me on the cross.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal one,
have mercy upon us.**

My peace I gave, which the world cannot give,
and washed your feet as a sign of my love, but you
draw the sword to strike in my name, and seek high
places in my kingdom. I offered you my body and
blood, but you scatter and deny and abandon me.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal one,
have mercy upon us.**

I sent the Spirit of truth to guide you, and you close your hearts to the Counsellor. I pray that all may be as one in the Father and me, but you continue to quarrel and divide. I call you to go and bring forth fruit, but you cast lots for my clothing.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal one,
have mercy upon us.**

I grafted you into the tree of my chosen Israel,
and you turned on them with persecution and mass
murder.

I made you joint heirs with them of my covenants,
but you made them scapegoats for your own guilt.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal one,
have mercy upon us.**

I came to you as the least of your brothers and sisters;
I was hungry and you gave me no food,
I was thirsty and you gave me no drink,
I was a stranger and you did not welcome me,
naked and you did not clothe me,
sick and in prison and you did not visit me.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal one,
have mercy upon us.**



YEAR C

Good Friday

Closing Hymn

Send down your abundant blessing,
Lord, upon your people
who have devoutly recalled
the death of your Son
in the sure and certain hope
of the resurrection.

Grant them pardon; bring them comfort.
May their faith grow stronger
and their eternal salvation be assured.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please depart in SILENCE.



Crucifixion
Gerardo Dottori, Vatican Museum, Vatican City

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