

# WESTERN PORT PARISH

## Good Friday

### Celebration of the Lord's Passion

According to the Church's ancient tradition, the Mass is not celebrated on Good Friday or Holy Saturday, until after sunset with the Easter Vigil and Baptising of new converts! However Holy Communion can be distributed at the Good Friday prayer service.

#### **Silent Procession and Prayer**

(Priest enters in Silence, all pray silently for a while)

#### **Welcome & Opening Prayer**

#### **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 sheafers, 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.

#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 30:2. 6. 12-13. 15-17. 25**

**Sing: Father, I put my life in your hands.**

**In you, O Lord, I take refuge. Let me never be put to shame.**

**In your justice, set me free. Into your hands I commend my spirit.**

**It is you who will redeem me, Lord.**

**R**

**In the face of all my foes I am a reproach,**

**an object of scorn to my neighbours and of fear to my friends.**

**R**

**Those who see me in the street run far away from me.**

**I am like a dead man,**

**forgotten in men's hearts, like a thing thrown away.**

**R**

**But as for me, I trust in you, Lord, I say: 'You are my God.**

**My life is in your hands,**

**deliver me from the hands of those who hate me.'**

**R**

**'Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your love.'**

**Be strong, let your heart take courage, all who hope in the Lord.**

**R**

## **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 a Son, he learnt to obey through suffering, but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Philippians 2:8-9**

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

**Christ became obedient for us even to death,  
dying on the cross.**

**Therefore God raised him on high  
and gave him a name above all other names.**

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

## **GOSPEL: John 18:1 -19:42**

*The passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.*

## **HOMILY**

### **Collection for Holy Places**

### **THE SOLEMN INTERCESSIONS**

#### **I. FOR HOLY CHURCH**

Let us pray, for the Church,  
that our God and Lord will give us peace,  
to guard and to unite the people of God  
and grant that, leading our life in tranquillity and quiet,  
we may glorify God the Father almighty.

**All say together:**

Lord our God,  
in Christ you revealed your glory to all the nations,  
watch over us,  
that your Church, spread throughout all the world,  
may persevere with steadfast faith and love.

R. Amen.

#### **II. FOR THE POPE**

Let us pray also for our most Holy Father Pope Francis,  
that God who chose him,  
may keep him safe and unharmed.

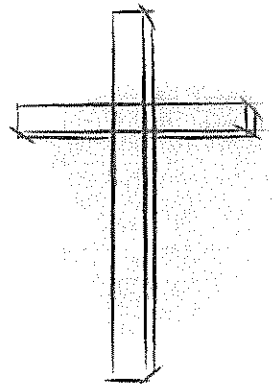
**All say together:**

Lord our God,  
look with favour on our prayers  
and in your kindness protect the Pope chosen for us,  
that, in his care, the people of God may grow in faith.

R. Amen.

#### **III. FOR OUR BISHOP AND FOR ALL THE FAITHFUL**

Let us pray for our Archbishop Denis,  
for all Bishops, Priests, Deacons and Ministers of the Church  
and for the whole of the people of God.



**All say together:**

Lord our God,  
hear our humble prayer for your ministers,  
that, by the gift of your grace, all may serve you faithfully.  
R. Amen.

**IV. FOR CATECHUMENS**

Let us pray also those who search for truth and seek to join the community of the church,  
that God may open wide their inmost hearts and through the waters of rebirth,  
they may be one with us in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**All say together:**

Lord Our God,  
increase the faith and understanding of all who search for you,  
that they may be counted among the number of your children.  
R. Amen.

**V. FOR THE UNITY OF CHRISTIANS**

Let us pray also for all who believe in Christ,  
That God may be pleased, to gather all together in one Church of God.

**All say together:**

Lord our God,  
look kindly on all whom one Baptism has consecrated,  
joined together by integrity of faith  
and united in the bond of charity.  
R. Amen.

**VI. FOR THE JEWISH PEOPLE**

Let us pray also for the Jewish people, Chosen people of the covenant,  
That God may grant them love of his name  
and faithfulness to his covenant.

**All say together:**

Lord our God,  
who bestowed your promises on Abraham and his descendants,  
may the people you first made your own  
attain the fullness of redemption.  
R. Amen.

**VII. FOR THOSE WHO CANNOT BELIEVE IN CHRIST, BUT SEEK GOD WITH A SINCERE HEART**

Let us pray also for those who do not believe in Christ,  
that, they may find the God they seek and advance on the way of salvation.

**All say together:**

Lord our God,  
for those who do not know Christ, in sincerity of heart, may they discover what they seek  
and move more fully into the mystery of your life and love.  
R. Amen.

**VIII. FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT BELIEVE IN GOD**

Let us pray also for those who do not acknowledge God,  
that, following what is right in sincerity of heart,  
they may find the way to God himself.

**All say together:**

Lord our God,  
Creator of all people grant, that despite every harmful obstacle,  
all may recognize the signs of your love  
and the witness of the good works  
done by those who believe in you.  
R. Amen.

**IX. FOR THOSE IN PUBLIC OFFICE**

Let us pray also for those in public office, that our God and Lord may direct their minds and hearts according to his will for the true peace and freedom of all.

**All say together:**

Lord our God,  
look with favour on those who govern with authority over us,  
throughout the whole world may prosperity, peace, and freedom  
be made secure.

Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

**X. FOR THOSE IN EVERY KIND OF NEED**

Let us pray to for the hungry and forsaken, refugees and prisoners,  
to cleanse the world of falsehood, hunger and disease,  
unlock prisons, grant travellers safety, health to the sick,  
and salvation to the dying.

**All say together:**

Lord our God,  
comfort of mourners, strength of all who toil,  
may the prayers of those who cry out in any need  
come before you, that all may rejoice,  
because in their hour of need your mercy was at hand.

Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

**VENERATION OF THE CROSS**

The cross is unveiled as we pray three times:

**Priest:** This is the wood of the cross.  
On which hung the Saviour of the world.

**All:** Come, let us worship

*Congregation processes to the cross placing your right hand on the shoulder of the person in front, place their nail in the bucket and touch/kiss the cross.*

**Chant:** No. 103 - WERE YOU THERE?

**HOLY COMMUNION:**

**Chant:** *Jesus remember me when you come into your kingdom.*

**(All depart in silence)**

