

GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 10, 2020

PNCC WORSHIP FOR THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE SOLEMN LITURGY OF OUR LORD'S PASSION AND DEATH DUE TO COVID 19

Lord for us, Your wounds were suffered. O Christ Jesus have mercy on us.

Blessed be the Holy and Undivided Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

Dear Father in heaven, thank You for bringing me safely to the beginning of a new day. Keep me safe throughout the day from temptation, sin and evil. O Lord, by Your help and guidance may my thoughts, words and all that I do be in accordance with Your holy will. Amen.

ACT OF CONTRITION

O God, from the depth of my heart I am sorry for sinning against You. Through my sins I have turned away from You, displeased You and offended You. I promise to confess my sins, to do penance and with Your grace to amend my life by following You closely and keeping Your commandments.

OPENING PRAYER

Lord, Jesus, You carried our sins in Your own body on the cross so that we might have life. May we and all who remember this day find new life in You now and in the life to come, where You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 52:13-53:12

See, my servant shall prosper, he shall be raised high and greatly exalted.
Even as many were amazed at him so marred was his look beyond human semblance
and his appearance beyond that of the sons of man so shall he startle many nations,
because of him kings shall stand speechless; for those who have not been told shall see,
those who have not heard shall ponder it. Who would believe what we have heard?
To whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?
He grew up like a sapling before him, like a shoot from the parched earth;
there was in him no stately bearing to make us look at him,
nor appearance that would attract us to him.
He was spurned and avoided by people, a man of suffering, accustomed to infirmity,
one of those from whom people hide their faces, spurned, and we held him in no esteem.
Yet it was our infirmities that he bore, our sufferings that he endured,
while we thought of him as stricken, as one smitten by God and afflicted.
But he was pierced for our offenses, crushed for our sins;
upon him was the chastisement that makes us whole, by his stripes we were healed.
We had all gone astray like sheep, each following his own way;
but the Lord laid upon him the guilt of us all.
Though he was harshly treated, he submitted and opened not his mouth;
like a lamb led to the slaughter or a sheep before the shearers,
he was silent and opened not his mouth.
Oppressed and condemned, he was taken away, and who would have thought any more of his
destiny? When he was cut off from the land of the living, and smitten for the sin of his people,
a grave was assigned him among the wicked and a burial place with evildoers,

though he had done no wrong nor spoken any falsehood.
But the Lord was pleased to crush him in infirmity.
If he gives his life as an offering for sin, he shall see his descendants in a long life,
and the will of the Lord shall be accomplished through him.
Because of his affliction he shall see the light in fullness of days;
through his suffering, my servant shall justify many, and their guilt he shall bear.
Therefore I will give him his portion among the great, and he shall divide the spoils with the
mighty, because he surrendered himself to death and was counted among the wicked;
and he shall take away the sins of many, and win pardon for their offenses.

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

R. Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.

In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame. In your justice rescue me.
Into your hands I commend my spirit; you will redeem me, O Lord, O faithful God.

R. Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.

For all my foes I am an object of reproach, a laughingstock to my neighbors, and a dread to my
friends; they who see me abroad flee from me.

I am forgotten like the unremembered dead; I am like a dish that is broken.

R. Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.

But my trust is in you, O Lord; I say, "You are my God.

In your hands is my destiny; rescue me from the clutches of my enemies and my persecutors."

R. Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.

Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your kindness.

Take courage and be stouthearted, all you who hope in the Lord.

R. Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

Brothers and sisters: Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens,
Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is
unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has similarly been tested in every way,
yet without sin. So let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find
grace for timely help.

In the days when Christ was in the flesh, he offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and
tears to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence.
Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered; and when he was made perfect,
he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

THE GOSPEL: John 18:1-19:42

Jesus went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to where there was a garden,
into which he and his disciples entered. Judas his betrayer also knew the place, because Jesus
had often met there with his disciples. So Judas got a band of soldiers and guards from the chief
priests and the Pharisees and went there with lanterns, torches, and weapons.

Jesus, knowing everything that was going to happen to him, went out and said to them, "Whom
are you looking for?" They answered him, "Jesus the Nazorean." He said to them, "I Am."

Judas his betrayer was also with them. When he said to them, “I Am,” they turned away and fell to the ground. So he again asked them, “Whom are you looking for?” They said, “Jesus the Nazorean.” Jesus answered, “I told you that I Am. So if you are looking for me, let these men go.” This was to fulfill what he had said, “I have not lost any of those you gave me.” Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest’s slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave’s name was Malchus. Jesus said to Peter, “Put your sword into its scabbard. Shall I not drink the cup that the Father gave me?”

So the band of soldiers, the tribune, and the Jewish guards seized Jesus, bound him, and brought him to Annas first. He was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year.

It was Caiaphas who had counseled the Jews that it was better that one man should die rather than the people. Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Now the other disciple was known to the high priest, and he entered the courtyard of the high priest with Jesus. But Peter stood at the gate outside. So the other disciple, the acquaintance of the high priest, went out and spoke to the gatekeeper and brought Peter in. Then the maid who was the gatekeeper said to Peter, “You are not one of this man’s disciples, are you?” He said, “I am not.”

Now the slaves and the guards were standing around a charcoal fire that they had made, because it was cold, and were warming themselves. Peter was also standing there keeping warm.

The high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his doctrine. Jesus answered him, “I have spoken publicly to the world. I have always taught in a synagogue or in the temple area where all the Jews gather, and in secret I have said nothing. Why ask me? Ask those who heard me what I said to them. They know what I said.” When he had said this, one of the temple guards standing there struck Jesus and said, “Is this the way you answer the high priest?” Jesus answered him, “If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong; but if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?” Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

Now Simon Peter was standing there keeping warm. And they said to him, “You are not one of his disciples, are you?” He denied it and said, “I am not.” One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the one whose ear Peter had cut off, said, “Didn’t I see you in the garden with him?” Again Peter denied it. And immediately the cock crowed.

Then they brought Jesus from Caiaphas to the praetorium. It was morning. And they themselves did not enter the praetorium, in order not to be defiled so that they could eat the Passover. So Pilate came out to them and said, “What charge do you bring against this man?” They answered and said to him, “If he were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you.” At this, Pilate said to them, “Take him yourselves, and judge him according to your law.” The Jews answered him, “We do not have the right to execute anyone, “in order that the word of Jesus might be fulfilled that he said indicating the kind of death he would die. So Pilate went back into the praetorium and summoned Jesus and said to him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus answered, “Do you say this on your own or have others told you about me?”

Pilate answered, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?” Jesus answered, “My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here.” So Pilate said to him, “Then you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.” Pilate said to him, “What is truth?” When he had said this, he again went out to the Jews and said to them, “I find no guilt in him. But you have a custom that I release one prisoner to you at Passover. Do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?” They cried out again, “Not this one but Barabbas!” Now Barabbas was a revolutionary.

Then Pilate took Jesus and had him scourged. And the soldiers wove a crown out of thorns and placed it on his head, and clothed him in a purple cloak, and they came to him and said, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they struck him repeatedly. Once more Pilate went out and said to them, "Look, I am bringing him out to you, so that you may know that I find no guilt in him." So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple cloak. And he said to them, "Behold, the man!" When the chief priests and the guards saw him they cried out, "Crucify him, crucify him!"

Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him. I find no guilt in him." The Jews answered, "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God." Now when Pilate heard this statement, he became even more afraid, and went back into the praetorium and said to Jesus, "Where are you from?" Jesus did not answer him. So Pilate said to him, "Do you not speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you and I have power to crucify you?" Jesus answered him, "You would have no power over me if it had not been given to you from above. For this reason the one who handed me over to you has the greater sin." Consequently, Pilate tried to release him; but the Jews cried out, "If you release him, you are not a Friend of Caesar. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar."

When Pilate heard these words he brought Jesus out and seated him on the judge's bench in the place called Stone Pavement, in Hebrew, Gabbatha. It was preparation day for Passover, and it was about noon. And he said to the Jews, "Behold, your king!" They cried out, "Take him away, take him away! Crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your king?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

So they took Jesus, and, carrying the cross himself, he went out to what is called the Place of the Skull, in Hebrew, Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus in the middle. Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus the Nazorean, the King of the Jews." Now many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, Latin, and Greek. So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write 'The King of the Jews,' but that he said, 'I am the King of the Jews'." Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written."

When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four shares, a share for each soldier. They also took his tunic, but the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top down. So they said to one another, "Let's not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it will be, "in order that the passage of Scripture might be fulfilled that says: *They divided my garments among them, and for my vesture they cast lots.* This is what the soldiers did. Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his home. After this, aware that everything was now finished, in order that the Scripture might be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I thirst." There was a vessel filled with common wine. So they put a sponge soaked in wine on a sprig of hyssop and put it up to his mouth. When Jesus had taken the wine, he said, "It is finished." And bowing his head, he handed over the spirit.

Now since it was preparation day, in order that the bodies might not remain on the cross on the sabbath, for the sabbath day of that week was a solemn one, the Jews asked Pilate that their legs be broken and that they be taken down. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first

and then of the other one who was crucified with Jesus. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs, but one soldier thrust his lance into his side, and immediately blood and water flowed out. An eyewitness has testified, and his testimony is true; he knows that he is speaking the truth, so that you also may come to believe. For this happened so that the Scripture passage might be fulfilled: *Not a bone of it will be broken.* And again another passage says: *They will look upon him whom they have pierced.*

After this, Joseph of Arimathea, secretly a disciple of Jesus for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate if he could remove the body of Jesus. And Pilate permitted it. So he came and took his body. Nicodemus, the one who had first come to him at night, also came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes weighing about one hundred pounds. They took the body of Jesus and bound it with burial cloths along with the spices, according to the Jewish burial custom. Now in the place where he had been crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had yet been buried. So they laid Jesus there because of the Jewish preparation day; for the tomb was close by.

REFLECTION VERSE: Philippians 2:8-9

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 other name.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

FOR THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the Church throughout the world, that God, the Almighty Father, may give it peace and unity, preserve and guide it, so that all nations may worship Him in peace and tranquility.

Let us pray. Almighty and eternal God, You have shown Your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ, Your Son. Guide the work of Your Church. Help it to persevere in faith, proclaim Your Name, and bring salvation to all people. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

FOR THE CLERGY AND LAITY OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for Prime Bishop, Anthony; for our Diocesan Bishop, *N.*; for our Pastor, Father *N.*; for all bishops, priests and deacons; for all who have a special ministry in the Church; for the people of God, as well as those preparing for baptism.

Let us pray.

Almighty and Eternal God, Your Spirit guides the Church and makes it holy. Strengthen and uphold our bishops - successors to Your Apostles – priests and deacons, as well as all other leaders of the Church. Keep them in health and safety for the good of the Church, and help each of us to faithfully do the work to which You have called us. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

FOR THE UNITY OF CHRISTIANS

Let us pray for all our brothers and sisters who share faith in Jesus Christ, that God may gather and unite all those who seek the truth with sincerity.

Let us pray. Almighty and Eternal God, Source of our unity, look with favor on all those who follow Jesus, Your Son. Through baptism we are all consecrated to You. Help us to become one

in the fullness of faith and in the fellowship of love. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT BELIEVE IN CHRIST

Let us pray for those who do not believe in Christ, that the light of the Holy Spirit may show them the way to salvation.

Let us pray. Almighty and Eternal God, You desire that all should be saved. Enable those who do not believe in Jesus Christ to accept Him as their Lord and Savior. Help them grasp the mystery of the Incarnation, so that they may come to know, love and serve Him and thus become faithful witnesses of His Gospel. We ask this in His Holy Name. Amen.

FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT BELIEVE IN GOD

Let us pray for those who do not believe in God. May they receive the gift of faith that they may come to believe in One God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

Let us pray. Almighty and Eternal God, You created humanity in Your own image and likeness. Grant grace to those who do not believe in You, so that all might come to acknowledge You as the one true God and Father of us all. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

FOR THOSE IN PUBLIC OFFICE

Let us pray for those who serve in public office, that God may guide their minds and hearts to govern justly and honestly.

Let us pray. Almighty and Eternal God, watch over those in public office, so that they may fulfill their duties in accordance with Your divine commandments and principles. May all their deliberations and actions be for the benefit of those whom they serve. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

FOR THOSE IN NEED

Let us pray that God may heal the sick, comfort the dying, give safety to travelers, free those unjustly deprived of liberty, and help those who suffer because of poverty, falsehood, hunger and disease.

Let us pray. Almighty and Eternal God, our Merciful Father, give strength to the weary and new courage to those who have lost heart. Hear the prayers of all who call upon You in any trouble that they may have the joy of receiving Your grace in their need.

May we become instruments of Your love and mercy in this world. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER BEFORE A CRUCIFIX

Behold, O good and most beloved Jesus. I fall upon my knees before Your likeness and with all fervor of spirit I pray and implore You to imprint upon my heart a living consciousness of faith, hope, love, true repentance for my sins and a firm purpose of amendment; and while I contemplate with great love and tender pity Your five wounds, pondering over them and calling

to mind the words which David, Your prophet, said of You, my Jesus: “They have pierced My hands and My feet; they have numbered all My bones.” (*Psalm 22:17,18*)

Lord, for us Your wounds were suffered. O Christ Jesus, have mercy on us. (*3 times*)

OUR FATHER

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Amen.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Most loving Jesus, I adore You in the Most Blessed Sacrament, in Which You are truly present. I love You above all things and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot receive You sacramentally, I ask You to come spiritually into my heart and heal my soul. I embrace You and unite myself with You; may I never be separated from You. In flame my heart with the fire of Your love, my Lord and Savior.

CONCLUDING PRAYERS

Let us pray.

Lord, we ask You to look upon the family of Your faithful people, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ did not resist betrayal into the hands of evil men or the torments of the cross, in order to show us the way to salvation. Grant us faith in Your infinite mercy, a love for truth, and the hope of eternal happiness. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Lord Jesus, Lamb of God, You died on the cross because of Your love for us. In completing this great sacrifice, You accepted the will of Your eternal Father by commending Your Spirit into His hands and then bowing Your head and dying. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins for which we are truly sorry. Through the merits of Your most sacred suffering and bitter death revive in our souls an unwavering faith, so that we may enjoy everlasting glory with You, Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER IN TIME OF NATIONAL ANXIETY

Let us pray.

I come to You, Lord, in this time of uncertainty and confusion that has gripped our nation. I pray that our leaders and representatives in government are filled with Your peace, strength and courage. May your gifts of wisdom and understanding, fortitude and counsel be sought and utilized by them for the well-being of our country. By their belief and trust in You may they provide capable leadership, promote unity and peace, and be attentive to the concerns of our people. May Your Church provide support and comfort; and help strengthen our hope for peace through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE ANGELUS – ASKING THE INTERCESSION OF OUR BLESSED MOTHER

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary,

- R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.
Hail Mary ...
- V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
- R. Be it done unto me according to your word.
Hail Mary...
- V. And the Word was made Flesh.
- R. And dwelt among us.
Hail Mary ...
- V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,
- R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

O Lord, we ask You, pour forth Your grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ, Your Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His passion and cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Lord, for us Your wounds were suffered. O Christ Jesus, have mercy on us.

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