GOOD FRIDAY

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION APRIL 18, 2025

Silent Entrance (All stand)

Prostration and Silent Prayer (Kneel)

Opening Prayer (Stand)

+ LITURGY OF THE WORD +

Old Testament Reading (Be seated)

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 31: Father, Into Your Hands



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New Testament Reading

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

Gospel Acclamation (Stand)

Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ



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The Passion of the Lord

John 18:1-19:42

The Passion Reading and the congregational responses begin on page 119 of the Breaking Bread Missal found in your pew.

Homily (Be seated)

The Solemn Intercessions (Stand)

For Holy Church

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For the Pope

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For all orders and degrees of the faithful

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For catechumens

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For the unity of Christians

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For the Jewish people

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For those who do not believe in Christ

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For those in public office

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For those in tribulation

(All may be seated briefly at the conclusion of the intercessions.)

+ THE ADORATION OF THE HOLY CROSS +

The Showing of the Holy Cross (Stand)

Leader: Behold the wood of the Cross, on which hung the salvation of the world.

All: Come, let us adore.

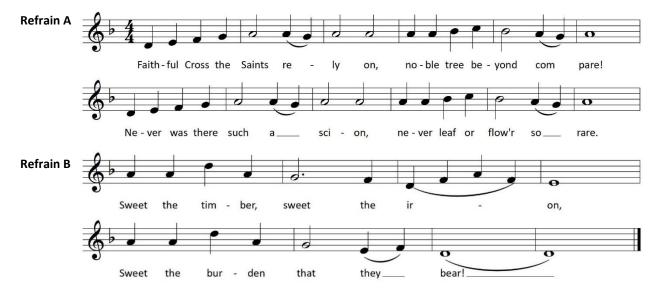
All are invited to participate in the Adoration of the Cross by coming forward and showing an appropriate sign of reverence.

During this time, all join in singing:

Faithful Cross

First time: ALL sing Refrains A and B.

After each verse that follows, the response alternates between Refrain A and Refrain B



Verses sung by cantor/choir:

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...**

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...

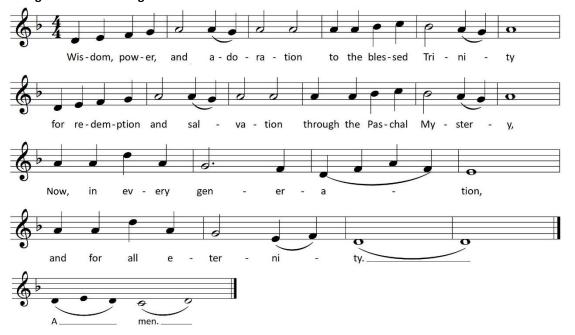
So, he came, the long-expected, not in glory, not to reign; Only born to be rejected, Choosing hunger, toil and pain, Till the scaffold was erected and the Paschal Lamb was slain. **Sweet the timber...**

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 oceantide. Faithful Cross...

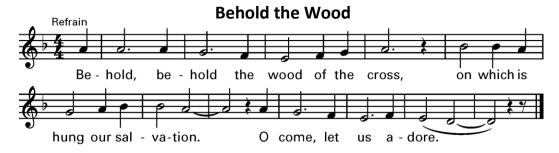
Lofty timber, smooth your roughness, flex your boughs for blossoming; Let your fibers lose their toughness, gently let your tendrils cling; Lay aside your native gruffness, clasp the body of your King! **Sweet the timber...**

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...

ALL sing the final verse together:



Other congregation hymns and songs during the Adoration of the Holy Cross: (All join in singing)



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At the Cross Her Station Keeping Hymnal #129

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross Hymnal #160

Were You There? Hymnal #162

+ HOLY COMMUNION +

All stand in silence as the Blessed Sacrament is brought to the altar.

The Lord's Prayer (Remain standing)

At the conclusion of the Lord's Prayer, all kneel.

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God.....

All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,

but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Communion Antiphon

Psalm 22



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Prayer after Communion (Stand)

Prayer over the People

All depart in silence after genuflecting toward the Cross.

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