

# Morning Prayer of The Church for GOOD FRIDAY



O God come to our aid.

***O Lord make haste to help us.***

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit,

***as it was in the beginning,***

***is now, and ever shall be,***

***world without end. Amen.***

**Hymn: Were You There When They Crucified my Lord**

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**Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble**

**Were you there when they crucified my Lord?**

**Were you there when they nailed him to a tree?**

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**Were you there when they nailed him to a tree?**

***Ant. 1      God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all.***

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.

In your compassion blot out my offence.

O wash me more and more from my guilt

and cleanse me from my sin.

My offences truly I know them;

my sin is always before me.

Against you, you alone, have I sinned;

what is evil in your sight I have done.

That you may be justified when you give sentence

and be without reproach when you judge,

O see, in guilt I was born,

a sinner was I conceived.

Indeed you love truth in the heart;

then in the secret of my heart teach me wisdom.

O purify me, then I shall be clean;

O wash me, I shall be whiter than snow.

Make me hear rejoicing and gladness,

that the bones you have crushed may revive.

From my sins turn away your face

and blot out all my guilt.





A pure heart create for me, O God,  
put a steadfast spirit within me.  
Do not cast me away from your presence,  
nor deprive me of your holy spirit.

Give me again the joy of your help;  
with a spirit of fervour sustain me,  
that I may teach transgressors your ways  
and sinners may return to you.

O rescue me, God, my helper,  
and my tongue shall ring out your goodness.  
O Lord, open my lips  
and my mouth shall declare your praise.

For in sacrifice you take no delight,  
burnt offering from me you would refuse,  
my sacrifice, a contrite spirit.  
A humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn.

In your goodness, show favour to Sion:  
rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.  
Then you will be pleased with lawful sacrifice,  
holocausts offered on your altar.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,  
***as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.***

**All:**     ***God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all.***

**Ant. 2**         ***Jesus Christ showed his love for us and freed us  
from our sins with his life's blood.***

Lord, I have heard of your fame, I stand in awe at your deeds.  
Do them again in our days, in our days make them known!  
In spite of your anger, have compassion.

God comes forth from Teman, the Holy One comes from Mount Paran.  
His splendour covers the sky and his glory fills the earth.  
His brilliance is like the light, rays flash from his hands;  
there his power is hidden.

You march out to save your people, to save the one you have anointed.  
You made a path for your horses in the sea, in the raging of the mighty waters.  
This I heard and I tremble with terror, my lips quiver at the sound.  
Weakness invades my bones, my steps fail beneath me  
yet I calmly wait for the doom that will fall upon the people who assail us.





For even though the fig does not blossom, nor fruit grow on the vine,  
even though the olive crop fail, and fields produce no harvest,  
even though flocks vanish from the folds  
and stalls stand empty of cattle,

Yet I will rejoice in the Lord and exult in God my saviour.  
The Lord my God is my strength. He makes me leap like the deer,  
he guides me to the high places.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.

**All:** *Jesus Christ showed his love for us and freed us from our sins with his life's blood.*

**Ant. 3** *We venerate your Cross, Lord;  
we praise and glorify your holy resurrection.  
Because of the tree, joy has come into the whole world.*

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!  
Sion, praise your God!

He has strengthened the bars of your gates  
he has blessed the children within you.  
He established peace on your borders,  
he feeds you with finest wheat.

He sends out his word to the earth  
and swiftly runs his command.  
He showers down snow white as wool,  
he scatters hoar-frost like ashes.

He hurls down hailstones like crumbs.  
The waters are frozen at his touch;  
he sends forth his word and it melts them:  
at the breath of his mouth the waters flow.

He makes his word known to Jacob,  
to Israel his laws and decrees.  
He has not dealt thus with other nations;  
he has not taught them his decrees.

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as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.

**All:** *We venerate your Cross, Lord; we praise and glorify your holy resurrection. Because of the tree, joy has come into the whole world.*





## Scripture Reading

Isaiah 52:13-15

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.

## Short Responsory

**All:** Christ humbled himself for us and, in obedience, accepted death, even death on a cross.

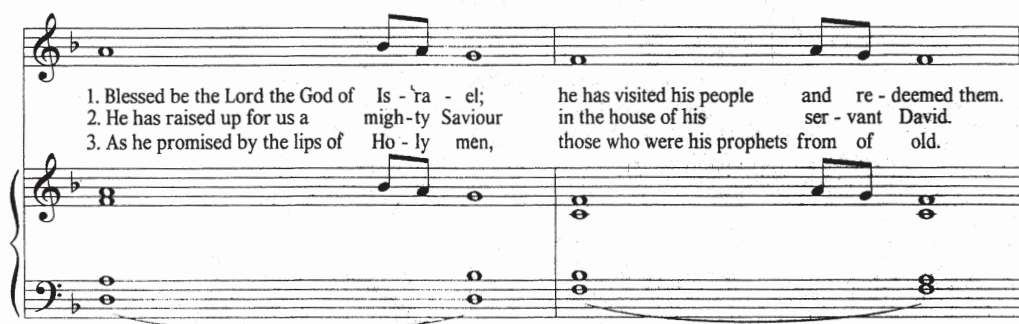
## Canticle of Zechariah:

Benedictus

**Ant.** *Over his head was placed the charge against him:  
'This is Jesus, the Nazarene, the King of the Jews.'*

## Benedictus

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4. A Saviour who would free us **from** our foes, from the hands of **all** who hate us.
5. So his love for our fathers **is** fulfilled, and his holy covenant remembered.
6. He swore to Abraham our father to grant us, that free from fear and saved from the hands **of** our foes, we might serve him in holiness and justice all the days of our life **in** his presence.
7. As for you, little child, you shall be called a prophet of God, **the** Most High, you shall go ahead of the Lord to prepare his **ways** before him.
8. To make known to his people **their** salvation, through forgiveness of **all** their sins.
9. The loving kindness of the heart **of** our God, who visits us like the dawn **from** on high.
10. He will give light to those in darkness, those who dwell in the shadow of death, and guide us into the **way** of peace.
11. Glory be to the Father and **to** the Son, and to the **Holy** Spirit.
12. As it was in the beginning, is now, and **ever** shall be, world without **end**, Amen.

**All:** *Over his head was placed the charge against him:  
'This is Jesus, the Nazarene, the King of the Jews.'*





## Prayers and intercessions

Let us pray to our Redeemer, who suffered for us, was buried, and rose from the dead.

**Response:**     *Lord, have mercy on us.*

Lord and master, for us you became obedient even to death;  
keep us faithful to God's will in the darkness of our lives. **R,**  
Jesus, our life, by dying on the cross you destroyed hell and death;  
grant that we may die with you and rise with you in glory. **R,**  
Christ, our king, you were the scorn of the people, a worm not a man;  
teach us to tread your path of humility. **R,**  
Jesus, our Saviour, you laid down your life for your friends;  
let us love one another as you have loved us. **R,**  
Jesus, our hope, you stretched out your hands on the cross to embrace all ages of men; gather all God's scattered children into the kingdom of salvation. **R,**

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to pray

***Our Father...***

## Concluding Prayer and Dismissal

Be mindful, Lord, of this your family,  
for whose sake our Lord Jesus Christ, when betrayed,  
did not hesitate to yield himself into his enemies' hands  
and undergo the agony of the cross.  
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

The Lord bless us, and keep us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.  
**Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

**Hymn:**           **Were You There When They Crucified my Lord**

**Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble  
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?**

**Were you there when the sun refused to shine?  
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble  
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?**

