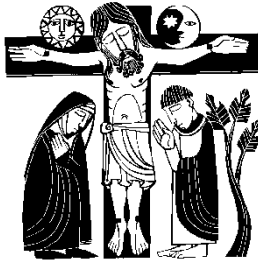




## The Parish of St Mary Portsea



# The Liturgy of the Cross for Good Friday

**We pray to God**

*After a period of silent prayer  
The Priest prays the collect of the day*  
**Amen**

**We listen to God's word**

*We hear a reading from the Prophet Isaiah*  
This is the word of the Lord

**All Thanks be to God**

*Choir* Sing Praises all you people, sing praises to the Lord.  
Sing Praises all you people, sing praises to the Lord.

*All sing* **Sing Praises all you people, sing praises to the Lord.**  
**Sing Praises all you people, sing praises to the Lord.**  
Christ humbled himself and became obedient unto death,  
even death on a cross.

Therefore, God has highly exalted him and given him the name  
that is above every name.

**Sing Praises all you people, sing praises to the Lord.**  
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## **We hear the Passion Narrative from John**

*If you are unable to stand for all of it, please sit. But stand for the final moments of Jesus' life at the words "Near the Cross, stood Mary his Mother". It is traditional to genuflect or bow at the words marking Jesus' death.*

### **A reflection on God's word**

#### **We reverence the Cross**

*The cross is carried through the building and the procession stops three times. Each time the cross is raised for all to see and all should genuflect or bow as the following words are said*

*The cross of Christ.*

**All      The cross on which the Saviour of the world was hung.**

*The Cross is held at the front and all are invited to come forward and reverence it as a sign of worship and adoration of Jesus who died upon the cross for our salvation. Please feel free to kneel silently or bow before the cross. Alternatively, if you prefer please remain kneeling in your place in and gaze the cross in stillness reflecting on it and offering our prayers as a sign of worship and adoration of Jesus who died upon the cross for our salvation  
At the end of a time of reflection*

*We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,*

**All      because by your holy cross  
   you have redeemed the world.**

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

**All      Come, let us worship.**

*O Saviour of the world, who by your cross and precious blood  
   have redeemed us,*

**All      save us and help us, we humbly pray.**

### **We pray at the foot of the cross**

*The following response is used*

*Lord, hear us.*

**Lord graciously hear us.**

*The prayers may conclude with a collect, or after the final prayer the following response*

Merciful Father  
**accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour, Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

### **The Sacrament is placed on the Altar**

Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle,  
sing the last, the dread affray;  
o'er the cross, the victor's trophy,  
sound the high triumphal lay,  
how, the pains of death enduring,  
Earth's Redeemer won the day.

When at length the appointed fullness  
of the sacred time was come,  
He was sent, the world's creator,  
from the Father's heavenly home,  
and was found in human fashion,  
offspring of the virgin's womb.

Now the thirty years are ended  
which on earth he willed to see,  
willingly he meets his Passion,  
born to set his people free;  
on the cross the lamb is lifted,  
there the sacrifice to be.

There the nails and spear he suffers,  
vinegar and gall and reed;  
from his sacred body pierced  
blood and water both proceed:  
precious flood, which all creation  
from the stain of sin hath freed.

Praise and honour to the Father,  
praise and honour to the Son,  
praise and honour to the Spirit,  
ever three and ever one:  
one in might, and one in glory,  
while eternal ages run.

*Words Venantius Fortunatus 530-609*

**We pray as Jesus taught us**

**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.  
Lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever.           Amen.**

Jesus is the Lamb of God,  
who takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to His supper

**All    Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

**We are blessed**

*As those at the Church receive communion those elsewhere pray that you may  
be aware of Christ's presence with you, and of his Body given for you, this day  
and that you will be blessed and comforted by it.*

**We give thanks**

*We end with a prayer of thanksgiving and a prayer for God's people ...*

**Please leave the church in Silence.**

**We gather next to celebrate the Paschal Vigil and First Mass of  
Easter tomorrow night at 8.30pm**