

## **Good Friday & Holy Saturday at home - 10th April**



*Hopefully you had the opportunity to strip the decoration and pictures from your main room, and perhaps other parts of your house. This liturgy should be prayed in that room.*

*This liturgy can be done by an individual or a small group with people sharing the prayers and words amongst them. It follows the liturgy that happens in churches on Good Friday.*

*Begin by kneeling or sitting in silence. You may wish to read and meditate on the words of Psalm 50.*

Eternal God,  
in the cross of Jesus  
we see the cost of our sin  
and the depth of your love:  
in humble hope and fear  
may we place at his feet  
all that we have and all that we are,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen

### **Reading: John 18.1–end of 19**

*Silence should be kept after the gospel reading as we meditate on the saving sacrifice of Jesus and the momentous events of his passion and death.*

*After some time find the palm cross you have been given and display it somewhere prominently in the room/house.*

We glory in your cross, O Lord,  
and praise you for your mighty resurrection;  
for by virtue of your cross  
joy has come into our world.

## **Prayers**

*You may like to insert your own words where indicated, and take some time at the end of each prayer.*

Fill with your Spirit Christ's broken body, the Church ...  
Give to Christian people everywhere a deep longing  
to take up the cross and to understand its mysterious glory.  
By the Saviour's cross and passion,  
Lord, save us and help us.

Bless those who lead the Church's worship at this solemn time ...  
In the preaching of the word and the celebration of the sacraments  
draw your people close to you.  
By the Saviour's cross and passion,  
Lord, save us and help us.

Strengthen those [among us] who are preparing for baptism,  
together with their teachers, sponsors and families ...  
Teach them what it means to die and rise with Christ  
and prepare them to receive the breath of his Spirit.  
By the Saviour's cross and passion,  
Lord, save us and help us.

Look in your mercy upon the world you loved so much  
that you sent your Son to suffer and to die ...  
Strengthen those who work to share  
the reconciliation won at such a cost upon the cross.  
By the Saviour's cross and passion,  
Lord, save us and help us.

Bring healing by the wounds of Christ  
to all who are weighed down by pain and injustice ...  
Help the lonely and the betrayed, the suffering and the dying,  
to find strength in the companionship of Jesus,  
and in his passion to know their salvation.  
By the Saviour's cross and passion,  
Lord, save us and help us.

Welcome into paradise all who have left this world in your friendship ...  
According to your promises,  
bring them with all your saints  
to share in all the benefits of Christ's death and resurrection.  
By the Saviour's cross and passion,  
Lord, save us and help 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.  
And 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.

### **Act of Reception**

In Union, dear Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I believe that you art truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself unto you, and embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Let me never be separated from you. Let me live and die in your love. Amen.

Come Lord Jesus, dwell in your servant in

the fulness of your strength, and in the perfection of your ways, and in the holiness of your spirit, and rule over every hostile power in the might of your Spirit, and to the glory of your Father, Amen.

May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve my body and soul unto everlasting life. Amen.

### **Closing Prayers**

Most merciful God,  
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world:  
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.

*There is no conclusion at the end of this liturgy because our celebration will continue on Holy Saturday night as we remember celebrate Christ's resurrection. On Holy Saturday the church meditates on Christ's descent into hell and there is no mass celebrated. This year as we are exiled from our churches we can feel more united with the wider church and with Christ himself .*

*Only Holy Saturday you might wish to just spend some time in prayer using your own words.*