

Good Friday in the Home

If desirable, a cross or an image of the crucifixion is placed in a visible place in the home for this service. The heart of the Good Friday rite in the Book of Common Prayer has two parts, the Passion Gospel and the Solemn Collects. The Solemn Collects draw from an adaptation by the Rev. Josephine Robertson, All Saints Episcopal Church, Bellevue, WA, and the Rev. Joseph Peters-Mathews, St. Hilda St. Patrick, Edmonds, WA.

Anyone, lay or ordained, may read any part of this service. Leadership may rotate among participants, if desired.

The Liturgy of the Word

One Let us pray.

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Passion Gospel from John is read. It may be read or by lay persons. Specific roles may be assigned to different persons, if desired. It may be announced in the following manner.

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted.

John 19:1-37

Silence may be kept

The Solemn Collects

The solemn collects may be prayed kneeling, standing, or seated as any are able.

One Dear People of God: Our heavenly Father sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved; that all who believe in him might be delivered from the power of sin and death, and become heirs with him of everlasting life. We pray, therefore, for people everywhere according to their needs.

All **Let us pray for the holy catholic Church of Christ throughout the world;
for all those who meet in homes on these holy days
for those isolated due to illness or age
for all those who serve in all ways
that all your people might be one.**

Silence

One Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

All **Let us pray for all nations and peoples of the earth, and for those to whom their care is entrusted, that by God's help they may seek justice and truth, and live in peace and concord.**

Silence

One Almighty God, kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth; that in tranquility your dominion may increase, until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All **Let us pray for all who suffer and are afflicted in body or in mind;
For the hungry and the homeless, the destitute and the oppressed
For the sick, the wounded, and the crippled. For those in loneliness, fear, and anguish
For those who face temptation, doubt, selfishness, and despair
For the sorrowful and bereaved
For prisoners and captives, and those in mortal danger**

May God in mercy comfort and relieve them, and grant them the knowledge of his love, and stir up in us the will and patience to minister to their needs.

Silence

One Gracious God, the comfort of all who sorrow, the strength of all who suffer: Let the cry of those in misery and need come to you, that they may find your mercy present with them in all their afflictions; and give us, we pray, the strength to serve them for the sake of him who suffered for us, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All **Let us pray for all who have not received the Gospel of Christ;
For those who have never heard the word of salvation
For those who have lost their faith
For those who have been wounded by the Church
For those damaged by false ministers**

That God will open all our hearts to the truth, and lead us to faith and obedience.

Silence

One Merciful God, creator of all the peoples of the earth and lover of souls: Have compassion on all who do not know you as you are revealed in your Son Jesus Christ; let your Gospel be preached with grace and power to those who have not heard it; turn the hearts of those who resist it; and bring home to your fold those who have gone astray; that there may be one flock under one shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All **Let us commit ourselves to God, and pray for the grace of a holy life, that, with all who have departed this world and have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to God alone, we may be accounted worthy to enter into the fullness of the joy of our Lord, and receive the crown of life in the day of resurrection.**

Silence

One O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things

which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A hymn focused on the glory of the cross may be sung.

The Lord's Prayer is said by all.

One Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, we pray you to set your passion, cross, and death between your judgment and our souls, now and in the hour of our death. Give mercy and grace to the living; pardon and rest to the dead; to your holy Church peace and concord; and to us sinners everlasting life and glory; for with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**