

**Solemn Liturgy of the Passion and Death of Jesus
Good Friday, at 3 p.m.**

Part I – The Liturgy of the Word

*We begin in silence, just as we ended the Maundy Thursday service in silence.
Please stand as the celebrant and assisting ministers enter and reverence the altar.
All kneel for a period of silent prayer, after which the celebrant alone stands.*

Celebrant: Blessed be our God.

All: For ever and ever. Amen.

Celebrant: 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.

All: Amen.

The worship assistants now stand and move to their seats. The congregation also sits.

OT Lector: This reading is from the scroll of the Prophet Isaiah, chapter 52 verse 13 through chapter 53, verse 12 *Isaiah 52:13-53:12*

¹³Look, my servant will succeed. He will be exalted and lifted very high. ¹⁴Just as many were appalled by you, he too appeared disfigured, inhuman, his appearance unlike that of mortals. ¹⁵But he will astonish many nations. Kings will be silenced because of him, because they will see what they have not seen before; what they have not heard before, they will ponder.

^{53.1}Who can believe what we have heard, and for whose sake has the arm of the LORD been revealed? ²He grew up like a young plant before us, like a root from dry ground. He possessed no splendid form for us to see, no desirable appearance. ³He was despised and avoided by others; a man who suffered, who knew sickness well. Like someone from whom people hid their faces, he was despised, and we did not think about him.

⁴It was certainly our sickness that he carried, and our sufferings that he bore, but we thought him afflicted, struck down by God and tormented. ⁵He was pierced because of our rebellions and crushed because of our crimes. He bore the punishment that made us whole. By his wounds we are healed. ⁶Like sheep we had all wandered away, each going its own way, but the LORD let fall on him all our crimes. ⁷He was oppressed and tormented, but did not open his mouth. Like a lamb being brought to slaughter, like a ewe silent before her shearers, he did not open his mouth.

⁸Due to an unjust ruling he was taken away, and his fate—who will think about it? He was eliminated from the land of the living, struck dead because of the rebellion of my people. ⁹His grave was among the wicked, his tomb with evildoers, though he had done no violence, and had spoken nothing false. ¹⁰But the LORD wanted to crush him and to make him suffer. If his life is offered as restitution, he will see his offspring; he will enjoy long life. The plans of the LORD will come to fruition through him. ¹¹After his deep anguish he will see light, and he will be satisfied. Through his knowledge, the righteous one, my servant, will make many righteous, and will bear their guilt.

¹²Therefore, I will give him a share with the great, and he will divide the spoil with the strong, in return for exposing his life to death and being numbered with rebels, though he carried the sin of many and pleaded on behalf of those who rebelled.

Here ends the first reading. *(There is no response here.)*

Period of Reflection

OT Lector: Let us pray Psalm 40 together slowly, on behalf of all those who are persecuted today for their efforts to live godly lives. Psalm 40 begins on page 640 in the BCP. We will pray this psalm responsively by half verse.

**I put all my hope in the LORD. The Lord leaned down to me;
My God listened to my cry for help.**

**God lifted me out of the pit of death, out of the mud and filth,
and set my feet on solid rock.**

**God steadied my legs and put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise for our God.**

**Many people will learn of this and be amazed;
they will trust the Lord.**

**Those who put their trust in the LORD,
who pay no attention to the proud or to those who follow lies,
are truly happy!**

**You, LORD my God! You have done so many things –
your wonderful deeds and your plans for us –
no one can compare with you!**

**If I were to proclaim and talk about all of them,
they would be too numerous to count!**

**You do not relish sacrifices or offerings;
you do not require entirely burned offerings or compensation offerings –
but you have given me ears!**

**So I said, “Here I come! I am inscribed in the written scroll.
I want to do your will, my God. Your Instruction is deep within me.”**

**I have told the good news of your righteousness in the great assembly.
I did not hold anything back – as you well know, Lord!**

**I did not keep your righteousness only to myself.
I declared your faithfulness and your salvation.**

I did not hide your loyal love and trustworthiness from the great assembly.

**So now you, Lord – do not hold back any of your compassion from me.
Let your loyal love and faithfulness always protect me,
because countless evils surround me.**

**My wrongdoings have caught up with me – I cannot see a thing!
There are more of them than hairs on my head – my courage leaves me.**

**Favor me, Lord, and deliver me! Lord, come quickly and help me!
Let those who seek my life, who want me dead,
be disgraced and put to shame.**

**Let those who want to do me harm
be thoroughly frustrated and humiliated.**

NT Lector: This is a reading from the letter to the Hebrews, chapter 10, verses 16-25

¹⁶ This is the covenant that I will make with them. After these days, says the Lord, I will place my laws in their hearts and write them on their minds. ¹⁷ And I will not remember their sins and their lawless behavior anymore.

¹⁸ When there is forgiveness for these things, there is no longer an offering for sin.

¹⁹ Brothers and sisters, we have confidence that we can enter the holy of holies by means of the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ through a new and living way that he opened up for us

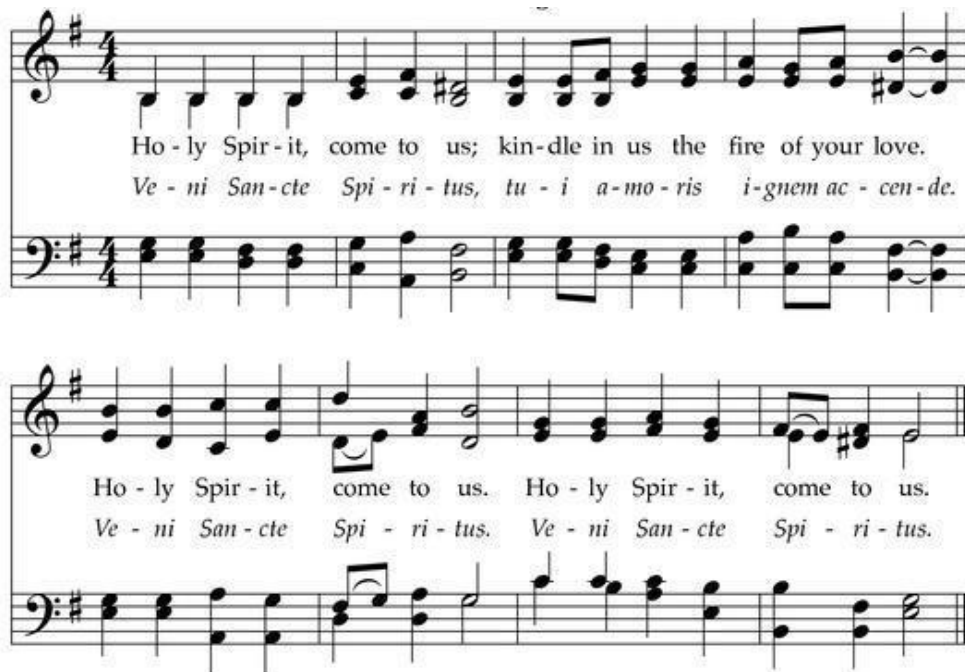
through the curtain, which is his body,²¹ and we have a great high priest over the house of God.

²²Therefore, let us draw near with a genuine heart with the certainty that our faith gives us, since our hearts are sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies are washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold on to the confession of our hope without wavering, because the one who made the promises is reliable.

²⁴And let us consider each other carefully for the purpose of sparking love and good deeds. ²⁵Do not stop meeting together with other believers, which some people have gotten into the habit of doing. Instead, encourage each other, especially as you see the day drawing near.

This ends the reading of the epistle. *(There is no response here.)*

Reflective Hymn: Holy Spirit, Come to Us, sung 3 times)



Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us; kin - dle in us the fire of your love.
Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus, tu - i a - mo - ris i - gnem ac - cen - de.

Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us. Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us.
Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus. Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus.

The Solemn Reading of the Passion Gospel according to John

Please remain seated until otherwise directed.

Passion Reader 1:

^{19.1} Then Pilate had Jesus taken and whipped. ² The soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and dressed him in a purple robe. ³ Over and over they went up to him and said, "Greetings, king of the Jews!" And they slapped him in the face.

⁴ Pilate came out of the palace again and said to the Jewish leaders, "Look! I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no grounds for a charge against him." ⁵ When Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe, Pilate said to them, "Here is the man." ⁶ When the chief priests and their deputies saw him, they shouted out, "Crucify, crucify!"

Pilate told them, "You take him and crucify him. I do not find any grounds for a charge against him." ⁷ The Jewish leaders replied, "We have a Law, and according to this Law he ought to die because he made himself out to be the Son of God."

Passion Reader 2:

⁸ When Pilate heard this word, he was even more afraid. ⁹ He went back into the residence and spoke to Jesus, "Where are you from?" Jesus did not answer. ¹⁰ So Pilate said, "You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have authority to release you and also to crucify you?"

¹¹ Jesus replied, "You would have no authority over me if it had not been given to you from above. That is why the one who handed me over to you has the greater sin." ¹² From that moment on, Pilate wanted to release Jesus. However, the Jewish leaders cried out, saying, "If you release this man, you are no friend of the emperor! Anyone who makes himself out to be a king opposes the emperor!"

¹³ When Pilate heard these words, he led Jesus out and seated him on the judge's bench at the place called Stone Pavement (in Aramaic, Gabbatha). ¹⁴ It was about noon on the Preparation Day for the Passover. Pilate said to the Jewish leaders, "Here is your king."

¹⁵ The Jewish leaders cried out, "Take him away! Take him away! Crucify him!" Pilate responded, "What? Do you want me to crucify your king?" "We have no king except the emperor," the chief priests answered. ¹⁶ Then Pilate handed Jesus over to be crucified.

Please stand.

Celebrant:

The soldiers took Jesus prisoner. ¹⁷ Carrying his cross by himself, he went out to a place called Skull Place (in Aramaic, Golgotha). ¹⁸ That is where they crucified him – and two others with him, one on each side and Jesus in the middle. ¹⁹ Pilate had a public notice written and posted on the cross. It read “Jesus the Nazarene, the king of the Jews.” ²⁰ Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city and it was written in Aramaic, Latin, and Greek. ²¹ Therefore, the Jewish chief priests complained to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The king of the Jews’ but ‘This man said, ‘I am the king of the Jews.’” ²² Pilate answered, “What I have written, I have written.”

²³ When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and his sandals, and divided them into four shares, one for each soldier. His shirt was seamless, woven as one piece from the top to the bottom. ²⁴ They said to each other, “Let us not tear it. Let us cast lots to see who will get it.” This was to fulfill the scripture,

They divided my clothes among themselves, and they cast lots for my clothing. That is what the soldiers did.

²⁵ Jesus’ mother and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene stood near the cross. ²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “Woman, here is your son.” ²⁷ Then he said to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” And from that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

²⁸ After this, knowing that everything was already completed, in order to fulfill the scripture, Jesus said, “I am thirsty.” ²⁹ A jar full of sour wine was nearby, so the soldiers soaked a sponge in it, placed it on a hyssop branch, and held it up to his lips. ³⁰ When he had received the sour wine, Jesus said, “It is completed.” Bowing his head, he gave up his life.

Please kneel for silent prayer if you are able. Stand again when the celebrant stands.

Passion Reader 3:

³¹ It was the Preparation Day and the Jewish leaders did not want the bodies to remain on the cross on the Sabbath, especially since that Sabbath was an important day. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of those crucified broken and the bodies taken down. ³² Therefore, the soldiers came and broke the legs of the two men who were crucified with Jesus. ³³ When they came to Jesus, they saw that he was already dead so they did not break his legs. ³⁴ However, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out. ³⁵ The one who saw this has testified, and his testimony is true. He knows that he speaks the truth, and he has testified so that you also

can believe.³⁶ These things happened to fulfill the scripture, they will not break any of his bones.³⁷ And another scripture says, they will look at him whom they have pierced.

³⁸ After this Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate if he could take away the body of Jesus. Joseph was a disciple of Jesus, but a secret one because he feared the Jewish authorities. Pilate gave him permission, so he came and took the body away.³⁹ Nicodemus, the one who at first had come to Jesus at night, was there too. He brought a mixture of myrrh and aloe, nearly seventy-five pounds in all.⁴⁰ Following Jewish burial customs, they took Jesus' body and wrapped it, with the spices, in linen cloths.⁴¹ There was a garden in the place where Jesus was crucified, and in the garden was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid.⁴² Because it was the Jewish Preparation Day and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus in it.

Let This Be the Day I Understand Your Love

After the reading of the passion, we will spend a few minutes privately reflecting on our feeble efforts to reflect the love of God to a world that sometimes feels so lost. You received a pen, paper, and an envelope at the beginning of today's service. When you are ready, write a prayer in your own words reflecting whatever is in your heart at this moment. Seal that paper in the envelope and hold it to present at the foot of the cross during the third movement of this service. We will sing the Taize Hymn "Jesus, Remember Me" (5 times) as we write.

Jesus, remember me when you come in to your kingdom.

5 Jesus, remember me when you in-to your king dom.

Part II - The Solemn Collects

Please stand.

Leader 1: 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. Let us pray for the holy Catholic Church of Christ throughout the world: That God will confirm his church in faith, increase it in love, and preserve it in peace.

Please kneel in silent prayer, standing when the celebrant stands.

All: 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. We pray this in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Leader 2: Let us pray for all nations and people of the earth, and for those in authority among them. That by God's help they may seek justice and truth and live in peace and concord.

Please kneel in silent prayer, standing when the celebrant stands.

All: 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. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader 1: Let us pray for all who suffer and are afflicted in body or in mind. That God in mercy will 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.

Please kneel in silent prayer, standing when the celebrant stands.

All: 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. We pray this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Leader 2: Let us pray for all who have not received the Gospel of Christ. That God will open their hearts to the truth and lead them to faith and obedience.

Please kneel in silent prayer, standing when the celebrant stands.

All: **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.**

Leader 1: Let us commit ourselves to our 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.

Please kneel in silent prayer, standing when the celebrant stands.

All: **O God of unchangeable power and eternal life: Look favorably upon 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, forever and ever. Amen.**

Part III - The Veneration of the Cross

Let us now turn to face the cross.

Stand while singing and kneel or sit (as you are able) when the celebrant kneels.

We will sing "Were You There"

1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you
 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you
 *3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side? Were you
 4 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you

there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh!
 there when they nailed him to the tree? Oh!
 there when they pierced him in the side? Oh!
 there when they laid him in the tomb? Oh!

Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,
 Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,
 Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,
 Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,

trem-ble. Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
 trem-ble. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
 trem-ble. Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
 trem-ble. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

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While kneeling before the cross, the Reproaches will read.

The Trisagion will be sung after each reproach.

Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by?
Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow
Which was brought upon me,
Which the Lord inflicted on the day of his fierce anger.

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

The musical score consists of two systems. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The first system contains the lyrics 'Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,' and the second system contains 'Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.' The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines that support the vocal melody.

(This will be sung in refrain after each reproach)

O my people, O my Church,
What have I done to you,
Or in what have I offended you?
Testify against me.
I led you forth from the land of Egypt,
And delivered you by the waters of Baptism,
But you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, holy and mighty,
Holy immortal One, have mercy upon us.**

I led you through the desert forty years,
And fed you with manna,
I brought you through tribulation and penitence,
And gave you my body, the bread of heaven,

But you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, holy and mighty,
Holy immortal One, have mercy upon us.**

What more could I have done for you
That I have not done?
I planted you, my chosen and fairest vineyard,
I made you the branches of my vine;
But when I was thirsty, you gave me vinegar to drink,
And pierced with a spear the side of your Savior.

**Holy God, holy and mighty,
Holy immortal One, have mercy upon us.**

I went before you in a pillar of cloud,
And you have led me to the judgment hall of Pilate.
I scourged your enemies and brought you
To a land of freedom,
But you have scourged, mocked, and beaten me.
I gave you the water of salvation from the rock,
But you have given me gall and left me to thirst.

**Holy God, holy and mighty,
Holy immortal One, have mercy upon us.**

I gave you a royal scepter,
And bestowed the keys to the kingdom,
But you have given me a crown of thorns.
I raised you on high with great power,
But you have hanged me on the cross.

**Holy God, holy and mighty,
Holy immortal One, have mercy upon us.**

My peace I gave, which the world cannot give,
And washed your feet as a sign of my love,
But you draw the sword to strike in my name,
And seek high places in my kingdom.
I offered you my body and blood, but you scatter and deny and abandon me.

**Holy God, holy and mighty,
Holy immortal One, have mercy upon us.**

I sent the Spirit of truth to guide you,
And you close your hearts to the Counselor.
I pray that all may be as one in the Father and in me,
But you continue to quarrel and divide.
I call you to go and bring forth fruit, but you cast lots for my clothing.

**Holy God, holy and mighty,
Holy immortal One, have mercy upon us.**

I grafted you into the tree of my chosen Israel,
And you turned on them with persecution and mass murder.
I made you joint heirs with them of my covenants,
But you made them scapegoats for your own guilt.

**Holy God, holy and mighty,
Holy immortal One, have mercy upon us.**

I came to you as the least of your brothers and sisters;
I was hungry, and you gave me no food,
I was thirsty, and you have me no drink,
I was a stranger and you did not welcome me,
Naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.

**Holy God, holy and mighty,
Holy immortal One, have mercy upon us.**

Hymn: *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

Hymnal #474

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross where the young
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were an

Prince of Glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
cross of Christ, my God: all the vain things that
love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
of - fering far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748) Music: *Rockingham*, from *Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature*, ca. 1780; harm. Edward Miller (1731-1807)

Part IV - Communion from the Reserved Sacrament

The acolyte will bring the corporal to the altar and spread it, and then will bring the chalice to the altar. The celebrant and both worship assistants then proceed to the place of reservation. A candle is carried before the Reserved Sacrament. The celebrant and a worship assistant follow with the ciborium and the cruet of already consecrated wine. Upon reaching the altar, the celebrant will fill the chalice from the reserved Sacrament.

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins. Holy and immortal God,

All: You asked for my hands that you might use them for your purpose.
I gave them for a moment then withdrew them, for the work was hard.
You asked for my mouth to speak out against injustice.
I gave you a whisper that I might not be accused.
You asked for my eyes to see the pain of poverty.
I closed them for I did not want to see.
You asked for my life that you might work through me.
I gave a small part that I might not get too involved.
Lord, forgive my efforts to serve you
Only when it is convenient for me to do so,
Only in those places where it is safe to do so,
And only with those who make it easy to do so.
Forgive me. Renew me. And send me out.

Celebrant: Will you turn to the crucified Christ as your Lord?

All: Yes, I will.

Celebrant: Aware of a crucified Christ who forgives, will you also strive wholeheartedly to forgive those who have sinned against you?

All: Yes, I will do so.

Celebrant: Receive God's pardon and peace. May God's Spirit confirm in us all goodness, that we might stand before God in Christ's strength alone, this day and ever more.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: As our Savior, the crucified Christ, has taught us, we now pray:

**All: Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be your Name.
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
As we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
And deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
Now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,
And feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All who wish to receive communion may now approach the altar.

*After all have received, any remaining Sacrament is consumed.
The Sanctuary candle remains unlit.*

Celebrant: 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 the 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.

All: Amen.

*Before leaving, you are invited to kneel or to stand at the foot of the cross in silence,
for a moment of private prayer.*