

# ALL SAINTS

## GOOD FRIDAY MORNING PRAYER

*All stand, as able.*

### **The Opening Sentence**

*Leader* Christ Jesus, being found in human form, humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. *Philippians 2:8*

### **The Opening Versicles and Doxology**

*Leader* O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.

*People* **And your glory all the day long.  
Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

### **The Invitatory Psalm**

*Leader* Today, if you would hear God's voice:

*People* **harden not your hearts.**

*Leader* Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*

*All* **let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving\*  
and raise to the Lord a shout with psalms.**

**For you are a great God; \*  
you are great above all gods.**

**In your hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are yours also.**

**The sea is yours, for you made it, \*  
and your hands have molded the dry land.**

**Come, let us bow down and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

**For you are our God,  
and we are the people of your pasture and the sheep of your hand. \*  
Oh, that today we would hearken to your voice!**

Let us listen today to God's voice: Harden not your hearts,  
as your forebears did in the wilderness, \*  
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah,  
when they tempted me.  
They put me to the test, \*  
though they had seen my works.  
Forty years long I detested that generation and said, \*  
"This people are wayward in their hearts;  
they do not know my ways."  
So I swore in my wrath, \*  
"They shall not enter into my rest."

*Leader* Today, if you would hear God's voice:  
*People* **harden not your hearts.**

*Please be seated.*

**Psalm 22**

*Leader* The divided my garments among them;  
*People* **they cast lots for my clothing.**

- 1 My God my God, why have you forsaken me:  
why are you so far from my help,  
and from my cry of distress?
- 2 **O my God I cry out in the daytime, but you do not answer:  
at night also, but I get no relief.**
- 3 But you are the Holy One:  
enthroned on the praises of your people.
- 4 **Our ancestors trusted in you:  
they trusted and you delivered them.**
5. They called to you and were rescued:  
they put their trust in you, and were not disappointed.
- 6 **But I am a worm and something less than human:  
an object of scorn and an outcast of the people.**
- 7 All those who see me laugh me to scorn:  
they curl their lips and toss their heads saying,
- 8 **'You trusted in God for deliverance:  
if God cares for you, let God rescue you.'**
- 9 But you are the one who took me out of the womb:  
you kept me safe upon my mother's breast.
- 10 **On you have I been cast ever since I was born:  
and you are my God even from my mother's womb.**
- 11 Be not far from me, for trouble is close at hand:  
and there is no one to help me.
- 12 **Many bulls have come around me:  
great bulls of Bashan close in on me from every side.**

13 They open wide their mouths at me:  
like ravening and roaring lions.

14 **I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint:  
my heart within my breast has melted like wax.**

15 My mouth is parched as dry clay, my tongue clings to my jaws:  
and I am laid in the dust of death.

16 **Many dogs have come around me:  
and the wicked hem me in on every side.**

17 They pierce my hands and my feet, I can count all my bones:  
they stand staring and gloating over me.

18 **They share out my garments among them:  
and they cast lots for my clothing.**

19 Do not stand far off from me O Lord:  
you are my helper, come quickly to my rescue.

20 **Deliver me from the sword:  
my precious life from the mauling of dogs.**

21 Save me from the lion's mouth:  
my afflicted soul from the horns of the wild cattle.

22 **I will declare your name to my people:  
in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.**

23 Give praise all you that fear the Lord:  
proclaim God's greatness, all you children of Jacob,  
stand in awe all you children of Israel.

24 **For you O God have not despised or abhorred the poor in their affliction:  
you have not hidden your face from them,  
but you heard them when they called to you.**

25 You are the theme of my praise in the full assembly:  
my vows I will perform in the sight of those who fear you.

26 **The poor shall eat and be satisfied:  
those who seek you O Lord shall praise you,  
may they be in good heart for ever.**

27 Let all the ends of the earth remember and turn to you O Lord:  
and let all the families of the nations bow down before you.

28 **For yours is the kingdom O Lord:  
and you are the ruler over the nations.**

29 As for those who sleep in the grave, how shall they worship you:  
all those who go down into the dust, how shall they bow before you?

30 **But I shall live through you, and my children shall serve you:  
they shall tell of you to the generations that are yet to come.**

31 To a people as yet unborn they shall make known:  
the saving deeds you have done.

**Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

*Leader*           The divided my garments among them;  
*People*            **they cast lots for my clothing.**

**A Reading from the Book of Wisdom (1:16-2:1, 12-22).**

But the ungodly by their words and deeds summoned death;\*  
considering him a friend, they pined away  
and made a covenant with him,  
because they are fit to belong to his company.

For they reasoned unsoundly, saying to themselves,  
'Short and sorrowful is our life,  
and there is no remedy when a life comes to its end,  
and no one has been known to return from Hades.  
'Let us lie in wait for the righteous man,  
because he is inconvenient to us and opposes our actions;  
he reproaches us for sins against the law,  
and accuses us of sins against our training.  
He professes to have knowledge of God,  
and calls himself a child\* of the Lord.  
He became to us a reproof of our thoughts;  
the very sight of him is a burden to us,  
because his manner of life is unlike that of others,  
and his ways are strange.

We are considered by him as something base,  
and he avoids our ways as unclean;  
he calls the last end of the righteous happy,  
and boasts that God is his father.

Let us see if his words are true,  
and let us test what will happen at the end of his life;  
for if the righteous man is God's child, he will help him,  
and will deliver him from the hand of his adversaries.

Let us test him with insult and torture,  
so that we may find out how gentle he is,  
and make trial of his forbearance.

Let us condemn him to a shameful death,  
for, according to what he says, he will be protected.'

Thus they reasoned, but they were led astray,  
for their wickedness blinded them,  
and they did not know the secret purposes of God,  
nor hoped for the wages of holiness,  
nor discerned the prize for blameless souls;

*The Reader concludes*  
Here ends the reading.

*A period of silence is kept.*

*All stand, as able.*

**A Song of Lamentation**

*Lamentations 1:12,16; 3:19,22-24,26*

*Leader* He was offered because he himself willed it;

*People* and he himself has borne our sins.

*Leader* Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by? \*

*All* Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow,

Which was brought upon me, \*

inflicted by God's fierce anger.

For these things I weep; my eyes flow with tears, \*

for a comforter is far from me, one to revive my courage.

Remember my affliction and my bitterness, \*

wormwood and gall!

The steadfast love of God never ceases, \*

God's mercies never end.

They are new every morning; \*

great is your faithfulness.

"God is my portion," says my soul, \*

"therefore will I hope in God."

It is good that we should wait quietly \*

for the coming of God's salvation.

**Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:**

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

*Leader* He was offered because he himself willed it;

*People* and he himself has borne our sins.

*Please be seated.*

**A Reading from the Gospel according to John (13:36-38).**

Simon Peter said to him, 'Lord, where are you going?' Jesus answered, 'Where I am going, you cannot follow me now; but you will follow afterwards.' Peter said to him, 'Lord, why can I not follow you now? I will lay down my life for you.' Jesus answered, 'Will you lay down your life for me? Very truly, I tell you, before the cock crows, you will have denied me three times.'

*The Reader concludes*

Here ends the reading.

*A period of silence is kept.*

*All stand, as able.*

## **The Song of Zechariah**

*Benedictus Dominus Deus*

*Leader* Over his head they put the charge against him which read:  
*People* **Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.**

*Leader* Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel, \*  
*All* **you have come to your people and set them free.**  
**You have raised up for us a mighty Savior, \***  
**born of the house of your servant David.**  
**Through your holy prophets you promised of old**  
**to save us from our enemies, \***  
**from the hands of all who hate us,**  
**To show mercy to our forebears, \***  
**and to remember your holy covenant.**  
**This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham, \***  
**to set us free from the hands of our enemies,**  
**Free to worship you without fear, \***  
**holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life.**  
**And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \***  
**for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,**  
**To give God's people knowledge of salvation \***  
**by the forgiveness of their sins.**  
**In the tender compassion of our God \***  
**the dawn from on high shall break upon us,**  
**To shine on those who dwell in darkness**  
**and the shadow of death, \***  
**and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

**Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:**  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

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*People* **Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.**

## **The Apostles' Creed**

*Leader and People together, all standing*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,**  
**creator of heaven and earth;**  
**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**  
**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit**  
**and born of the Virgin Mary.**  
**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,**  
**was crucified, died, and was buried.**  
**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **The Prayers**

*Leader*        The Lord be with you.  
*People*        **And also with you.**  
*Leader*        Let us 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.**

*Leader*        Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
*People*        **And grant us your salvation.**

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
**Let your people sing with joy.**

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
**For only in you can we live in safety.**

Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
**And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

Let your way be known upon earth;  
**Your saving health among all nations.**

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
**Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

*Leader* Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
*People* **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

*Leader* 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.

*People* **Amen.**

*Leader* Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

*Leader* Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name.

*People* **Amen.**

### **The Dismissal**

*Leader* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**