

*GOOD FRIDAY:
THE CELEBRATION OF
THE PASSION OF THE LORD*



April 10, 2020

Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption

On this most holy day, the tone of the Sacred Liturgy is marked by a distinct sobriety and solemnity. The procession enters in silence. The celebrant and the ministers prostrate themselves before the Altar, and all kneel as a sign of identification with Christ who “was obedient even to death on the Cross.” The Sacred Liturgy begins immediately with the Prayer.



The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING

Isaiah 52: 13-53: 12

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 31

Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 4: 14-16, 5: 7-9

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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John 18: 1-19:42

HOMILY

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THE SOLEMN INTERCESSIONS

On Good Friday, the ancient method of praying the “Bidding Prayers” has been preserved in the Sacred Liturgy of the Church. At this Hour of Our Lord’s Death, the Church introduces intercessions that categorically express the universal effects of the Passion of Christ.

The deacon announces the intercessions:

1. For Holy Church,
2. For the Pope,
3. For all orders and degrees of the faithful,
4. For catechumens,
5. For the unity of Christians,
6. For the Jewish people,
7. For those who do not believe in Christ,
8. For those who do not believe in God,
9. For those in public office,
10. For those in tribulation.
11. For the end of the Pandemic

The deacon invites all to kneel briefly in prayer during each intercession, after which, all are invited to stand and the celebrant offers a solemn *Collect* (or prayer).

The Adoration of the Holy Cross

The solemn adoration begins with the *Showing of the Holy Cross*. From the west end of the church, the deacon will process through the Cathedral with the cross. During the procession he will lift the cross three times chanting:

*“Behold the wood of the Cross,
on which hung the salvation of the world.”*

To which all respond:



R. Come, let us a-dore.

The celebrant alone then venerates the cross.



Holy Communion

OUR FATHER

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

(All exit in silence)