

5. Bend thy boughs, O tree of glory!
Thy relaxing sinews bend;
For awhile the ancient rigor
That thy birth bestowed, suspend;
And the King of heavenly beauty
On thy bosom gently tend!

6. To the Trinity be glory
Everlasting, as is meet:
Equal to the Father, equal
To the Son, and Paraclete:
God the Three in One, whose praises
All created things repeat.

Venantius Honorius Fortunatus

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO SAINT JOHN

(Sung to Plainsong, Solemn Tone)

The People are seated for the first part of the Passion. At the words "And they took Jesus and led him away," all stand. At the words, "And he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost," all kneel in silence for a space, then stand.

(The text of the Passion from The Book of Common Prayer, page 158.)

A period of silence follows.

HOMILY

Father Austin

THE SOLEMN COLLECTS

Please stand.

Solemn intercessions are chanted for the Church, the world, the suffering, the unconverted, and the departed. At the conclusion of each bidding, the Deacon directs the congregation to kneel briefly, singing: "Let us bow the knee." Then the Subdeacon sings "Arise," the congregation stands and a collect is sung.

HYMN

CROSS OF JESUS

The People stand to sing the hymn while the Sacred Ministers go to the Narthex.

CROSS of Jesus, cross of sorrow,
Where the blood of Christ was shed,
Perfect Man on thee did suffer,
Perfect God on thee has bled!

2. Here the King of all the ages,
Throned in light ere worlds could be,
Robed in mortal flesh is dying,
Crucified by sin for me.

3. O mysterious condescending!
O abandonment sublime!
Very God himself is bearing
All the sufferings of time!

4. Cross of Jesus, cross of sorrow,
Where the blood of Christ was shed,
Perfect Man on thee did suffer,
Perfect God on thee has bled!

William J. Sparrow-Simpson

THE VENERATION OF THE CROSS

*All remain standing. A wooden Cross is carried into the Church.
The procession pauses three times; the Cantor sings*

Behold the Wood of the Cross, whereon was hung the world's salvation.

People O come, let us worship.

When the Cross is placed on the Altar, all kneel, and the clergy prostrate themselves in the chancel.

THE REPROACHES

Sung by the Choir. Setting adapted from Tomás Luis de Victoria
(c. 1548-1611)

POPULE meus, quid feci tibi? aut in quo contristavi te? Responde mihi. Quia eduxi te de terra
Aegypti, parasti crucem salvatori tuo.
Ἅγιος ὁ Θεός, Sanctus Deus! Ἅγιος ἰσχυρός, Sanctus fortis!
Ἅγιος ἀθάνατος, ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς. Sanctus immortalis, miserere nobis.

Quia eduxi te per desertum quadraginta annis, et manna cibavi te, et introduxi in terram satis optimam: parasti crucem salvatori tuo.
 Ἅγιος ὁ Θεός, Sanctus Deus! Ἅγιος ἰσχυρός, Sanctus fortis!
 Ἅγιος ἀθάνατος, ἔλεησον ἡμᾶς. Sanctus immortalis, miserere nobis.
 Quid ultra debui facere tibi, et non feci? Ego quidem plantavi te vineam meam speciosissimam: et tu facta es mihi nimis amara: aceto namque sitim meam potasti: et lancea perforasti latus salvatori tuo.
 Ἅγιος ὁ Θεός, Sanctus Deus! Ἅγιος ἰσχυρός, Sanctus fortis!
 Ἅγιος ἀθάνατος, ἔλεησον ἡμᾶς. Sanctus immortalis, miserere nobis.
 Popule meus, quid feci tibi? aut in quo contristavi te? Responde mihi.

O my people, what have I done unto thee? or wherein have I wearied thee? Testify against me. Because I brought thee forth from the land of Egypt: thou hast prepared a Cross for thy Saviour.
 Ἅγιος ὁ Θεός, Holy God. Ἅγιος ἰσχυρός, Holy, mighty!
 Ἅγιος ἀθάνατος, ἔλεησον ἡμᾶς. Holy and immortal, have mercy upon us.
Because I led thee through the desert forty years, and fed thee with manna, and brought thee into a land exceeding good: thou hast prepared a Cross for thy Saviour.
 Ἅγιος ὁ Θεός, Holy God. Ἅγιος ἰσχυρός, Holy, mighty!
 Ἅγιος ἀθάνατος, ἔλεησον ἡμᾶς. Holy and immortal, have mercy upon us.
What more have I done for thee, that I have not done? I indeed did plant thee, O my vineyard, with exceeding fair fruit: and thou art become very bitter unto me: for vinegar, mingled with gall, thou gavest me when thirsty; And hast pierced with a spear the side of thy Saviour.
 Ἅγιος ὁ Θεός, Holy God. Ἅγιος ἰσχυρός, Holy, mighty!
 Ἅγιος ἀθάνατος, ἔλεησον ἡμᾶς. Holy and immortal, have mercy upon us.
O my people, what have I done unto thee? or wherein have I wearied thee? Testify against me.

Then is sung at once by the Choir.

MOTET

The congregation remains kneeling.

*Carlo Gesualdo
(c. 1561-1613)*

OVOS omnes, qui transitis per viam,
 attendite, et videte: si est dolor,
 sicut dolor meus

*Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by?
 behold, and see if there be any sorrow
 like unto my sorrow?*

Responsory at Matins for Holy Saturday, Lamentations 1:12

HOLY COMMUNION FROM THE RESERVED SACRAMENT

*As the Blessed Sacrament is brought to the High Altar from the Altar of Repose,
 the following Hymn is sung by the Choir while the People kneel.*

HYMN

VEXILLA REGIS

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| <p>THE royal banners forward go,
 The cross shines forth in mystic glow
 Where he, as man, who gave man breath,
 Now bows beneath the yoke of death.</p> | <p>4. Blest tree, whose chosen branches bore
 The wealth that did the world restore,
 The price of humankind to pay
 And spoil the spoiler of his prey.</p> |
| <p>2. Fulfilled is all that David told
 In true prophetic song of old;
 How God the nations' King should be,
 For God is reigning from the tree.</p> | <p>5. O cross, our one reliance, hail!
 Still may thy power with us avail
 More good for righteous souls to win,
 And save the sinner from his sin.</p> |
| <p>3. O tree of beauty, tree most fair,
 Ordained those holy limbs to bear;
 Gone is thy shame, each crimsoned bough
 Proclaims the King of glory now.</p> | <p>6. To thee, eternal Three in One,
 Let homage meet by all be done:
 As by the cross thou dost restore,
 So rule and guide us evermore.</p> |

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THE CONFESSION OF SIN AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

The People remain kneeling.

Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.
People Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us; the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant May Almighty God grant us forgiveness of our sins, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
People 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. Amen.

AT THE COMMUNION, Agnus Dei, from Missa Quarti Toni

Tomás Luis de Victoria

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Said by all kneeling.

Celebrant Let us pray.
All O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, we pray thee to set thy passion, cross, and death, between thy 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 thy holy Church peace and concord, and to us sinners everlasting life and glory; who with the Father and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

MOTET

Antonio Lotti
(c. 1667-1740)

CRUCIFIXUS etiam pro nobis, sub Pontio Pilato; passus, et sepultus est.

He was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried.

From the Nicene Creed

All leave in silence.

Today's offering, collected in the Narthex as you leave the Church, goes for the Church's work in the Holy Land.

EASTER SERVICES

April 3 and 4, 2010

HOLY SATURDAY: EASTER EVEN

5:30 p.m. **THE GREAT VIGIL AND FIRST EUCHARIST OF EASTER**

Sung by The Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys
Homily by The Rector

EASTER DAY

8 a.m. and 11 a.m. **SOLEMN EUCHARIST**
with The Saint Thomas Brass

Sung by The Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys
Sermon by The Rector
2:30 p.m. Organ Recital
by Frederick Teardo and Kevin Kwan
(note time change)

3 p.m. **SOLEMN EVENSONG**

Sung by The Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys
(note time change)