



*Good Friday*  
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The mission of Holy Cross is to communicate the love of God in Jesus Christ to our members, community, and world, as we bring people to their Savior through baptism, make disciples through education, and care for our members and community in acts of love. (Matthew 28:19-20 and 1 Thessalonians 5:11)

*All enter in silence.*

*Due to the solemnity of our worship, the offerings will be gathered at the door.*

**Opening Versicles**

**P** O Lord, open my lips,

**C** and my mouth will declare Your praise.

**P** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.**

**Psalm 22**

**Collect for Good Friday**

Almighty God, graciously behold this Your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and delivered into the hands of sinful men to suffer death upon the cross; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

A Lenten Meditation-Mary Burch, french horn

**Sermon**

**440 Jesus, I Will Ponder Now-vs. 1, 5-6**

**P** The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John, the 18th and 19th chapters.

*Reading: The Arrest of Jesus: John 18:1-14*

**P** Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and so be made partakers of His resurrection through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord in whose name we pray. **C Amen**

### **436 Go to Dark Gethsemane**

sts. 1–3

*The first candle is extinguished*

**Reading: *Jesus is Denied by Peter and Questioned by Caiphas:***  
*John 18:15-27*

**☐** Almighty God, grant that in the midst of our temptations, failures, and weaknesses we may be preserved and strengthened by Your Holy Spirit. And when we do fail let us be restored through the passion and intercession of Your only-begotten Son, Jesus our Savior in whose name we pray. **☑ Amen**

### **456 Were You There (french horn introduction)**

*The second candle is extinguished.*

**Reading: *Trial Before Pontius Pilate:*** *John 18:28-40*

**☐** Merciful and everlasting God the Father, You did not spare Your own Son but delivered Him up for us all that He might bear our sins on the cross. Grant that our hearts may be so fixed with steadfast faith in the Savior that we may not fear the power of any adversaries but may always be strengthened by Jesus in whose name we pray. **☑ Amen**

### **451 Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted**

*The third candle is extinguished*

**Reading: *Jesus is Sentenced to be Crucified:*** *John 19:1-16*

**☐** Almighty God, Your Son, Jesus Christ, chose to suffer pain before going up to joy and crucifixion before entering into glory. Mercifully grant that as we walk in the way of the cross we may find this path to be the way of life and peace through Jesus in whose name we pray. **☑ Amen**

**439 O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken**

*sts. 1-3*

*The fourth candle is extinguished*

**Reading: *The Crucifixion: John 19:17-27***

**P** Lord God, like Mary, the mother of Jesus, and John the Apostle, You have called Your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go but only that Your hand is leading us and Your love supporting us as Jesus is with us. In His name we pray. **C Amen**

**767 Jesus, Remember Me**

*Sung 3x*

1 Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.  
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*Text: Luke 23:42*

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*The fifth candle is extinguished*

**Reading: *The Death of Jesus: John 19:28-37***

**P** Almighty God, by the death of Your Son Jesus Christ You destroyed death, by His rest in the tomb You sanctified the graves of your saints and by His bodily resurrection you brought life and immortality to light so that all who die in him abide in peace and hope. Receive our thanks for His victory and keep us in everlasting fellowship with all who wait for Him in heaven and on earth for He is the resurrection and the life, even Jesus Christ, our Lord in whose name we pray. **C Amen**

*The sixth candle is extinguished*

*Anthem: Cross of Christ, O Sacred Tree-Mary Burch, french horn*

*Reading: The Burial of Jesus: John 19: 38-42*

**P** O God, creator of heaven and earth, grant that as the crucified body of Your dear Son was laid in the tomb and rested on the holy Sabbath, so we may await with him the coming of the third day, and rise with Him to newness of life, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen

*The seventh candle is extinguished.*

*Anthem: How Vast the Love-David Shimkus, violin*

**C** 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.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.

*The Light of Christ is removed from the sanctuary as a sign that  
Christ has been forsaken by the Father.*

*A bell tolls 33 times (once for each year of Jesus' life) in the  
darkness.*

*The Strepitus is heard representing the closing of the tomb.*

*The Light of Christ is returned as a sign of hope  
All leave in silence.*

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