



Saint Charbel's Parish



Holy Week and Good Friday



**DIVINE OFFICE EVENING PRAYERS, STATIONS OF THE CROSS
AND ADORATION OF THE CROSS**

DOXOLOGY

STAND

Cel: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Cel: O Lord God, enlighten in us our desire to live the memory of your life-giving Passion, so that we may reap from it abundant joys and blessings, having our spiritual emptiness filled with its prosperity, thanking you for redeeming us, praising and glorifying your Divinity, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

SIT

Cant: Have mercy on us O Lord and help us. O Lord God, you guided the nations to your true adoration. Make us your people who magnify your presence, being pleased to follow your commandments, partaking in your sacrifice and love, and reaping the fruits of thanksgiving for your honour. O Lord our God, to you be glory forever.

First hymn: *Fsheeto*

*** Tesh-boH-tol-Moryo (To God be Glory)**

Zion's daughter has betrayed her shepherd leader
And His cov'nant she did break and madness filled her.

He guarded her, Him her remedy,

He then gave her honour and glory.

As with dew He sprinkled her with wine from water

On the cross her vinegar repaid the favour.

**** Tesh-boH-tol-Moryo (To God be Glory)**

Our redeemer suffered death, the prophets fulfilled
tortured till His final breath and stained with blood-spilled

Your heart did break; tell me Lord I plead

Which heartless men have now made you bleed?

"O my people how you cause my hurt and bleeding,
My torn heart has grace which pours to bring man's healing".

***/** Tesh-boH-tol-Moryo (To God be Glory)**

The Beloved only Son of God the Father

New Love is the Firstborn of the Virgin Mother

No greater love Has been seen or heard

For by His blood He redeems the world.

Jesus and the Cross unite, we sing O Saviour

God and man are unified in our Redeemer.

Psalm 34

- * My soul shall rejoice in the Lord*, exulting in His deliverance.
 - ** All my bones shall say, "O Lord, * who is like thee?"
 - * You who delivers the weak from him who is too strong for him*, the weak and the needy from him who defiles him.
 - ** Malicious witnesses rise up; * they ask me of things I know not.
 - * They repay me evil for good; * my soul is dejected.
 - ** But when they were sick, I wore sackcloth*, I afflicted myself with fasting*, and prayed with head bowed down to my chest.
 - * As though I grieved for my friend or my brother*; I went about as one who laments for his mother*, bowed down and in mourning.
 - ** But at my stumbling they gathered in glee*, they gathered together against me*; cripples whom I knew not slandered me without ceasing.
 - * How long, O Lord, will you look on? * Rescue me from their ravages*; save my life from the lions!
- All:** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit*, now and forever.

Cant: Have mercy on us O Lord and help us. O Lord God, make us worthy of your humility, to participate in your passion, to have pride in your Cross, to bind our wounds with your wounds, that your life giving death may restore humanity to its original dignity, that our sorrow may be removed and find joy in your glorious resurrection, and we shall raise glory and thanks to you forever.

Second hymn: *daHTo lo neHTe*

* “There was a myst’ry Abram was longing
Seeing my day come was his rejoicing
Instead of Isaac there was a pure ram
And in the same way I will redeem man.”

** Mary our Mother, by pain inflicted
Likened to Sarah; her heart afflicted
‘Son, how you suffer’, Mary was saying
“Mother, O Mother, I am obeying”.

*/** Heart of the Father loving and lowly
This earthly dwelling witnessed your glory
Lord may your cross be on us imprinted
that we may mirror Christ our beloved.

Evening Psalms

Psalm 141:

*** Let my prayer rise before You like incense, the raising of my hands like an evening oblation.**

**** I have called to You Lord; hasten to help me! Hear my voice when I cry to You.**

*** To You Lord God my eyes are turned; in You I take refuge; spare my soul.**

**** Around me the just will assemble because of Your goodness to me.**

Psalm 119:

*** Your word is a lamp for my steps and a light for my path.**

**** I have sworn and made up my mind to obey your decrees.**

*** Your will is my heritage forever; the joy of my heart.**

***/** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, forever.**

Third Hymn: *Soughito*

**** The Firstborn Son, He did appear
and worked within the vineyard dear
although He gave the Cup Divine
He was repaid with bitter wine**

*** You have desired the praise of man
that we may live within your plan
the Pharisees denied the Son
they failed to know the Chosen One**

*/** What ignorance and bigotry
met you my Lord within the vine
The living Grapes, were cruelly crushed
upon the Cross to give us life.

Cantor: Stomin Kaalous (Let us all stand)

Cong: Kyrie Eleison.

STAND

HOOSOYO

PROEMION

Cel: Let us raise glory, honour and praise to the God who is immune from suffering, to Him who is life and cannot die, to the eternal one who was made flesh to suffer and die. He removed our sins by His Passion, and by His death opened the door of salvation and reconciled Heaven and earth.

To the Good One are due glory and honour, on this evening and all the days of our lives now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

SEDRO

Cel: O High and Royal God, you who lived with us as a brother leading us on the road of salvation. You drank the bitter Passion and in doing so, redeemed us. You instructed us to be good in deed and pure of heart, so that we may now, in a clear conscience and pure heart, sing your graces:

Blessed are you, O Holy and life-giving Passion. You freed us from the slavery of sin. Blessed are you, O Holy and life-giving Passion. You saved us from the power of evil. Blessed are you, O Holy and life-giving Passion. You revealed to us the road of salvation. Blessed are you, O Holy and life-giving Passion. You transformed our weakness into strength, and our rejection into esteem. You turned our ignorance into knowledge, and our foolishness into wisdom.

We implore you, who suffered out of love for us, let your Passion clothe us with the gown of glory. Let your humiliation become our crown, and your Cross become our staff, that we may possess spotless souls whiter than snow, and clothe ourselves with the wedding garments at the Heavenly Banquet, and then we shall worthily glorify your greatness, and render our utmost thanks according to your perfection. To you be Glory O Father, Son and Holy Spirit, forevermore.

Cong: Amen.

SIT

Fourth Hymn: *Koroozoto*
(Monday to Wednesday)

Cong: Jesus Christ our lord, the Son of God.

Cant: O how deep is your wealth,
and how wondrous is your mind
How high is your wisdom rising far beyond mankind.

All: We call out to you in prayer O Lord, hear us.

Cong: Jesus Christ our lord, the Son of God.

Cant: Lord you are one in essence
with the God for whom we crave,
You emptied yourself and became a humble slave.

All: We call out to you in prayer O Lord, hear us.

Cong: Jesus Christ our lord, the Son of God.

Cant: How you humbled yourself so that we are not at loss,
and yielded to death, even death upon a cross

All: We call out to you in prayer O Lord, hear us.

(for Friday)

Cong: Jesus Christ our lord, the Son of God.

Cant: O sacrifice raised upon the cross
you lifted creation to its awesome Creator.

All: We call out to you in prayer O Lord, hear us.

Cong: Jesus Christ our lord, the Son of God.

Cant: You were nailed naked on the wood of shame
you clothed us with garments of glory and victory.

All: We call out to you in prayer O Lord, hear us.

Cong: Jesus Christ our lord, the Son of God.

Cant: You are our great and powerful King
and the wood of the cross is your throne
and your crown is the thorns and your staff is the nails.

All: We call out to you in prayer O Lord, hear us.

ETRO

Cel: Glory to you, O creator and organiser of the world, you who, by your grace, formed us from the dust, and by your love shaped us in your likeness. Your mercy made us honour you and glorify you. Make us, O God, a Holy sacrifice worthy of you, a pure censer honourable in your sight, sweet incense desirable to smell, and a fruitful vine which is deserving of your kindness. Then we shall be worthy to raise to you our fruits of glory and thanksgiving, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

MAZMOORO: *‘onokh yeshou’*

****** God the Master, by His Passion brought perfection in this myst’ry, He has rendered our redemption

***** In the blindness and the malice of their leaders they betrayed him, they denied the true Redeemer.

/* May the Passion of our Lord God be our safety purify us, Lord renew us, make us Holy.

READINGS

(Observe the Epistles and Gospel of the day).

GOSPEL

STAND

Cong: Hemm ou hemm!

Cant: “For my food they gave me gall; for my thirst they gave me vinegar.” (Ps 69:22) (*Mon-Wed*)

“He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; He was wounded for our transgressions.” (Is 53:4-5) (*Fri*)

Cong: Hemm ou hemm!

Cel: From the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint... who proclaimed life to the world, let us listen to the proclamation of life and salvation for our souls.

(The Celebrant reads the Gospel)

SIT

Supplication Hymn: *booti dHashoo*

* O Blessed be our Redeemer who died for us that we may
live.

Perfect in us the myst'ry of Redemption, Lord!
Of your Passion, your death and your
Resurrection.

**O Blessed be this Great Friday with hope renewed
while we shed tears
The Church sings to its Saviour, the Beloved Son
Who is lifted upon the Cross
And tormented.

*Through death O Lord you restored us with life anew
in redemption.

The Graceful Lord for love of us hung on the cross;
Love unbounded, a love that pours
like a great flood.

*/**All glory raise to the Father and to the Son,
who was emptied.

Give thanks unto the Spirit: God the Trinity,
One true God who is worshipped now
and forever.

Supplication Hymn 2: *Ya'qoubito*

(Monday-Wednesday)

* The screaming crowd was heard; the voice of Truth was still
but so to save mankind and prophecies fulfill,
Christ took upon Himself what others had deserved
and by His sacred calm, his captors were unnerved.

** From scourge marks on His back and thorn wounds on His
head,
from Jesus' body pierced the precious blood was shed
He weakened on the way and fell upon the road
so Simon then was forced to help Him with His load.

*Some women wept seeing what man can do to man;
they gave Him strength anew as only women can
“Weep not for me”, He said “But for your children cry:
with green wood now they work; what shall be done with
dry?”

** Then on and up again the sad procession went
to do the frightful job for which it had been sent
and when it reached atop the hill called Calvary
it hurried to complete its work of cruelty

*/** The Roman soldiers drew their strength from pagan
oaths
to nail Christ’s hands and feet and gamble for His clothes
the Pharisees and scribes stood by with glee to taunt
“Though others He has saved, Himself he cannot save!”

(Friday)

* The source of life was snuffed by Jesus’ final breath
and darkness filled the earth to mourn the Saviour’s death;
the earth was moved and quaked while graves gushed forth
their dead
whom, many having seen, far more were filled with dread.

** “Can He be dead so soon?” the governor inquired
on being told that some Christ’s burial desired
He sent some legionaries to let the body go
if they should ascertain that this indeed was so.

* The thieves they found alive and crushed their legs with
stones
but, Jesus being dead, they did not break His bones;
the Roman Captain’s raised his lance and pierced a side
whence blood and water flowed to prove that Christ had died.

** The Body of the Lord was taken from the Cross
by Joseph and his friends who mourned the boundless loss
they covered it with tears with aloes and with myrrh
and readied it a place in Joseph’s sepulcher

*/** They wrapped around the corpse a linen winding sheet
that went about the head while covering the feet
and took it on a bier amid pervading gloom
to where in new hewn rock they laid it in the tomb.

STAND

HOOTOMO

Cel: Let us thank the Holy and Glorified Trinity, and let us adore Him and praise Him; the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, Amen.

Kyrie Eleison, Kyrie Eleison, Kyrie Eleison.

Qadishat aloho, qadishat hayeltono, qadishat lomoyouto.

Cong: mshiHo destleb teHlofain, itraHam 'alain (3 times)

Cong: Our Father who art in Heaven...

Cel: Make us O Lord your chosen vine growing many fruits, glorifying your holy name. Shelter this vine and guide it from every evil so that the evil spirits will not dare touch it. Govern it with your bountiful mercy and refresh it with the dew of your Heavenly tenderness, so that it may provide the fruits of happiness and joy, and may you always care for it with your right hand. Preserve your covenant and extend your peace, so that it may unceasingly be ardent in your glory and speak of your honour, and it shall praise you, with your only Son and your living Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

STAND

Cel: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Cong: Amen

Act of Contrition

All: O My God, I am sorry for my sins, with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong, and in failing to do good. I have sinned against you, whom I should love, above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Saviour Jesus Christ, suffered and died for us. In his name, Lord have mercy.

Hymn: *Stabat Mater*

*By the Cross her vigil keeping, Mary stood in sorrow weeping,
when her Son was crucified.
Mary Mother of our Saviour, may we share in your Son's passion,
leading us from death to life.*

The First Station: Jesus is Condemned to Death

Cel: We adore you, O Christ and we bless you.

Cong: For by your Holy Cross, you have redeemed the world.

Cel: Pilate was certain of Jesus' innocence and he declared it to the Jews. Yet, he condemned Him to death. Jesus accepted the unjust sentence for our sins because "the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all". (Isaiah 53:6).



ALL: Teach us Lord, not to judge anyone. For you alone know what is in our hearts and our intentions. Strengthen us to bear the pain inflicted upon us by others through perjury and slander. Amen.

Our Father...Hail Mary...

Cel: Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy.

Cong: May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

*While she waited in her anguish, seeing Christ in torment
languish,*

bitter sorrow pierced her heart.

*Mary Mother of our Saviour, may we share in your Son's passion,
leading us from death to life.*

The Second Station: Jesus is made to carry His cross

Cel: We adore you, O Christ and we bless you.

Cong: For by your Holy Cross, you have redeemed the world.

Cel: Lord Jesus, you said “No one takes my life from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father. For this my Father loves me because I lay down my life to receive it back” (John 10:18).



ALL: Teach us Lord that pain is not valued by its strength, but by our acceptance the value of suffering is not in its severity but in its acceptance, love and obedience to your will. Amen.

Our Father...Hail Mary...

Cel: Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy.

Cong: May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

*With what pain and desolation, with what noble resignation,
Mary watched her dying Son.*

*Mary Mother of our Saviour, may we share in your Son's passion,
leading us from death to life.*

The Third Station: Jesus falls the first time

Cel: We adore you, O Christ and we bless you.

Cong: For by your Holy Cross, you have redeemed the world.

Cel: Jesus is truly human and feels pain and suffering like every one of us but even more because he knows the greatness of the Creator and the lowliness of creation. He languished and fell under the heaviness of the cross and the weight of our sins.



ALL: Teach us Lord, how to accept our human weakness when pain defeats us and weighs us down, and to bear it patiently. May we fix our eyes on you to strengthen us so that we may rise above our pain. Teach us also to be kind to the weakness of others and help them to rise above their pain. Amen.

Our Father...Hail Mary...

Cel: Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy.

Cong: May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

*Ever patient in her yearning, though her tear-filled eyes were
burning, Mary gazed upon her Son.*

*Mary Mother of our Saviour, may we share in your Son's passion,
leading us from death to life.*

The Fourth Station: Jesus meets His Mother

Cel: We adore you, O Christ and we bless you.

Cong: For by your Holy Cross, you have redeemed the world.

Cel: Jesus suffers with his mother's suffering and Mary endures pain for her Son's pain. And we, in our families, experience the pain caused by parents to their children and by children to their parents.



ALL: **Teach us Lord Jesus to know that the value of pain in our life refines our Christian conduct, and converts it into love and sacrifice. Amen**

Our Father...Hail Mary...

Cel: Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy.

Cong: May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

*Who, what sorrow contemplating, on that passion meditating,
would not share the Virgin's grief?
Mary Mother of our Saviour, may we share in your Son's passion,
leading us from death to life.*

The Fifth Station: Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus carry His cross

Cel: We adore you, O Christ and we bless you.

Cong: For by your Holy Cross, you have redeemed the world.

Cel: They put the cross on Simon and made him carry it with Jesus.

ALL: Teach us Lord how to bear our suffering, regardless of its kind or from where it comes, as a sign of our love for you and as repentance for our sins. Amen.



Our Father...Hail Mary...

Cel: Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy.

Cong: May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

*Christ she saw, for our salvation, scourged with heartless
acclamation, bruised and beaten by the rod.*

*Mary Mother of our Saviour, may we share in your Son's passion,
leading us from death to life.*

The Sixth Station: Veronica wipes the face of Jesus

Cel: We adore you, O Christ and we bless you.

Cong: For by your Holy Cross, you have redeemed the world.

Cel: Veronica walked the way of the cross and she wished to be kind to Jesus in his suffering. She wiped the sweat and blood from his face.



ALL: **Teach us Lord to be kind towards the pain of others and open our hands and hearts to them to ease their suffering and to heal their wounds. Amen.**

Our Father...Hail Mary...

Cel: Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy.

Cong: May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

*Christ she saw with life-blood failing, all her anguish unavailing,
saw him breathe his very last.*

*Mary Mother of our Saviour, may we share in your Son's passion,
leading us from death to life.*

The Seventh Station: Jesus falls for the second time

Cel: We adore you, O Christ and we bless you.

Cong: For by your Holy Cross, you have redeemed the world.

Cel: Jesus' bodily strength weakened on the long way to Golgotha under His heavy cross.



ALL: As for us Lord Jesus, our way to you is long and painful. Stretch out your hand towards us and draw us away from our Golgotha for we are longing for the light of your resurrection. Amen.

Our Father...Hail Mary...

Cel: Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy.

Cong: May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

*Mary, fount of love's devotion, let me share with true emotion,
all the sorrow you endured.*

*Mary Mother of our Saviour, may we share in your Son's passion,
leading us from death to life.*

The Eighth Station: Jesus Speaks to the Women of Jerusalem.

Cel: We adore you, O Christ and we bless you.

Cong: For by your Holy Cross, you have redeemed the world.

Cel: A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were weeping and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children.” (Luke 23:27).



ALL: **Yes Lord, teach us to understand the meaning of real pain that you experienced for me. Your pain is caused by our sins. Teach us to repent from our sins and turn to you. Amen.**

Our Father...Hail Mary...

Cel: Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy.

Cong: May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

*Virgin, ever interceding, hear me in my fervent pleading,
fire me with your love of Christ.*

*Mary Mother of our Saviour, may we share in your Son's passion,
leading us from death to life.*

The Ninth Station: Jesus falls for the third time

Cel: We adore you, O Christ and we bless you.

Cong: For by your Holy Cross, you have redeemed the world.

Cel: The way of the cross has been too long.
The strength of Jesus the man has
weakened. We also fall down and almost
lose hope when our way of suffering
becomes long.



ALL: **Do not leave us, Lord Jesus, but draw us
to yourself, so that we become stronger and rise from
our falls and to continue on the way to Calvary with
you, and then to the resurrection. Amen.**

Our Father...Hail Mary...

Cel: Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy.

Cong: May the souls of the faithful departed, through the
mercy of God, rest in peace.

*Mother, may this prayer be granted, that Christ's love may be
implanted, in the depths of my poor soul.*

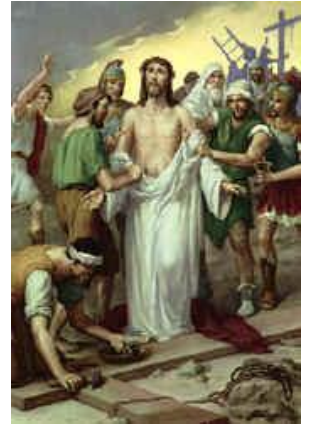
*Mary Mother of our Saviour, may we share in your Son's passion,
leading us from death to life.*

The Tenth Station: Jesus is Stripped of His garments

Cel: We adore you, O Christ and we bless you.

Cong: For by your Holy Cross, you have redeemed the world.

Cel: They thought you were mocked and ridiculed when they took off your clothes leaving you naked. They failed to see that you are purity and brightness itself and your body shines with modesty.



ALL: **Teach us Lord to understand the meaning of human modesty and allow us not to put obstacles in anyone's way by our lack of modesty. Amen.**

Our Father...Hail Mary...

Cel: Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy.

Cong: May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

*At the cross, your sorrow sharing, all your grief and torment
bearing; let me stand and mourn with you.*

*Mary Mother of our Saviour, may we share in your Son's passion,
leading us from death to life.*

The Eleventh Station: Jesus is nailed to the cross

Cel: We adore you, O Christ and we bless you.

Cong: For by your Holy Cross, you have redeemed the world.

Cel: Crucifixion was a means of torturing criminals. Isaiah prophesied: “he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.” (Isaiah 53:12).



ALL: **Teach us Lord Jesus, to accept wholeheartedly, the suffering of life and particularly the pain of death, in order to make it, as you did, a redeeming and saving pain. Amen.**

Our Father...Hail Mary...

Cel: Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy.

Cong: May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

*Fairest maid of all creation, Queen of hope and consolation,
let me feel your grief sublime.*

*Mary Mother of our Saviour, may we share in your Son's passion,
leading us from death to life.*

The Twelfth Station: Jesus Dies on the Cross

Cel: We adore you, O Christ and we bless you.

Cong: For by your Holy Cross, you have redeemed the world.

Cel: When you gave up your spirit into the hands of your Father, the curtain of the temple which covered the holy of holies was torn in two indicating the end of the old Covenant. The tombs were opened because your death conquered death. All this happened while your Mother was standing under your cross, drinking with you the chalice of suffering to the end, for our salvation. Her suffering increases yours but her presence and participation in your mystery of redemption comforts you.



ALL: **Grant the fathers and mothers who have suffered and still suffer for the pain of their sick and suffering children, the grace of making their anguish a redemptive offering, through their patience, love and faith. Amen.**

Our Father...Hail Mary...

Cel: Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy.

Cong: May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

*Mary, in your love befriend me, at the judgment day defend me,
help me by your constant prayer.*

*Mary Mother of our Saviour, may we share in your Son's passion,
leading us from death to life.*

The Thirteenth Station: Jesus is taken down from the Cross

Cel: We adore you, O Christ and we bless you.

Cong: For by your Holy Cross, you have redeemed the world.

Cel: Mary, the mother of Jesus, embraces her dead son. She alone understands why He accepted His death. She alone has joined her pain to His pain and made it a redeeming and saving pain. In their hearts illuminates the light of hope, which will in turn be a jubilant victory for the righteous ones who suffer.



ALL: Teach us, Mary, to understand the meaning of participation in redemption, and to live it as you did. May we complete in ourselves the suffering of Christ that we have not yet endured. Amen.

Our Father...Hail Mary...

Cel: Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy.

Cong: May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

*Saviour when my life shall leave me, through your mother's prayer
receive me, with the fruits of victory.*

*Mary Mother of our Saviour, may we share in your Son's passion,
leading us from death to life.*

The Fourteenth Station: Jesus is placed in the tomb

Cel: We adore you, O Christ and we bless you.

Cong: For by your Holy Cross, you have redeemed the world.

Cel: All is fulfilled, all is completed. The enemies of Jesus have defeated him and hid him in a tomb. The Apostles have lost all of what they expected from Jesus. But Jesus, who carries the love of God to all people, did not remain in the tomb. For love is stronger than death. He rolled the large stone from the door of his tomb and rose to declare to the Apostles God's love for them and for those who will believe in God through their preaching.



ALL: **Grant us Lord, not to despair in life because you are the resurrection and life. Give us love which conquers death. Amen.**

Our Father...Hail Mary...

Cel: Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy.

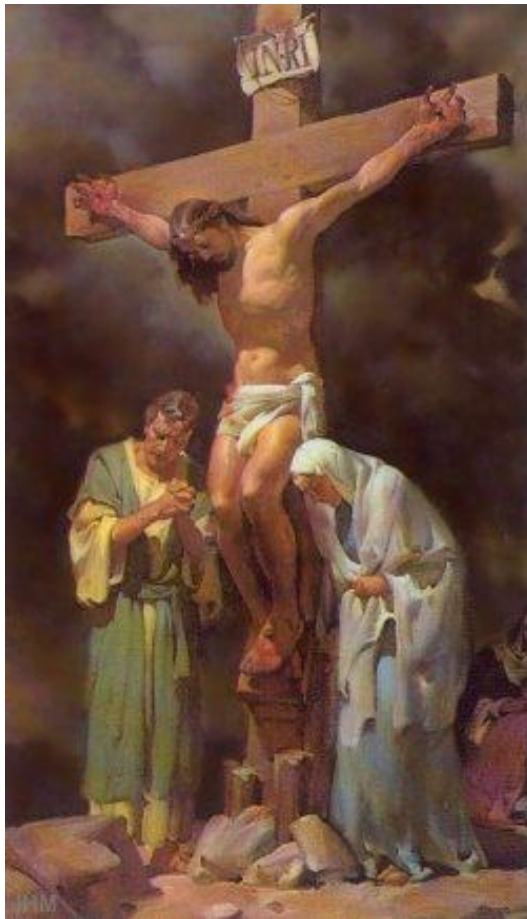
Cong: May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

*Let me to your love be taken, let my soul in death awaken
to the joys of paradise.*

*Mary Mother of our Saviour, may we share in your Son's passion,
leading us from death to life.*

Final Prayer

All: O Eternal Father whom you have blessed the sign of the living cross with the precious blood of your Son. We ask your mercy to those who venerate this holy cross, forgiveness of their sins and entrance into eternal glory, through the merits of our saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.



ADORATION OF THE CROSS

Hymn: O My People, Friends (*Ya Sha'bee Wa Sahbee*)

* O my people, friends,
where is the faith and the love
that you pledged to me?
What crime have I done?
Why do you treat me
with great contempt and with scorn?
Now in shame I die in between two thieves.

** What have I done wrong?
Why punish me? This I ask.
What has brought me here?
Who has made the charge?
I was good to you.
Think of the sick I have cured.
You remember not what I did for you.

* Look, behold my pain,
all my distress, all my grief.
Hear my mournful cries.
Hear my Mother's sighs.
Have you seen before
one who endured such great pain
and who drank this cup, full of bitterness?

*/** Mother, do not cry.
This only adds to my grief.
Leave me. Go your way.
Do not weep for me.
Father, why am I
here, all alone, in my pain?
I am choked with tears; Father, hear my plea!

Cel: Blessed are you O Holy Cross, wood of life, slayer of error and the giver of salvation to the world; banner of triumph in the battle. In you was formed the amazing wonders. You are the end of all Sacrifices and the fulfilment of all mysteries. In you we find peace and the joy that dwells in us. In you, the Church is magnified and her children are preserved. In you our bodies are sanctified and our souls are purified. In you our wrongdoings are wiped away and our piety is increased. In you, the faithful are able to reach perfection. You are our weapon in life. In you the departed find rest. In you we shall find refuge on that final day. With you we shall walk to the abode of life, and we raise glory to Christ, the Word who was Crucified on you, O Holy Cross, and to His Father and to His living Holy Spirit, forever.

Cong: Amen

(Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be)

First Hymn in Adoration of the Cross: *Fsheeto*

****/* *Tesh-boH-tol-Moryo (Syriac)***

*Bazqifo ashlem nafsheh Bar aloho
Wyab ruHeh biday aboy Haw moro d'olmoh
Wafqa' qabreh
Westari shu'eh weHad temho
Ikhulhen beryoto
WabrumHo tar'u Idafneh dbo-ru-yo dkhulo
Wardaw meneh dmo wmayo Husoyol 'olmo*

Tesh-boH-tol-Moryo (To God be Glory)

*On the cross the Son of God gave up his spirit.
He commended it to God his mighty Father. The earth then shook.
Tombs were opened wide, the rocks were split, and great fear filled all.
With a lance they pierced the heart of their Creator.
Blood and water flowed from him; forgiveness poured forth.*

****/* *Tesh-boH-tol-Moryo (To God be Glory)***

At the cross the Church looked up and saw her Savior,
Christ, the Sun of Righteousness, who gives the world light.
She saw his wounds,
which the nails and lance had made in him,
and she grieved deeply.
Drawing close, the Church knelt down to worship saying:
We adore you, Christ our Lord,
who died to save us.

Hymn: Blessed Mary, David's Daughter (*Qamat Maryam*).

* Blessed Mary, David's Daughter, stood by the cross,
weeping for Christ, crucified there, on Golgotha.

Like a lance sorrow pierced her heart;
filled with grief, she was overwhelmed.

She beheld him and cried out:

“O my Son, whom I love!”

** Jesus, my Son, I implore you to speak to me.
Should I not weep when I see you upon the cross?

All your wounds pierce your mother's heart
and your pain fills my soul with grief.

How can I live if you die?

So I cry: “O my Son!”

* O Precious Child of your Mother, her pride and joy!

Image of God, O eternal and only Son!

See, your death cuts me like a knife.

You are hurt; anguish fills my life.

Let me now die, O my Son,

lest I see you in pain!

** Fruit of my womb, how could they do these things to you?

Your blood is shed, and affliction has come to you.

Who will bring comfort to my soul?

Let my blood flow like yours, my Son.

You remain hung on the cross,

and I weep more and more.

* What are these wounds on your body, O Holy One?
They have deformed all your beauty, O Graceful One.
Now your face, it has turned so pale,
and your tears pour out like the rain.
Hearing your sighs grieves my heart.
Seeing you, I grow faint.

*/** Mother of Christ, and the Daughter the Father loves,
Mary, the Bride of the Spirit, O Blessèd One,
may we share in the pain of Christ
and be clothed with abundant grace.
Let us give thanks all our days
and with you sing God's praise.

Final blessing with the cross

Cel: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you always, and the memory of His holy Passion and its strength dwell in your hearts, and the sign of His pure cross deliver you from all evil, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit now and forever.

Cong: Amen

Psalm 51

Have mercy on me, O God, according to thy steadfast love; according to thy abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done that which is evil in thy sight, so that thou art justified in thy sentence and blameless in thy judgment.

Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.

Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Fill me with joy and gladness; let the bones which thou hast broken rejoice. Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence, and take not thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of thy salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. Then I will teach transgressors thy ways, and sinners will return to thee. Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of thy deliverance.

O Lord, open thou my lips, and my mouth shall show forth thy praise. For thou hast no delight in sacrifice; were I to give a burnt offering, thou wouldst not be pleased. The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

Do good to Zion in thy good pleasure; rebuild the walls of Jerusalem, then wilt thou delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen

Hymns for Lent:

O Beloved (Wa Habeebee)

* O Belovèd, O Belovèd,
on the cross you died for us.
We received life and forgiveness
from the wounds that you endured.
Those who died have life eternal;
all are joined to you, O Lord.
On this day death was abolished
by your promise of new life.

** Has a love like our Belovèd's
been revealed on earth before?
Or what lord has shown his glory
on a cross known for its shame?
All creation is astonished
and all people are in awe.
In the Church we can encounter
Truth and Peace in Christ our Lord.

*/** Love has led you, O Belovèd,
to the cross on Calvary.
For my sake you suffered greatly
and you died to save my soul.
Now I hope to spend my life, Lord,
meditating on your law
and the myst'ry of redemption
and your love for one and all.

Other hymns:

O Come let us worship Him

O come let us worship him,
Lord and Saviour
crucified upon the cross.

Though Son of the Mighty God,
Jesus gave Himself to show
God's love for us.

We worship you, O Son of God.

O come let us worship him,
Jesus Christ the King of Kings and
Lord of Lords.

Who died out of love for us.
Let us thank the one whose death
has saved us all.

We worship you, O Son of God.

Jesus our Lord

Jesus our Lord died for us
on the cross.

Great was his love, he restored
what was lost.

By his death he has wiped our
shame

Granting life in his holy name.

May we worship and sing
to Christ Jesus our King.

Jesus our Lord, you are Saviour of all.
Granting to us what we lost through
the fall.

May we share in your passion too,
May we give of ourselves to you.
May we worship and sing
to Christ Jesus our King.

We Praise and Honour

For those who enter
life everlasting
The gates are opened
by humble fasting
We praise and honour
Jesus our Saviour
The King of Kings and
the Lord of Lords

Let us set out on the road
so to meet Him
Bearing our crosses
and following Jesus
Let us set out on the road
so to meet Him
Where He will come
in His glory to greet us

May we, O Saviour, by our oblation
of prayer and fasting obtain
salvation
We praise and honour
Jesus our Saviour
The King of Kings and the Lord of
Lord

By Your Holy Cross

By Your Holy Cross O Lord,
You have saved the universe,
Which had wandered from Your
love
lost in darkness now returned
Redeemed by Your loving death
upon the cross.
We adore Your cross.

Cross of Love and cross of Life,
key of Heaven, path of light
which leads to You Lord,
leading to your Heavenly home.
May we follow You and worship
You O Lord,
You have saved us by Your Cross.

Good Friday Hymn: Yaaqoubito

* She slowly walked with tears of
sadness in her eyes
while darkness covered all the
earth beneath the skies
Injustice grew in strength that day
upon the mount
as sin shook earth and mortals
heard a frightful sound

** The tragedy brought
tenderness
to Calvary
And Mary leaned to suffering
and cruelty
and to her chest she then embraced
the Cross of shame
Her heart was pierced; she wept
in silence at the pain

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