Good Friday - Morning Prayer

Leader: Come, let us worship, Jesus, the Christ!

All: He accepted suffering and death, so that “the world might know that he loved the Father! and might give us the example of what it means to love!

Glory to You .........

Hymn: Behold The Lamb of God

Behold the Lamb of God! Behold the Lamb of God! Who carries our burden, who knows our pain, who bears the sins of the world.

Refrain:
Behold the Lamb of God!
Behold the Lamb of God!
Jesus, Jesus is the Lamb of God.

Surely, He has borne our grief and carried the sorrows of us all,
Struck down in our stead, rejected and scorned; and by His wounds we are healed.

(Refrain)

Father, forgive them; they do not understand.
They do not understand what they do.

(Refrain)

The kingdom of this world has become the kingdom of Christ.
And He shall reign for endless days. Worthy is the Lamb! (Refrain)

Psalm 22: 1-2,6,11,14-15a,18,19

Ant. 1 Shall I not drink the cup that the Father gave me? (Jn. 14: 31)

My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?
Why art thou so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?
O my God, I cry by day, but thou dost not answer;
and by night, but find no rest. ....

I am a worm, and no man; scorned by men, and despised by the people.
All who see me mock at me; they make mouths at me; they wag their heads.
..... Be not far from me, for trouble is near and there is none to help. ..... 

I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint.
My heart is like wax. It is melted within my breast.
My strength is dried up like a potsherd. My tongue cleaves to my jaws.
Thou dost lay me in the dust of death.

Yea, dogs are round about me. A company of evildoers encircle me.
They have pierced my hands and feet. I can count all my bones. ..... 
They divide my garments among them. For my raiment they cast lots.
But thou, O LORD , be not far off! O thou, my help, hasten to my aid!

Glory to you ..... 

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1 (Jn. 14: 31)

2 CD The Steadfast Love
Psalm 22: 22, 25-31

Ant. Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me but for your children.

I will tell of thy name to my brethren.
In the midst of the congregation I will praise thee.
You who fear the LORD, PRAISE HIM! All you children of Jacob glorify him, and stand in awe of him, all you children of Israel!

From thee comes my praise in the great congregation.
My vows I will pay before those who fear him.
The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied.
Those who seek him shall praise the LORD!
May your hearts live forever!

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD.
And all the families of the nations shall worship before him.
For dominion belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.
Yea, to him shall all the proud of the earth bow down.

Before him shall bow all who go down to the dust –
and he who cannot keep himself alive.
Posterity shall serve him.
Men shall tell of the Lord to the coming generation
and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,
that he has wrought it!

Glory to you …

Reading: Isaiah 52:14; 53:2b-6

There were many who were astonished at him – so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of mortals. He had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity. And as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account. Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases. Yet we counted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities. Upon him was the punishment that made us whole. And by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray. We have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Response [Silent Reflection]: Bonaventure, The Tree of Life

Are you, lost soul, the cause of all this confusion and sorrow? How is it that you do not break down and weep?
Behold, the most innocent Lamb has chosen on your account to be condemned by an unjust sentence …
And you, my soul, you do not repay him with gratitude and devotion nor do you recompense him with compassion.

Canticle of Zechariah

Ant. For our sake Jesus was obedient, accepting even death, death on a cross.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, born of the house of his servant, David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old that he would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us. He promised to show mercy to our forebears and to remember his holy covenant.

3 Lig. vit 6:24 - adapted
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham: to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way, to give his 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.

Glory to you ... 

Intercessions

Leader: For our sake, O Jesus, you suffered death and were buried and rose again, and so we pray.

ALL: Lord, have mercy on us.

Teach us to obey God’s will in all things.
Lord, have mercy on us.

Grant us the grace to die with you so that we may rise with you in glory.
Lord, have mercy on us.

Help us to show your love to each other.
Lord, have mercy on us.

Fill the hearts and will of men and women everywhere with your spirit of forgiveness and peace.
Lord, have mercy on us.

Unite us all in the holy Reign of God when you come again.
Lord, have mercy on us.

Our Father ... 

Prayer: O God, look with love upon the sacrifice of your Son, Jesus the Christ, who delivered himself into the hands of his enemies and suffered the agony of the cross for love of us. Bring us to that eternal realm where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

Marian Prayer: (Sung)

Holy Mother, pierce me through.
In my heart each wound renew of my Jesus crucified. (3x)

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4 Adapted from Good Friday Office in Franciscan Morning and Evening Prayer p. 401
5 Ibid.