

# OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

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## FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



## Good Friday of the Passion of the Lord - 3rd April 2026

<b>Holy Saturday:</b>	Easter Vigil	7.00pm
<b>Easter Sunday:</b>	Masses of the Day	8.30am and 10am

### The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord.

“It is finished”; and he bowed his head and handed over his spirit.”

On Good Friday, the entire Church fixes her gaze on the Cross at Calvary. Each member of the Church tries to understand at what cost Christ has won our redemption. In the solemn ceremonies of Good Friday, in the Adoration of the Cross, in the chanting of the 'Reproaches', in the reading of the Passion, and in receiving the pre-consecrated Host, we unite ourselves to our Savior, and we contemplate our own death to sin in the Death of our Lord.

The Church - stripped of its ornaments, the altar bare, and with the door of the empty tabernacle standing open - is as if in mourning. In the fourth century the Apostolic Constitutions described this day as a 'day of mourning, not a day of festive joy,' and this day was called the 'Pasch (passage) of the Crucifixion.'

The liturgical observance of this day of Christ's suffering, crucifixion and death evidently has been in existence from the earliest days of the Church. No Mass is celebrated on this day, but the service of Good Friday is called the Mass of the Pre-sanctified because Communion (in the species of bread) which had already been consecrated on Holy Thursday is given to the people.

Traditionally, the organ is silent from Holy Thursday until the Alleluia at the Easter Vigil, as are all bells or other instruments, the only music during this period being unaccompanied chant.

The omission of the prayer of consecration deepens our sense of loss because Mass throughout the year reminds us of the Lord's triumph over death, the source of our joy and blessing. The desolate quality of the rites of this day reminds us of Christ's humiliation and suffering during his Passion. We can see that the parts of the Good Friday service correspond to the divisions of Mass:

- ◆ Liturgy of the Word - reading of the Passion.
- ◆ Interspersed prayers for the Church and the entire world, Christian and non-Christian.
- ◆ Veneration of the Cross
- ◆ Communion, or the 'Mass of the Pre-Sanctified.'

# Order of Service for Good Friday 3rd April 2026

## First Part: Liturgy of the Word

### First reading

A reading from the prophet of Isaiah 52:13-53:12  
*He surrendered himself to death, while bearing the faults of many!*

### Responsorial Psalm 30

**R: Father into your hands I commend my spirit.**

In you, O Lord, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame;  
In your righteousness deliver me.

Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me,  
O Lord, faithful God. **R.**

I am the scorn of all my adversaries, a horror to my neighbours,  
an object of dread to my acquaintances,  
those who see me in the street flee from.  
I have passed out of mind like one who is dead;  
I have become like a broken vessel. **R.**

But I trust in you, O Lord; I say "You are my God."

My times are in your hand;

Deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors. **R.**

Let your face shine upon your servant;  
save me in your steadfast love.

Be strong, and let your heart take courage,  
all you who wait for the Lord. **R.**

### Second reading

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9  
*He learned obedience and became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him!*

### Gospel Acclamation

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross.

Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

### Gospel

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 18:1-19:42

### The Solemn Intercessions

The solemn intercessions conclude the liturgy of the word. The priest sings or says the introduction in which each intention is stated. All kneel and pray silently for some period of time, and then the priest, with hands extended, sings or says the prayer. The people may either kneel or stand throughout the entire period of the general intercessions.

## Second Part: Veneration of the Cross

The cross is shown to the people three times while it is progressively unveiled; after each unveiling all kneel and venerate the cross briefly in silence. The faithful then approach in a procession to venerate the cross individually.

## Third Part: Holy Communion

The altar is covered with a cloth and the corporal and book are placed on it. Then the priest brings the ciborium with the Blessed Sacrament from the place of reposition to the altar without any procession, while all stand in silence.

**DISMISSAL: ALL DEPART IN SILENCE PLEASE.**

**Ane Enosi**



**Colleen Hodges**

**Iutita Sefo**