



LENT

GOOD FRIDAY

Entrance music (either live or recorded) Choose a suitable piece of music

Introduction

At first sight one might wonder why “Good Friday” is so called. It was a day of violence, of anger, a day of the terrible murder of the innocent Son of God. But it was good for us, because on that day God’s love conquered evil and death; on that day we are saved from sin, punishment and endless death.

Focus or symbol –

~ Large wooden cross with purple or red drape, or a crucifix.

Sign of the Cross

The deepest meaning of Calvary is love, and the Cross is a reminder of God’s love for us. So we begin *“In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.”*

Hymn or song

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40 Amazing Grace

187 From heaven you came
[The Servant King]

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Reading [Text from the Passion narratives: Mat.27; Mark 15; Luke 23; John 19]

At nine o’clock in the morning they crucified him between two bandits.

During the next three hours he spoke seven times:

“Father forgive them, they know not what they do.”

“My God, my God why have you forsaken me?”

To the thief on his right: “This day you will be with me in paradise.”

To Mary and the beloved disciple: “Woman this is your son... this is your mother.”

“I thirst.”

“Into your hands I commend my spirit.”

“It is finished.”

Comment on reading

These precious last words of Jesus are set before us as a pattern for our lives; we are to forgive, we are to trust in God, we are to accept Mary as our mother, we are to continue to do God’s will to the end.

Response to reading

The Cross is held up or carried around the hall as the assembly sings Taize chant, “Jesus remember me.” and/ or:

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Were you there when they	Crucified my Lord?

Prayers

We pray that the world may be healed through the Cross of Christ.

For leaders of our Church that they may be compassionate and forgiving.

Response: Lord by your Cross and resurrection you have set us free.

For peace in all countries.

R./ Lord by your Cross and resurrection you have set us free.

For all who suffer from injustice that they may be set free,

R./ Lord by your Cross and resurrection you have set us free.

For all the sick and the dying that they may be clothed with Christ’s healing love.

R./ Lord by your Cross and resurrection you have set us free.

For all Christians that they may never be ashamed of the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

R./ Lord by your Cross and resurrection you have set us free.

(other prayers)

R./ Lord by your Cross and resurrection you have set us free.

Our Father...

Thought-Word-Phrase for the day

**Christ has died, Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Blessing

May Cross of Jesus be our light, our hope and our consolation. Amen.

Concluding song or music

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383 Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us

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