

FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD [GOOD FRIDAY]

For use in Parish Churches of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee
To be used with the *Roman Missal, Third Typical Edition*

April 2, 2021

The altar should be completely bare: without a cross, without candles and without cloths.

The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

The Priest and the Deacon, if a Deacon is present, wearing red vestments as for Mass, go to the altar in silence and, after making a reverence to the altar, prostrate themselves or, if appropriate, kneel and pray in silence for a while. All assisting ministers kneel.

Then the Priest, with the ministers, goes to the chair where he stands, and with hands extended, prays one of the following prayers, omitting *Let us pray*.

**Remember your mercies, O Lord,
and with your eternal protection sanctify your servants
for whom Christ your Son,
by the shedding of his Blood,
established the Paschal Mystery.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.**

Or:

**O God, who by the Passion of Christ your Son, our Lord,
abolished the death inherited from ancient sin
by every succeeding generation,
grant that just as, being conformed to him,
we have borne by the law of nature
the image of the man of earth,
so by the sanctification of grace
we may bear the image of the Man of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

FIRST PART:

Liturgy of the Word

The Liturgy of the Word is carried out as usual through the homily (no. 7-10). The Gospel is read in the same way as on the preceding Sunday.

The Solemn Intercessions

The Liturgy of the Word concludes with the Solemn Intercessions, which take place in this way: the Deacon, if a Deacon is present, or if he is not, an assisting lay minister, stands at the ambo, and sings or says the invitation in which the intention is expressed. Then all pray in silence for a

while, and afterwards the Priest, standing at the chair or, if appropriate, at the altar, with hands extended, sings or says the prayer.

A Decree from the Congregation for Divine Worship says, “The bishop will see to it that there is a special intention for the sick, the dead, for those who feel lost or dismayed.” Some examples are below:

XI. For those who are suffering during this pandemic.

Deacon/minister:

Let us pray, dearly beloved,
to God the Father almighty,
that he may extend his hand in mercy
to those who are affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Silent Prayer.

Priest:

**Almighty ever-living God,
heal those who are ill,
comfort those who mourn,
give solace to all who are afraid and alone,
protect those who are providing medical care.
Make us instruments of your peace
among our brothers and sisters.
In your mercy, alleviate our fears
and eliminate this scourge,
so that we may come together again
to give you praise and to build your Kingdom.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Or:

Deacon/minister:

Let us pray for all who are impacted by the Coronavirus epidemic;
for the sick and all who have died;
for the safety of healthcare workers and those who care for the ailing;
for the consolation of those who cannot leave their homes;
and for the encouragement of all who feel anxiety and fear
during this crisis.

Silent prayer

Priest:

**Almighty, ever-living God,
who in Christ revealed your healing power on earth,**

**watch over all who are suffering as a result of this global pandemic.
Guide the decisions of all government leaders
and keep safe those who care for the sick.
Grant us all the grace to persevere in hope
as we share in the Cross of Jesus your Son,
that we may come to know the fullness of peace
that flows from his Resurrection,
and may we all soon be joined together again around your altar
to offer you worship and praise.
Through Christ our Lord.**

Or:

Deacon/minister:

Let us pray, dearly beloved, for a swift end
to the coronavirus pandemic that afflicts our world,
that our God and Father will heal the sick,
strengthen those who care for them,
and help us all to persevere in faith.

Silent prayer

Priest:

**Almighty and merciful God,
source of all life, health and healing,
look with compassion on our world, brought low by disease;
protect us in the midst of the grave challenges that assail us
and in your fatherly providence
grant recovery to the stricken,
strength to those who care for them,
and success to those working to eradicate this scourge.
Through Christ our Lord.**

SECOND PART:

The Adoration of the Holy Cross

The Showing of the Holy Cross

The showing of the Holy Cross may be done using either the First Form or the Second Form, keeping in mind that the cross remain in view of the camera if live-streaming/broadcasting.

First Form

The Deacon accompanied by ministers, or another suitable minister, goes to the sacristy, from which, in procession, accompanied by two ministers with lighted candles, he carries the Cross, covered with a **violet veil**, through the church to the middle of the sanctuary.

The Priest, standing before the altar and facing the people, receives the Cross, uncovers a little of its upper part and elevates it while beginning the *Ecce lignum Crucis* (Behold the wood of the Cross). He is assisted in singing by the Deacon or, if need be, by the choir. All respond, Come, let us adore. At the end of the singing, all kneel and for a brief moment adore in silence, while the Priest stands and holds the Cross raised.

Then the Priest uncovers the right arm of the Cross and again, raising up the Cross, begins, Behold the wood of the Cross and everything takes place as above.

Finally, he uncovers the Cross entirely and, raising it up, he begins the invitation Behold the wood of the Cross a third time and everything takes place like the first time.

Second Form

The Priest or the Deacon accompanied by ministers, or another suitable minister, goes to the door of the Church, where he receives the **unveiled Cross**, and the ministers take lighted candles; then the procession sets off through the church to the sanctuary, the one who carries the Cross elevates it, singing, Behold the wood of the Cross, to which all respond, Come, let us adore. After each response all kneel and for a brief moment adore in silence, as above.

The Adoration of the Holy Cross

The adoration of the Holy Cross is carried out as prescribed in **rubrics 17-21**. The Priest or Deacon carries the Cross to the entrance of the sanctuary or to another suitable place and there puts it down or hands it over to the ministers to hold. Candles are placed on the right and left sides of the Cross.

For the Adoration of the Cross, first the Priest alone approaches, with the chasuble and his shoes removed, if appropriate. Then the clergy, the lay ministers, and the faithful approach, moving as if in procession, and showing the reverence to the Cross by **a simple genuflection** or by some **other appropriate sign**.

Adoration of the Holy Cross can be offered, but **no physical contact** with the Cross is permitted.

When the adoration is concluded, the Cross is carried by a Deacon or a minister to its place at the altar. Lighted candles are placed around or on the altar or near the Cross.

THIRD PART:

Holy Communion

Holy Communion continues according to the *Roman Missal* (nos. 22-28).

Since the Blessed Sacrament was placed in the tabernacle after the Lord's Supper, there is no procession from the place of repose to the altar. The priest or deacon does not put on the humeral veil, nor do ministers with candles accompany this action. Instead, two candles are simply placed

around or upon the altar as the Deacon/Priest approaches the tabernacle and brings the Blessed Sacrament to the altar.

When the distribution of communion has been completed, the ciborium is taken by the deacon or other assisting minister to the tabernacle if circumstances so require.

The priest then returns to the chair and after a period of sacred silence, he stands and invites the people to pray: Let us pray. (no. 30)

He then prays the Prayer after Communion.

**Almighty ever-living God,
who have restored us to life
by the blessed Death and Resurrection of your Christ,
preserve in us the work of your mercy,
that, by partaking of this mystery,
we may have a life unceasingly devoted to you.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

For the Dismissal the Deacon or, if there is no Deacon, the Priest himself, may say the invitation Bow down for the blessing.

Then the Priest, standing facing the people and extending his hands over them, says this Prayer over the People:

**May abundant blessing, O Lord, we pray,
descend upon your people,
who have honored the Death of your Son
in the hope of their resurrection:
may pardon come,
comfort be given,
holy faith increase,
and everlasting redemption be made secure.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

And all, after genuflecting to the Cross, depart in silence.

After the celebration, the altar is stripped, but the Cross remains on the altar with two or four candlesticks.