# THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

# FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

# Good Friday

**The following is a template for M.C.’s and organisers to adapt as they see fit to help   
plan an Ordinary Form celebration of the Good Friday Passion of the Lord service.**

### **Before the service:**

* Liturgical Colour is Red
* Altar is completely bare without a cross, candles or cloths
* Stoops and other Holy Water containers should be empty
* Chasuble stand on Sanctuary or convenient place
* Humeral Veil for transfer of Blessed Sacrament
* Empty extra Ciboria if needed on Credence Table for distribution of Holy Communion
* Passion Gospels or Order of Service book for celebrant
* Microphones for Passion reader parts if required

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| Entrance Procession | | |
| * Procession leads from the Sacristy, server with the Missal stays close to celebrant * All line up before the Sanctuary leaving space in the centre for clergy. * The clergy prostrate themselves (lie down), everyone else **KNEELS**. * After a period of silence, the Celebrant stands up. * The server with the Missal stands and faces the priest with Missal open, all others **REMAIN KNEELING** | | |
| Opening Prayer | | |
| *Remember your mercies, O Lord…*  *…Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.*  *Amen.*  *Or:*  *O God, who by the Passion of Christ your Son, our Lord…*  *…Through Christ our Lord.*  *Amen.* | **Missal** |  |
| Stand   * Servers lead on to the Sanctuary and to places.   Sit | | |

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| The Liturgy of the Word | | |
| First Reading | | |
| Psalm | | |
| Second Reading | | |
| Gospel | | |
| Stand  *The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John…*  *… and bowing his head he gave up the spirit.*   * KNEEL and pause for a moment. STAND when the clergy stand.   *It was Preparation Day…The Gospel of the Lord.*  Sit | | |
| Homily | | |
| The Solemn Intercessions | | |
| Stand   * A deacon or lay reader goes to the ambo to read the intercessions, each one is followed by the priests’ response * Server to stand at Chair with Priest with the Missal for his parts unless this is done from the Altar.   *For Holy Church…*  *For the Pope…*  *For all orders and degrees of the faithful…*  *For catechumens…*  *For the unity of Christians…*  *For the Jewish people…*  *For those who do not believe in Christ…*  *For those who do not believe in God…*  *For those in public office…*  *For those in tribulation…*   * Final intercession is followed by a final prayer:   *Almighty ever-living God… Amen.* | **Missal** |  |

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| The Adoration of the Holy Cross | | |
| The Showing of the Holy Cross (Second Form) | | |
| Straight after the Solemn Intercessions:   * 2 Servers and the Priest/Deacon to the door of the church where the veiled cross and a pair of lit procession candles are waiting. * Servers pick up processional candles and stand either side of the priest/deacon. Together they move into the church in stages as follows: * At the Door he uncovers left arm of the Cross. *Behold the wood of the Cross, on which hung the salvation of the world.*   *Oh come, let us adore.*   * At the middle of the church, he uncovers right arm. *Behold … adore.* * At the Sanctuary, he uncovers the rest of the Cross. *Behold … adore.* | **Candles (2)** |  |
| The Adoration of the Holy Cross | | |
| * A server collects the purple covering that was removed from the Cross. * 2 Servers join the priest/deacon with purificators / alcohol wipes. The priest/deacon hands the Cross to them. * The servers with the Cross are flanked by the 2 candle bearers from the procession. Together they stand at the front centre of the Sanctuary or another suitable place for the veneration to take place. * The celebrant goes and removes his Chasuble and shoes. Server to assist if required. * Celebrant followed by any other clergy venerate the Cross and return to their places after vesting again. | **Collect Purple at top of steps** |  |
| **Cross Bearers (2)** |  |
| **Collect Purple** |  |
| **Chasuble and Shoes** |  |
| As soon as the clergy have venerated the Cross:   * Servers form the veneration procession. * Servers venerate cross and return to places.  *(Note: during times of public health concern, a suitable alternative, non-contact gesture such as a bow or genuflection may be made in-place of the traditional kissing of the Cross)*.   Sit | | |

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| * At a suitable point the Cross and Candle bears may wish to exchange places depending on the number of people present, at this time they may venerate the Cross themselves. * Congregation venerates Cross, during which:   + Base for the Cross is put in-front of the Altar   + Processional Candles at Altar of Repose are lit. * Once all have venerated the Cross, it is placed in its base at the Altar with the candles which the servers were holding placed at either side. | **Cross Base** |  |
| **Light Candles** |  |

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| Holy Communion | | |
| * Priest or Deacon stands at the Altar, a server assists with putting on the Humeral Veil. | **Humeral Veil** |  |
| * Servers lead the Priest or Deacon to the Altar of Repose to collect the Blessed Sacrament. | **Altar of Repose Servers (2)** |  |
| * While this is occurring, the Altar is prepared with:   + Altar Cloth   + Corporal   + Missal (Set to Communion Rite)   + Empty Ciborium’s (if required) | **Prepare Altar** |  |
| Stand   * Priest and Servers return with Blessed Sacrament and lighted candles, the Servers place their candles on or around the Altar (total 4 candles now on or around the Altar). Humeral Veil removed. | Humeral Veil |  |
| *“At the Saviour’s command and formed by divine teaching…”*   * **No Bells / Gong**. * Servers form Communion procession in the usual way, receive Communion and return to their places.   Sit | | |
| Distribution of Holy Communion | | |
| Once the congregation have received Communion:   * Humeral Veil on again * Server to lead priest with the Blessed Sacrament to a suitable place where it is to be reserved. If no other place is available, then the Tabernacle may be used.   While this is happening:   * Altar is cleared as normal. | Humeral Veil |  |
| **Blessed Sacrament** |  |
| **Clear Altar** |  |
| Prayer after Communion / Prayer over the People | | |
| Stand  *Let us Pray… Amen.*  Any necessary brief announcements may now be made.  *May abundant blessing… Amen* | **Holy Week Missal** |  |

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| Exit |
| Immediately after the Prayer over the People:   * Servers lead off the Sanctuary and form up as at the start. * All genuflect to the Cross with the clergy. * Servers lead clergy back to the Sacristy in silence. |

After the service the altar is stripped but the Cross and candles remain in place. Veils are removed from all the Crucifixes in church.