

***Dignity/New York Liturgy for Good Friday
In-Person at the LGBTQ Center & Broadcast on Zoom
April 3 2026***

Everyone is welcome to join us via Zoom.us
06:15 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
We can enter Room at 5:30PM
Zoom meeting opens by 5:40 PM.

Additional Instructions and Preparation

- If participating in-person at the Center, please arrive by 5:30 pm. If you are able to read, let Lewis know so a role can be assigned.
- When signing into Zoom liturgy, kindly type your name and where you're joining us from in your caption.
- If participating remotely, have a crucifix handy for the veneration.
- Mute mic and chat functions help to optimize your experience during the liturgy.

WELCOME: *We begin without music and without the typical greeting.*

Presider 1: At this hour, O God Most High,
while silence reigns
and the sun hides its face,
a world prostrate beneath its sins
lifts its eyes to the cross, as
we ponder the mystery of your saving will.

Open our hearts
to hear the story of the passion of Jesus,
to stretch out our hands in prayer,
to venerate the cross.

As we behold Jesus,
crucified in place of the guilty,
Life put to death
by human intolerance, hatred, anger, and fear,
may we take heart,
remembering the prayer of the dying thief
whose faith and hope was rewarded.

We ask this through Jesus, the Christ,
Our Passover and Peace,
who lives with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God forever and ever. **R/.** Amen.

FIRST READING: **Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *My God, My God* *Marty Haugen*

Refrain: My God, my God, O why have you abandoned me?

1. All who see me laugh at me, they mock me and they shake their heads: "He relied on the Lord, let the Lord be his refuge."

2. As dogs around me, they circle me about. Wounded me and pierced me, I can number all my bones.

SECOND READING: **Hebrews 4:14-16;5:7-9**

Gospel Acclamation: *Return to God*

GC 389

Return to God with all your heart, the source of grace and mercy; come seek the tender faithfulness of God.

If you break the chains of oppression, if you set the pris'ner free;
if you share your bread with the hungry, give protection to the lost;
give a shelter to the homeless, clothe the naked in your midst,
then your light shall break forth like the dawn.

GOSPEL READING: **John 18:1 – 19:42**

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION:

UNIVERSAL PRAYER: (General Intercessions)

Each prayer has two parts. After the reader says, "For this we pray:" respond, "**Christ Crucified, Jesus Hear our Prayer.**" At the second part, respond, "**Amen.**"

Veneration of the Cross

Presider: The cross is held up in our midst in three places. We will be invited to come forward as we express our reverence with a kiss, a bow, a gentle touch, or a genuflection. For those on Zoom, if you have a cross handy, use it as we mediate and venerate the cross.

Meditation Hymn: *Behold the Wood of the Cross*

St. Louis Jesuits

Behold, behold the wood of the cross.
On which is hung our salvation.
O come let us adore.

Unless a grain of wheat shall fall,
Upon the ground and die,
It shall remain but a single grain,
And not give life.

And when my hour of glory come,
As all was meant to be
You shall see me lifted up

Upon a tree.

Presider: Christ on the cross bows His head waiting for you, that he may kiss you;
His arms outstretched, that he may embrace you;
His hands are open, that he may enrich you;
His side is open for you that he may let you enter there.

THE GREATEST PRAYER:

Presider: With our eyes fixed on Jesus, whose blood was shed by intolerance, anger, and fear, let us seek pardon and peace from God as we pray:

Introduction to Holy Communion

Presider: Behold the Lamb of God, God's Suffering Servant, our Wounded Healer, who takes away the sins of the world. How blessed we all are to be called to this table.

Response: **God, I am not worthy to receive you, only say the word and we are healed.**

Presider: Throughout Jesus' ministry, he called everyone, without exception, to dine at the table with him. He fed everyone, without exception. Christ has no body on earth now but yours. And so, we are called to come to the table and to feed one another with the body of Christ.

We ask you to wait till everyone has received the Eucharist so that we may receive the Eucharist together

Hymn: *Were You There*

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1. Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
3. Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
4. Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
5. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
6. Were you there when they rolled the stone away?
Were you there when they rolled the stone away?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,
Were you there when they rolled the stone away?

Text: African-American spiritual

Closing Prayer

Presider: Let us pray

O God,
Send down your abundant blessings
Upon your people
who have recalled the death of your Incarnation, Jesus.
May our understanding of his crucifixion deepen.
As we continue to journey into the mystery of your life and death,
help our faith to grow stronger;
show us your mercy, bring us your comfort,
fill us with the hope of resurrection
We ask this through Christ our Life. Amen.

We end the liturgy in silence.

Please join us on Easter Sunday at 6:30 pm either at St. John's in the Village Church, 218 West 11th St, New York, NY or on Zoom as the liturgy is live streamed. Tonight another group has the room at 7pm .

Announcements can be found at the back of the Sunday Worship Aid on the DignityNY.org website

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