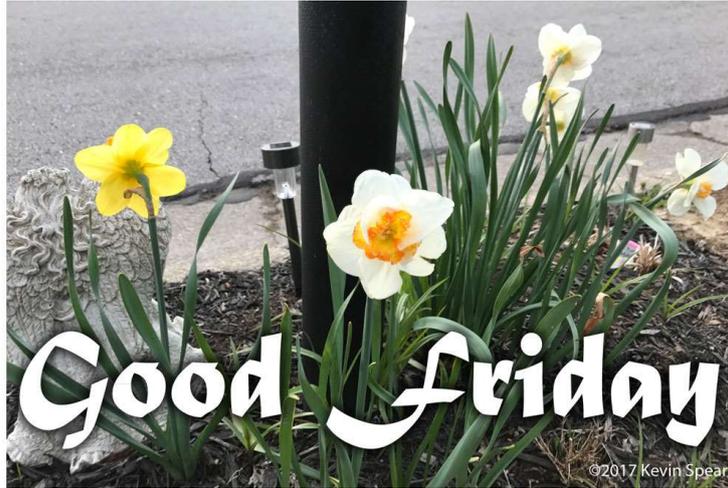


Good Friday, April, 10th 2020



Today the whole Church mourns the death of our Saviour Jesus Christ. This is traditionally a day of sadness, spent in fasting and prayer. According to the Church's ancient tradition, the sacraments are not celebrated on Good Friday or on Holy Saturday. "Celebration of the Lord's Passion," is usually celebrated around three o'clock in the afternoon. The altar is completely bare, with no cloths, candles nor cross. The service is divided into three parts: Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion. The liturgy starts with the priest going to the altar in silence and kneeling for a few moments in silent prayer, then he says an introductory prayer.

Liturgy of the Word.

First Reading: Isaiah 52:13-53

Responsorial Psalm: 31

Second Reading: Hebrews 4: 14-16

Gospel: John 18 1-19

The Solemn Intercessions of the Church

Response: O Lord hear us we pray

O Lord give us Your love.

The Veneration of the Cross.

Priest: Behold the cross,
on which hung the Saviour of the world.

Response: Come let us worship.

Hymns: When I behold the Wondrous Cross

The Old Ragged Cross

Holy Communion.

Our Father

Hymn: Take and Eat

The Stations of the Cross.

The Liturgy of the Stations of the Cross is traditionally prayed on the evening of Good Friday. The priest stops at each Station and reflects on the mystery of Christ's suffering and death.

Priest: We adore Thee O Christ and we bless Thee

Response: Because by Thy holy cross You have redeemed the world.

Hymn: Ubi Caritas

Reflection

Hope means to keep living amid desperation

And to keep humming in the darkness.

Hoping is knowing that there is love, it is trust in tomorrow

It is falling asleep and waking again when the sun rises.

In the midst of a gale at sea, it is to discover land.

In the eyes of another it is to see that you are understood.

As long as there is still hope there will also be prayer

And you will be held in God's hands.

Henri Nouwen, *With Open Hands*, (Ave Maria Press, 1995)

Church Liturgies on Television and Radio

Good Friday, April 10th. 2020

15:00-16:00 *Solemn Liturgy for Good Friday*. Live from the Cathedral of Christ the King, Fr. Derek Darby commemorates the Passion and Death of Christ, observing full health and social distancing protocols. (RTÉ One TV & RTÉ Radio 1Extra/LW252)

