

Music Recommendations

Good Friday - Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Friday 18 April 2025

The following reading references, psalm responses, antiphons and music recommendations are provided to assist music coordinators in preparing for their particular parish community Mass.

Readings

1st Reading

Is 52:13 – 53:12

He surrendered himself to death, while bearing the faults of many.

Responsorial Psalm (PAT1-31)

Ps 30 (31):2. 6. 12-13. 15-17. 25. R. Lk 23:46

Father, I put my life in your hands.

2nd Reading

Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9

He learned obedience and became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

Gospel Acclamation (GA-L12)

Phil 2:8-9

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
Christ became obedient for us even to death,
dying on the cross.
Therefore God raised him on high
and gave him a name above all other names.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

Jn 18:1 – 19:42

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

The Good Friday Liturgy comprises only:

1. Liturgy of the Word
 2. Adoration of the Cross
 3. Holy Communion
- (There are no Introductory or Concluding rites)

Antiphons

Showing of the Cross

Behold the wood of the Cross,
on which hung the salvation of the world.
- *Come, let us adore. (3 times)*

Adoration Antiphon or other suitable song.

We adore your Cross, O Lord,
we praise and glorify your holy Resurrection,
for behold, because of the wood of a tree
joy has come to the whole world.

Cf. Ps 66 (67): 2

May God have mercy on us and bless us;
may he let his face shed its light upon us
and have mercy on us. (*repeat antiphon*)

Adoration Chants or other suitable songs.

1. The Reproaches
2. Hymn: Faithful Cross the Saints rely on (*Crux Fidelis*)
3. Hymn: At the cross her station keeping (*Stabat Mater*)

Communion Chant or other suitable song.

Ps 21 (22),

Singing in the Good Friday liturgy:

The liturgy begins with all praying silently for a while (no Entrance song). The first songs are the Responsorial Psalm and the Gospel Acclamation. The antiphons and chants specified above are to be sung during the Adoration of the Cross. The Communion Song (above) is to be sung during communion. There is no Song of Praise. The liturgy ends after the Prayer over the People. All depart in silence (no singing). Ignore 'X' for other songs.

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E - Entrance Antiphon, **1** - 1st Reading, **R** - Responsorial Psalm, **2** - 2nd Reading, **S** - Sequence, **A** - Acclamation, **G** - Gospel, **O** - Offertory Antiphon, **C** - Communion Antiphon; under ©: **P** - Public domain, **L** - OneLicense, **S** - Spirit & Song **C** - CCLI

Entrance
 Penitential Act
 Sprinkling Rite
 Glory to God
 Responsorial Psalm
 Gospel Acclamation
 Offertory
 Holy Holy Holy
 Memorial Acclamation
 Amen
 Our Father
 Lamb of God
 Communion
 Song of Praise
 Sending Forth

Song

Relevance © Resource Reference

Adoramus te Christe

L CWBII-445 GA-305

X

All you who pass this way

GA-331

At the cross (O Lord, you've searched me)

C AOVNG-9 TS-2006

* At the cross her station keeping

P L GA-332 TiS-334 OCP-72 HSS2-12 LC-17

* At the cross her vigil keeping

CWBII-318 CWB-624

* Behold the wood

G L CWBII-320 GA-333 LC-22

* Communion Psalm 22: My God, my God (C.Willcock)

C L PFS-20 GA-22

* Communion Psalm 22: My God, my God (P.Mason)

C L PAT-14

* Crux fidelis / Faithful cross the saints rely on

L CWBII-321

Jesus, remember me

L CWBII-526 AOV1-152 GA-308 TiS-730 TS-294 LC-65

Lenten Acclamation (L Deiss)

L CWBII-54 CWB-566

Lenten Acclamation (Mass of Glory and Praise)

L CWBII-25d MGP-4 MPS-8 GOS-6

* Lenten Acclamation (Mass Shalom)

A L CWBII-27e AOV1-195 MSH-5 MPS-27 GOS-7

Lenten Acclamation (N Ancell)

CWBII-60 CWB-563

Lenten Acclamation (P Jones)

CWBII-58 CWB-569

Lift high the cross

L C CWBII-537 NLP-132 TiS-351

X

* My people, my people (The Reproaches)

L CWBII-323 or CWBII-322 CWB-750

My song is love unknown

G L C CWBII-325 NLP-161 TiS-341

No Greater Love (There is no greater love)

L CWBII-622 GA-460 LC-79

O Jesus crucified

L CWBII-326 CWB-770 GA-334 NLP-181 TiS-354 LC-87

* O my people (The Reproaches)

GA-329

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 Penitential Act
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O sacred head surrounded

L C CWBII-330 CWB-776 GA-335

Our Father / The Lord's Prayer (Chant)

P CWBII-14a GA-7 CHANT-8

Praise to the holiest in the height

P L C CWBII-585 CWB-791 GA-410 NLP-208 TiS-141

* Psalm 31: Father, I put my life in your hands (C.Smith)

R L RPY-A-28 RPY-B-27 RPY-C-28

* Psalm 31: Father, I put my life in your hands (J.O'Brien)

R PET-8

* Psalm 31: Father, I put my life in your hands (P.Mason)

R L PAT1-31

* Psalm 31: Father, I put my life in your hands (R.Heagney)

R L PCY-31

* Seasonal Psalm 22: My God, my God (C.Willcock)

C L GA-22 TiS-9 PFS-20

* Seasonal Psalm 22: My God, my God (P.Mason)

C L PAT1-22

* Seasonal Psalm 22: My God, my God (R.Heagney)

C L PCY-22

Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle

L TiS 331

Song of the cross

C L AOVNG-116

Stay here and keep watch (Taize)

GA-321

Stay with me (Taize)

L CWBII-317 AOV2-088 GA-325 LC-115

The Lord is now exalted

CBWIII-377

The royal banners forward go

L CWBII-327 TiS-332

We have no other Boast (Great is the mystery of our faith)

L CWBII-502 GA-491

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

G P L C CWBII-328 AOV1-103 GA-336 TS-1592 HSS2-38 LC-138

When I survey the wondrous cross

G P L C CWBII-329 GA-330 TiS-342 TS-572 HSS2-39 LC-140

Song

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Resource List

Abbrev.	Title	Publisher	Composer (s)	Availability
AHB	Australian Hymn Book	Collins	Various	Out Of Print
AOV1	As One Voice vol. 1	Willow Publishing	Various	asonevoice.com.au
AOV2	As One Voice vol. 2	Willow Publishing	Various	asonevoice.com.au
AOVNG	As One Voice Next Generation	Willow Publishing	Various	asonevoice.com.au
CHANT	Missa Cantata	CTS	arr. G Cox	ctsbooks.org
CWB	Catholic Worship Book	Collins / E.J.Dwyer	Various	Out Of Print
CWBII	Catholic Worship Book II	Morning Star	Various	morningstarpublishing.net.au
GA	Gather Australia	NLMC Publications	Various	Out Of Print
GLEN	Glendalough Mass	GIA	Liam Lawton	giamusic.com
GOS	Gospel Acclamations	Liturgical Song	Various	liturgicalsong.com
HSS	Hymns & Spiritual Songs	Liturgical Song	Various	liturgicalsong.com
LITMUS	Various Compilations	Litmus Productions	Michael Mangan	litmusproductions.com
LP	Lyric Psalter	GIA	Alonso, Haugen	giamusic.com
LPGG	Psalms: Revised Grail / Gelieau	GIA	J Gelineau sj	giamusic.com
MCH	Mass of Christ the Redeemer	OCP	B Kirkpatrick	ocp.org
MCY	Masses for the Church's Year	Liturgical Song	Roger Heagney	liturgicalsong.com
MGP	Mass of Glory and Praise	Liturgical Song	Paul Mason	liturgicalsong.com
MiM	Missa Magis	OCP	C Willcock sj	ocp.org
MOLHC	Mass, Our Lady Help of Christians	Cantica Nova	R Connolly	asonevoice.com.au
MPS	Masses for Parish & School	Liturgical Song	Mason & Smith	liturgicalsong.com
MSF	Mass of St Francis	Willow Publishing	Paul Taylor	asonevoice.com.au
MSH	Mass Shalom	Liturgical Song	Smith & Mason	liturgicalsong.com
NLP	New Living Parish Hymnal	E.J. Dwyer	Various	Out Of Print
PAT	Psalms for All Time	Liturgical Song	Paul Mason	liturgicalsong.com
PCY	Psalms for the Church's Year	Liturgical Song	Roger Heagney	liturgicalsong.com
PFS	Psalms for Feasts and Seasons	OCP	C Willcock sj	Out Of Print
PSY	Psalms for Sundays of the Year	Jenny O'Brien	Jenny O'Brien	Out Of Print
RPY	Responsorial Psalms for the Year	Willow Publishing	Colin Smith cfc	asonevoice.com.au
SSP	Simply Singable Psalms	Liturgical Song	Anne Millard	liturgicalsong.com
SS	Spirit & Song	OCP	Various	ocp.org
TiS	Together in Song	Harper Collins	Various	Out Of Print
TS	The Source Volume 1	Kevin Mayhew	Various	amazon.com.au