



Rosa Veritas

The Agapé Meal

A Service for Good Friday

Invocation



Before the Fruit is Ripened by the Sun

Before the fruit is ripened by the sun,
Before the petals or the leaves uncoil,
Before the first fine silken root is spun,
A seed is dropped and buried in the soil.

Before the Easter alleluias ring,
Before the massive rock is rolled aside,
Before the fear of death has lost its sting,
A just and loving man is crucified.

Before we gain the grace that comes through loss,
Before we live by more than bread and breath,
Before we lift in joy an empty cross,
We face with Christ the seed's renewing death.



Scripture Reading

Isaiah 53: 1-12



Meditation



The Introit

Priest: Our bodies are the substance
of your being, O Lord.

All: Deepen in us your spirit, O Christ.

Priest: Our life-spirit is the work of your hands,
O Lord.

All: Deepen in us your spirit, O Christ.

Priest: Our emotions and feelings
are your essence, O Lord.

All: Deepen in us your spirit, O Christ.

Priest: Glorify us with the glory we had
when we dwelt with you.

All: And magnify your spirit in us, O Christ.



The Absolution



Scripture Reading

John 19: 17-42



When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross,
On which the prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

See from his head, his hands, his feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

His dying crimson like a robe,
Spreads o'er his body on the tree,
Then I am dead to all the globe,
And all the globe is dead to me.

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were an offering far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.



The Address



Meditation



The Litany

- Priest: The light shone in the darkness,
and the darkness rejected the light.
- All: For such is the nature of darkness.**
- Priest: The incarnate trod the ways of men;
but men rejected the incarnate one.
- All: For such is the nature of the world.**
- Priest: He spoke words of truth;
his words were like fire
which burns and illuminates.
- All: But men fear truth,
or do not understand it.**
- Priest: Truth penetrates the dark places
and changes the shape
of familiar things.
- All: Men cling to the familiar things,
thinking they are the real things.**
- Priest: Therefore they persecute the prophets
and slay those
whose words are strange.
- All: How can the light
conquer the darkness?
How can truth triumph over illusion?**
- Priest: Truth must be denied
that men may find truth.
Wisdom must be crucified
that men may become wise.
- All: We thank you for your incarnation,
O Lord.
We thank you for your light.
Help us to change
through means of truth.
Help us to triumph over illusion.
Help us to accept denial and crucifixion
for truth's sake.**
- Priest: This is the hour



Preparation for the Consecration



The Consecration

*Please follow the actions of the celebrant during
the act of consecration, and join with the
celebrant in saying the main words of
consecration over the bread and wine:*

**Bread: This is my life which is given to you
in love and service.**

The bread is broken.

**And we sacrifice our lower nature
that our higher Christ self
may be revealed.**

**Wine: This is my spirit
dedicated to the divine will of God.**

**And as often as we eat of this bread
and drink of this wine,
we are reminded of the life
and spirit of Christ within us.**



The Prayer

Said together

O loving Christ,
present in these holy mysteries,
I give myself to you,
for joy and for sorrow,
for sickness and for health,
for success and failure,
in time and in eternity.

I offer to you my body, my mind and my spirit,
to be a holy sacrifice.
Take me and make me
an instrument of your will.
So shall it be.



The Communion & Fellowship



Prayers



The Love Chant

O love that knoweth of no fear,
O love that sheds a joyous tear,
O love that makes me whole and free,
Such love shall keep and hallow me.



A New Commandment

A new commandment I give unto you
That you love one another
As I have loved you,
That you love one another,
As I have loved you.

By this shall all men know that you are my disciples,
If you have love one for another.
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If you have love one for another.



Greeting of Peace

“The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you”



The Benediction



Incarnate Word

Incarnate Word who was with God
Since time began and evermore,
All things in you were brought to birth;
Only in you, true life is found.

O radiant Son! in you is life,
Your radiant life, lights ev’ryone.
You shine your light into the dark
And darkness does not overcome.

O radiant Son! True light of God
Enlight’ning each and ev’ry soul,
You came into our world to shine;
May we, O Christ, your light behold.

Shine in us now, true light of God,
That we may know your grace and truth;
That we may love as you have loved,
Live in your truth, show forth your grace.



Next Service via Zoom

Meditation:
Fourteen Stations of the Cross
(in **Dutch**)

Friday, April 10, 2020

Netherlands 8pm | WA 2am* | SA 3.30am*
NSW/VIC 4am* | NZ 6am* (* Saturday, April 11)

Veneration of Light

Saturday, April 11, 2020

Netherlands 10am | WA 4pm | SA 5.30pm
NSW/VIC 6pm | NZ 8pm

Have you prepared your personal Paschal candle?

See the [website](#) for details.

Easter Sunday Cosmic Mass

(in **English**)

Sunday, April 12, 2020

Netherlands 1am | WA 8am | SA 10.30am
NSW/VIC 11am | NZ 1pm

Easter Sunday Cosmic Mass

(in **Dutch**)

Sunday, April 12, 2020

Netherlands 2.15pm | WA 8.15pm | SA 9.45pm
NSW/VIC 10.15pm | NZ 12.15am* (* Monday, April 13)

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