

GOOD FRIDAY

Good Friday is the second day of the Easter Triduum. This is a solemn day when the people gather together in Church to remember the suffering and death of Jesus. He was taken to a place called Golgotha in Jerusalem and crucified. According to tradition Jesus died at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, so this is when the Church invites everyone to take part in the reading of the "*Passion of Jesus*" from the Gospel of John.

Many prayers are also said for the needs of the church and the whole world because Jesus died for everyone.

The priest removes a purple cloth from the wooden crucifix, holds it up and sings:

"Behold the wood of the Cross, on which hung the salvation of the world."

Then people are invited to come up in procession to touch or kiss the cross while a penitential psalm is sung.

Everyone joins in the Lord's Prayer and then receives Holy Communion. There is a silence at the end of the liturgy as people leave the church, stripped bare of all decoration.

