

5. O dearly, dearly has He loved,
And we must love Him too,
And trust in His redeeming blood,
And try His works to do.

Words: Mrs C.F. Alexander 1838-95
The New English Hymnal

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray:

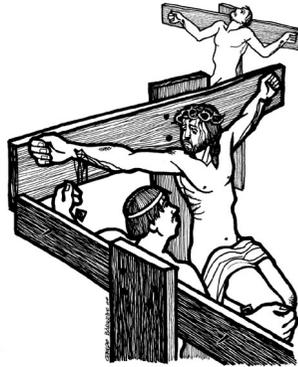
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory, are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

Final Prayers

Dismissal (All leave in silence)



HOT CROSS BUNS with refreshments are available in the Hall after the service

**PLEASE USE THE HIGHWAY ENTRANCE TO THE HALL –
DO NOT WALK THROUGH THE CHURCH**

*After refreshments those who wish to do so will gather near the Baptistry
at 2pm for the STATIONS OF THE CROSS*

St Matthew's Anglican Church Cheltenham

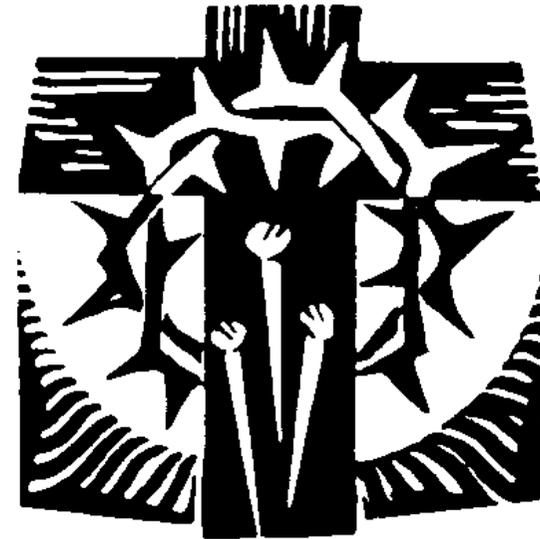


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GOOD FRIDAY

The Crucifixion of Our Lord



12pm: Devotions

Officiant: Fr Ray McInnes

Organist: Mr Edwin Kwong

152 Years of Witness & Service in Cheltenham

GOOD FRIDAY

The service for Good Friday is divided into three main parts:

The Ministry of the Word

The Proclamation of the Cross

The Great Intercession

The central theme for any service on Good Friday is the cross. It is the narration of the events leading to the crucifixion, (historically from St John's Gospel), which lie at the heart of the service. This forms a logical transition to the Proclamation of the Cross which culminates in the stark reality of the cross set up before the people and an opportunity for intercession and silent reflection.

The Great Intercession follows the Proclamation, as being prayer made at the foot of the Cross.

Silence is a significant part of the observance of Good Friday. The Introit is 'silence', and certain places for the observance of silence (after the Passion, at the Proclamation of the Cross), are integral to the service.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

The congregation remains seated

The Sanctuary party enters in silence and there is a time of silent prayer before the service begins

Sentence of Scripture

Christ became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and has given him the name that is above every name.

Philippians 2.8-9

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God,
look with mercy on this your family,
for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed
and to be given into the hands of sinners
and to suffer death upon the cross;
who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

The readings are not introduced and conclude without responses

First Reading

See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high. Just as there were many who were astonished at him – so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of mortals – so he shall startle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which had not been told them they shall see, and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate. Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account. Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the Lord shall prosper. Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Isaiah 52.13-53.12

Psalm: 22.1-22

1. My God, my God, why have you forsaken me:
why are you so far from helping me and from the words of my groaning?
2. My God, I cry to you by day, but you do not answer:
and by night also I take no rest.
3. But you continue holy:
you that are the praise of Israel.
4. In you our forebears trusted:
they trusted, and you delivered them;
5. To you they cried and they were saved:
they put their trust in you and were not confounded.
6. But as for me, I am a worm and no man:
the scorn of all and despised by the people.
7. Those that see me laugh me to scorn:
they shoot out their lips at me and wag their heads, saying,
8. 'He trusted in the Lord – let him deliver him:
let him deliver him, if he delights in him.'
9. But you are he that took me out of the womb:
that brought me to lie at peace on my mother's breast.
10. On you have I been cast since my birth:
you are my God, even from my mother's womb.
11. O go not from me, for trouble is hard at hand:
and there is none to help.
12. Many oxen surround me:
fat bulls of Bashan close me in on every side.
13. They gape wide their mouths at me:
like lions that roar and rend.
14. I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint:
my heart within my breast is like melting wax.
15. My mouth is dried up like a potsherd:
and my tongue clings to my gums.
16. My hands and my feet are withered:
and you lay me in the dust of death.
17. For many dogs are come about me:
and a band of evildoers hem me in.
18. I can count all my bones:
they stand staring and gazing upon me.

19. They part my garments among them:
and cast lots for my clothing.
20. O Lord, do not stand far off:
you are my helper, hasten to my aid.
21. Deliver my body from the sword:
my life from the power of the dogs;
22. O save me from the lion's mouth:
and my afflicted soul from the horns of the wild oxen.

Second Reading

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.' Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, 'Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.'

1 Corinthians 1.18-31

Hymn: 95 NEH

1. 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.
2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ my God;

All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

3. 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?
4. 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.
5. Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small:
Love so amazing, so divine
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

Words: Isaac Watts 1674-1748 alt
The New English Hymnal

THE READING OF THE PASSION ACCORDING TO ST JOHN

Please see separate sheet

Please feel free to sit if it is uncomfortable for you to stand

Hymn: 78 NEH

1. Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle,
Sing the ending of the fray,
O'er the cross, the victor's trophy,
Sound the loud triumphant lay:
Tell how Christ, the world's Redeemer,
As a Victim won the day.
2. God in pity saw man fallen,
Shamed and sunk in misery,
When he fell on death by tasting
Fruit of the forbidden tree:
Then another tree was chosen
Which the world from death should free.

3. Therefore when the appointed fulness
Of the holy time was come,
He was sent who maketh all things
Forth from God's eternal home:
Thus he came to earth, incarnate,
Offspring of a maiden's womb.
4. Thirty years among us dwelling,
Now at length his hour fulfilled,
Born for this, he meets his Passion,
For that this he freely willed,
On the Cross the Lamb is lifted,
Where his life-blood shall be spilled.
5. To the Trinity be glory,
To the Father and the Son,
With the co-eternal Spirit,
Ever Three and ever One,
One in love and one in splendor,
While unending ages run. Amen.

Words: Latin, Venantius Fortunatus 530-609
Tr mainly by Percy Dearmer 1867-1936
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THE PROCLAMATION OF THE CROSS

A cross is carried into the Church. It is the cross that forms the base of the Paschal Candle stand. (On Easter morning the cross will form the base again as the light of Christ triumphs). The bearer halts three times: at the entrance of the Church, in the midst of the congregation, and at the entrance to the chancel. On each occasion is said:

Behold the wood of the cross on which was hung the Saviour of the World.

Come let us worship him!

Saviour of the World, who by your cross and precious blood has redeemed us,
Save us and help us, we humbly beseech you, O Lord.

The Reproaches (J.B. Dykes) led by the Choir: we kneel if possible

The congregation may join with the Trisagion when sung

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

Let your bearing to one another arise out of your life in Christ Jesus.
He humbled himself
and in obedience accepted the death of the cross.
But God has bestowed on him the name that is above every name,
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

*Those who wish to do so are invited to come forward to venerate the cross
during the singing of the hymn*

Hymn: 97 NEH

1. At the Cross her station keeping,
Stood the mournful Mother weeping,
Close to Jesus at the last.
Through her soul, of joy bereavèd,
Bowed with anguish, deeply grieved,
Now at lengthy the sword hath passed.
2. Who on Christ's dear Mother gazing,
In her trouble so amazing,
Born of woman, would not weep?
Who on Christ's dear Mother thinking,
Such a cup of sorrow drinking,
Would not share her sorrow deep?
3. In the Passion of my Maker,
Be my sinful soul partaker,
May I bear with her my part;
Of his Passion bear the token,
In a spirit bowed and broken
Bear his death within my heart.
4. Jesu, may thy Cross defend me,
And thy saving death befriend me,
Cherished by thy deathless grace;
When to dust my dust returneth,
Grant a soul that to thee yearneth
In thy Paradise a place.

There follows a period of contemplation during which we sit or kneel

THE GREAT INTERCESSION

God sent his son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Therefore we pray for people everywhere according to their needs.

For the Church:

In peace let us pray for the holy Church of God throughout the world, that God the almighty Father will guide it, and gather it together in peace and tranquillity.

Silent prayer

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of compassion, you have shown your glory to all nations in Christ your Son; guide the work of your Church, help it to persevere in faith, to proclaim your Name, and to bring salvation to all people.

For the clergy and laity of the Church:

Let us pray for Philip our Primate and Archbishop, Paul our Bishop, and for all bishops, priests and deacons, for all men and women who have a special ministry in the Church, for those preparing for baptism, first communion, confirmation, marriage and for all God's people.

Silent prayer

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of compassion, by your Holy Spirit you teach your Church and make us holy: help each of us to do your work more faithfully.

For the unity of Christians:

Let us pray for all who share our faith in Christ, that God may gather and keep together in one community all those who sincerely seek the truth.

Silent prayer

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

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God of compassion, by our baptism you have made us one with Christ in the life of his Church: make us one with each other in faith, love, and service.

For those who do not believe in God:

Let us pray for all who do not believe in God, that, in their seeking, they may find the one, true God.

Silent prayer

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of compassion, you created man and woman in your image: may all who long to find you, and, in you, find their peace, come to acknowledge you as the maker and redeemer of us all.

For those who do not know Christ:

Let us pray for those who do not know Christ, that the light of the Holy Spirit may show them the way to salvation.

Silent prayer

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of compassion, whose Son was lifted up from the earth to draw all people to himself: enable those who do not have knowledge of Christ to find the truth and to share in his mercy and grace.

For all in public office:

Let us pray for all who serve in public office, that God may guide their minds and hearts so that all may live in peace and freedom.

Silent prayer

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of compassion, you know the longings of our hearts and you desire justice for all: guide those in authority, that people everywhere may enjoy, and rightly use, freedom, security, and peace.

For those in special need:

Let us pray that the God from whom all tenderness and healing flow may heal the sick, comfort the dying, give safety to travellers, free those unjustly deprived of liberty, and rid the world of falsehood, hunger, violence and disease.

Silent prayer

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of compassion, you give strength to the weary and new courage to those who have lost heart: have mercy on those in trouble that they may know the joy of receiving your help in their hour of need.

Let us commit ourselves to God, and pray for the grace of a holy life, that, with all who have departed this world and have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to God alone, we may be counted worthy to enter into the fullness of the joy of our Lord, and receive the crown of life in the day of resurrection. We make our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn: 92 NEH

1. There is a green hill far away
Without a city wall,
Where the dear Lord was crucified,
Who died to save us all.
2. We may not know, we cannot tell
What pains He had to bear;
But we believe it was for us
He hung and suffered there.
3. He died that we might be forgiven,
He died to make us good,
That we might go at last to heaven,
Saved by His precious blood.
4. There was no other good enough
To pay the price of sin;
He only could unlock the gate
Of Heaven and let us in.