



The Liturgy of Good Friday

Friday 18th April 2025
9.30am

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The Gathering

The ministers enter in silence.

All may kneel for a time of silent prayer.

COLLECT

All stand and the president says the Collect

Almighty God,
look with mercy on this your family,
for which our Lord Jesus Christ was content to be betrayed
and given up into the hands of sinners
and to suffer death upon the cross;
who is alive and glorified with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Sit

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 52.13-53.12

At the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord

All **Thanks be to God.**

Silence is kept.

GRADUAL

Psalm 51.1-9 and 19

Miserere mei, Deus

Have mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness:
according to the multitude of thy mercies
do away mine offences.

Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness:
and cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my faults: and my sin is ever before me.

Against thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in thy
sight: that thou mightest be justified in thy saying,
and clear when thou art judged.

Behold, I was shapen in wickedness:
and in sin hath my mother conceived me.

But lo, thou requirest truth in the inward parts:
and shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly.

Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean:
thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness:
that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

Turn thy face from my sins: and put out all my misdeeds.

Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifice of
righteousness, with the burnt-offerings and oblations :
then shall they offer young bullocks upon thine altar.

Music: Gregorio Allegri (1582-1652)

SECOND READING

HEBREWS 10.16-25

At the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord

All **Thanks be to God.**

Silence is kept.

ANTHEM

Were you there? *Lloyd*

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble!
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Oh sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble!
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble!
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Were you there when they rolled the stone away?
Oh sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble!
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Words: American Spiritual

PASSION GOSPEL

JOHN 18.1-end of 19

Sung by the choir to the setting by Tomás Luis de Victoria.

The passion is introduced by the Evangelist

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*As this is a long reading the congregation may remain seated until the words
'So they took Jesus ...'
when all stand.*

At the end

This is the Passion of the Lord.

No response is made.

Silence is kept.

HOMILY

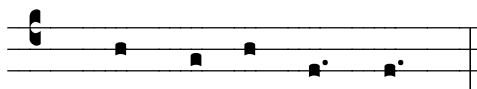
The Very Rev'd Dr Simon Jones, Dean

Silence is kept.

The Proclamation of the Cross

A wooden cross is brought into St Hugh's Choir by the gospeller and placed in the sight of the people. As the cross is carried in, the procession stops three times, and the following versicle and response is sung

This is the wood of the cross,
on which hung the Saviour of the world.



All **Come, let us worship.**

*When the cross has been placed in front of the altar the president venerates the cross, followed by the clergy and the congregation.
During this the Reproaches are sung by the choir.*

THE REPROACHES *John Sanders*

O my people, what have I done to you?
How have I offended you? Answer me!

I led you out of Egypt, from slavery to freedom,
but you led your Saviour to the cross.

O my people, what have I done to you?
How have I offended you? Answer me!

Holy is God! Holy and strong! Holy Immortal One,
Holy Immortal One, have mercy upon us.

For forty years I led you safely through the desert.
I fed you with manna from heaven, and brought you to a
land of plenty: but you led your Saviour to the cross.

Holy is God! Holy and strong! Holy Immortal One,
Holy Immortal One, have mercy upon us.

What more could I have done for you?
I planted you as my fairest vine, but you yielded only
bitterness: When I was thirsty you gave me vinegar to
drink, and you pierced your Saviour's side with a lance.

Holy is God! Holy and strong! Holy Immortal One,
Holy Immortal One, have mercy upon us.

I opened the sea before you,
but you opened my side with a spear.
I led you on your way in a pillar of cloud,
but you led me to Pilate's court.

O my people, what have I done to you?
How have I offended you? Answer me!

I bore you up with manna in the desert,
but you struck me down and scourged me.
I gave you saving water from the rock,
but you gave me gall and vinegar to drink.

O my people, what have I done to you?
How have I offended you? Answer me!

I gave you a royal sceptre,
but you gave me a crown of thorns.
I raised you to the height of majesty,
but you raised me high on a cross.

O my people, what have I done to you?
How have I offended you? Answer me!

Words: Prudentius (846-61)

After all who wish to have approached the Cross, it is placed at the altar.

ACCLAMATION

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,
All **because by your holy cross
you have redeemed the world.**

This is the wood of the cross,
on which hung the Saviour of the world.
All **Come, let us worship.**

O Saviour of the world, who by your cross and precious
blood have redeemed us,
All **save us and help us, we humbly pray.**

The Prayers of Intercession

The president introduces the prayers

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

A minister continues with these biddings, the president saying the Collect at the end of each section.

Minister Let us pray for the Church of God throughout the world:
for unity in faith, in witness and in service,
for bishops and other ministers,
and those whom they serve,
for Stephen, our bishop, and the people of this diocese,
for all Christians in this place,
for those to be baptised,
for those who are mocked and persecuted for their faith,
that God will confirm his Church in faith,
increase it in love, and preserve it in peace.

Silence is kept.

Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

President Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church
is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful
people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

All **Amen.**

Minister Let us pray for the nations of the world and their leaders:
for Charles our King and the Parliaments of this land,
for those who administer the law and all who serve in
public office,
for all who strive for justice and reconciliation,
that by God's help the world may live in peace and
freedom.

Silence is kept.

Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

President Most gracious God and Father,
in whose will is our peace,
turn our hearts and the hearts of all to yourself,
that by the power of your Spirit
the peace which is founded on justice
may be established throughout the world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Minister Let us pray for God's ancient people, the Jews,
the first to hear his word:
for greater understanding between Christian and Jew,
for the removal of our blindness and bitterness of heart,
that God will grant us grace to be faithful to his covenant
and to grow in the love of his name.

Silence is kept.

Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

President Lord God of Abraham,
bless the children of your covenant,
both Jew and Christian;
take from us all blindness and bitterness of heart,
and hasten the coming of your kingdom,
when the Gentiles shall be gathered in,
all Israel shall be saved,
and we shall dwell together in mutual love and peace
under the one God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All **Amen.**

Minister Let us pray for those who do not believe
the gospel of Christ:
for those who have not heard the message of salvation,
for all who have lost faith,
for the contemptuous and scornful,
for those who are enemies of Christ and persecute those
who follow him,
for all who deny the faith of Christ crucified,
that God will open their hearts to the truth
and lead them to faith and obedience.

Silence is kept.

Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

President Merciful God,
creator of all the people of the earth,
have compassion on all who do not know you,
and by the preaching of your gospel
with grace and power,
gather them into the one fold of the one Shepherd;
Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Minister Let us pray for all those who suffer:
for those who are deprived and oppressed,
for all who are sick, for those in darkness,
in doubt and in despair, in loneliness and in fear,
for prisoners, captives and refugees,
for the victims of false accusations and violence,
for all at the point of death
and those who watch beside them,
that God in his mercy will sustain them
with the knowledge of his love.

Silence is kept.

Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

President Almighty and everlasting God,
the comfort of the sad, the strength of those who suffer:
hear the prayers of your children
who cry out of any trouble,
and to every distressed soul grant mercy,
relief and refreshment,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Minister Let us commend ourselves and all God's children to his
unfailing love, and pray for the grace of a holy life,
that, with all who have died in the peace of Christ,
we may come to the fullness of eternal life
and the joy of the resurrection.

Silence is kept.

Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

President O God of unchangeable power and eternal light,
look favourably on your whole Church,
that wonderful and sacred mystery,
and by the tranquil operation
of your perpetual providence
carry out the work of our salvation:
and let the whole world feel and see
that things which were cast down are being raised up
and things which had grown old are being made new
and that all things are returning to perfection
through him from whom they took their origin,
even Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

HYMN

During the following hymn a fair linen cloth is placed on the altar and the sacrament is brought from one of the chapels.

**Faithful Cross! above all other
one and only noble Tree!
None in foliage, none in blossom,
none in fruit thy peer may be;
sweetest wood and sweetest iron!
Sweetest weight is hung on thee.**

**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.**

**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.**

**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.**

**He endured the nails, the spitting,
vinegar and spear and reed;
from that holy Body pierced
blood and water forth proceed:
earth and stars and sky and ocean
by that flood from stain are freed.**

**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 splendour,
while unending ages run. Amen.**

*Words: Venantius Honorius Clementianus Fortunatus (530-609),
translated by Percy Dearmer (1867-1936) and J. M. Neale (1818-66)*

*Music: Plainsong, mode iii
(NEH 517)*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Standing at the foot of the cross,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us
All **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power,
and the glory, for ever and ever.
Amen.**

GIVING OF COMMUNION

The president invites members of the congregation to receive communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
All **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

The president and people receive communion.

ANTHEM DURING COMMUNION

In ieunio et fletu Thomas Tallis

*In ieunio et fletu,
orabant sacerdotes,
parce Domine,
parce populo tuo,
et ne des hereditatem
tuam in perditionem,
inter vestibulum
et altare plorabant
sacerdotes dicentes,
parce populo tuo.*

In fasting and weeping
the priests prayed,
spare, O Lord,
spare thy people,
and give not thine
inheritance to perdition.
Between the porch and the
altar the priests wept, saying,
spare thy people.

*Music: Thomas Tallis (1505-1585),
edited by T. Wilson, Vice-Chancellor of Lincoln (2023-)
Words: Joel 2.12, 17, Responsory for the first Sunday of Lent*

The Conclusion

Silence is kept.

The service concludes with the following prayer

Most merciful God, who by the death
and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross
we may triumph in the power of his victory;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

HYMN

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.

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.

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 am I dead to all the globe,
and all the globe is dead to me.

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)

Music: Edward Miller (1731-1807)

(NEH 95)

There is no blessing or dismissal, and the ministers depart in silence.

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