

The Liturgy of Good Friday 2023



The Gathering

*The ministers return in silence.
All kneel for a time of silent prayer.*

The Collect is said.
Almighty Father, 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.
Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

We sit

*The choir sings **Psalm 22.1-18***

New Testament Reading

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Silence is kept.

*We remain seated as cantors
and the choir sing,*

The Passion Gospel

We proclaim the Cross

The priest says
The cross of Christ.
**The cross on which the Saviour of
the world was hung.**

*The ministers venerate the cross. All in the
congregation, who so wish, may follow on.*
*The choir sings The Reproaches in a setting
by Damian Lundy, arranged by Christopher
Walker*

This hymn is sung,

**My song is love unknown,
my Saviour's love to me;
love to the loveless shown,
That they might lovingly be.
O who am I, that for my sake
my Lord should take frail flesh and die?**

**He came from his blest throne
salvation to bestow;
but men made strange, and none
the longed-for Christ would know.
But O, my Friend, my Friend indeed,
who at my need his life did spend!**

**Sometimes they strew his way,
and his sweet praises sing;
resounding all the day
hosannas to their King.
Then 'Crucify!' is all their breath,
and for his death they thirst and cry.**

**They rise, and needs will have
my dear Lord made away;
a murderer they save,
the Prince of Life they slay.
Yet cheerful he to suffering goes,
that he his foes
from thence might free.**

**Here might I stay and sing:
no story so divine;
never was love, dear King,
never was grief like Thine!
This is my Friend,
in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend.**

Prayers of Intercession

We kneel or sit to pray,
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.

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 Steven and Alan our bishops,
and the people of this diocese,
for all Christians in this place,
for those to be baptized,
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.
Lord, graciously hear us.

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. **Amen.**

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.
Lord, graciously hear us.

Most gracious God and Father, 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. **Amen.**

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.

Lord, graciously hear us.

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.

Amen.

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.

Lord, graciously hear us.

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. **Amen.**

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.

Lord, graciously hear us.

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. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

We stand to sing,

**O sacred head, sore wounded,
defiled and put to scorn;
O kingly head, surrounded
with mocking crown of thorn:
what sorrow mars thy grandeur?
Can death thy bloom deflower?
O countenance whose splendour
the hosts of heaven adore.**

**In thy most bitter passion
my heart to share doth cry,
with thee for my salvation
upon the cross to die.
Ah, keep my heart thus moved
to stand thy cross beneath,
to mourn thee, well-beloved,
yet thank thee for thy death.**

**My days are few, O fail not,
with thine immortal power,
to hold me that I quail not
in death's most fearful hour:**

**That I may fight befriended,
and see in my last strife
to me thine arms extended
upon the cross of life.**

The Lord's Prayer

Standing at the foot of the Cross, as
our Saviour taught us, so we 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.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Giving of Communion

The priest says

Draw near with faith. Receive the body
of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you, and his blood
which he shed for you. Eat and drink in
remembrance that he died for you, and
feed on him in your hearts by faith with
thanksgiving.

*The people receive the communion. Those
who do not wish to receive are welcome at
the Altar for a blessing.*

The choir sings

○ Saviour of the world - *John Goss*

○ Saviour of the world, who by thy
cross and precious blood hast redeemed
us. Save us and help us, we humbly
beseech Thee, O Lord. Amen.

The Conclusion

Silence is kept.

○ Lord Jesus Christ,
Son of the living God, set your
passion, cross and death between
your judgement and our souls,
now and in the hour of our death.
Grant mercy and grace to the living,
rest to the departed, to your Church
peace and concord and to us sinners
forgiveness, and everlasting life and
glory; for, with the Father and the
Holy Spirit, you are alive and reign,
God, now and for ever.

Amen.

We depart in silence

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