

The Way of the Cross

A Service for Good Friday



Friday 15 April 2022
12 noon

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Musicians

The Cathedral Choir is conducted by Geoffrey Woollatt, Sub-Organist.
The organ is played by Alexander Wilton,
Sydney Nicholson Organ Scholar.

President

The Rev'd Steven Hilton

Large-print copies of this booklet are also available

The Gathering

The ministers enter in silence. The congregation remains seated.

All sit or kneel for a time of silent prayer.

President 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.

All **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 52. 13 - 53. 12

- ¹³ See, my servant shall prosper;
 he shall be exalted and lifted up,
 and shall be very high.
- ¹⁴ 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—
- ¹⁵ 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.
- ¹ Who has believed what we have heard?
 And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?
- ² 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.

- ³ 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.
- ⁴ Surely he has borne our infirmities
and carried our diseases;
yet we accounted him stricken,
struck down by God, and afflicted.
- ⁵ 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.
- ⁶ 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.
- ⁷ 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.
- ⁸ 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.
- ⁹ 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.
- ¹⁰ 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.
- ¹¹ 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.

¹² 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.

The Lamentation

sung by the Choir

Incipit lamentatio Jeremiæ prophetæ:

ALEPH

Quomodo sedet sola civitas plena populo!
Facta est quasi vidua domina gentium;
princeps provinciarum facta est sub tributo.

BETH

Plorans ploravit in nocte, et lacrimæ ejus in maxillis ejus:
non est qui consoletur eam, ex omnibus caris ejus;
omnes amici ejus spreverunt eam, et facti sunt ei inimici.

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, convertere ad Dominum Deum tuum.

*Here begin the lamentations of the prophet Jeremiah:
How lonely sits the city that was full of people!
How like a widow has she become, she who was great among the nations!
She who was a princess among the provinces has become a slave.*

*She weeps bitterly in the night, with tears on her cheeks;
among all her lovers she has none to comfort her;
all her friends have dealt treacherously with her; they have become her enemies.*

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God.

Thomas Tallis (1505-85)

Words from the Lamentations of Jeremiah

New Testament Reading

Hebrews 4. 14-16; 5. 7-9

¹⁴ Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

⁷ In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸ Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹ and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him,

Please stand

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.

The Passion Gospel

John 19. 1 - 37

Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548-1611)

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

At that time Pilate therefore took Jesus, and scourged him. And the soldiers platted a crown of thorns, and put it on his head, and they put on him a purple robe, and said, Hail, King of the Jews! and they smote him with their hands. Pilate therefore went forth again, and saith unto them, Behold, I bring him forth to you, that ye may know that I find no fault in him.

Then Jesus came forth, wearing the crown of thorns, and the purple robe. And Pilate saith unto them, Behold the man! When the chief priests therefore and officers saw him, they cried out, saying, Crucify him, crucify him.

Pilate saith unto them, Take ye him, and crucify him: for I find no fault in him. The Jews answered him, We have a law, and by our law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God.

When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he was the more afraid; and went again into the judgement hall, and saith unto Jesus, Whence art thou?

But Jesus gave him no answer. Then Pilate saith unto him, Speakest thou not unto me? knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee? Jesus answered, Thou couldest have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above: therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin. And from thenceforth Pilate sought to release him: but the Jews cried out, saying, If thou let this man go, thou art not Caesar's friend: whosoever maketh himself a king speaketh against Caesar.

When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Jesus forth, and sat down in the judgement seat in a place that is called the Pavement, but in the Hebrew, Gabbatha. And it was the preparation of the passover, and about the sixth hour: and he saith unto the Jews, Behold your King! But they cried out, Away with him, away with him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your King? The chief priests answered, We have no king but Caesar. Then delivered he him therefore unto them to be crucified.

And they took Jesus, and led him away. And he bearing his cross went forth into a place called the place of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew Golgotha: where they crucified him, and two other with him, on either side one, and Jesus in the midst. And Pilate wrote a title, and put it on the cross. And the writing was JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS. This title then read many of the Jews: for the place where Jesus was crucified was nigh to the city: and it was written in Hebrew, and Greek, and Latin. Then said the chief priests of the Jews to Pilate, Write not, The King of the Jews; but that he said, I am the King of the Jews. Pilate answered, What I have written I have written. Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took his garments, and made four parts, to every soldier a part; and also his coat: now the coat was without seam, woven from the top throughout. They said therefore among themselves, Let us not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be: that the scripture might be fulfilled, which saith,

they parted my raiment among them,
and for my vesture they did cast lots.

These things therefore the soldiers did.

Now there stood by the cross of Jesus his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son! Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home.

After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst. Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar: and they filled a sponge with vinegar, and put it upon hyssop, and put it to his mouth. When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

A moment of silence is kept.

The Jews therefore, because it was the preparation, that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the sabbath day, (for that sabbath day was an high day,) besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. Then came the soldiers, and brake the legs of the first, and of the other which was crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs: but one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water. And he that saw it bare record, and his record is true: and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might believe. For these things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken. And again another scripture saith, They shall look on him whom they pierced.

Silence is kept.

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

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.

Rockingham NEH 95

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Adapted by Edward Miller (1731-1807)

Harmony chiefly from Webbe's collection of Psalm-Tunes 1820

President Father into your hands I commend my spirit.

Remain standing

The Proclamation of the Cross

Hymn

During the hymn the Cross is carried through the congregation.

There is a green hill far away,
Without a city wall,
Where the dear Lord was crucified
Who died to save us all.

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.

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.

There was no other good enough
To pay the price of sin;
He only could unlock the gate
Of heaven, and let us in.

O dearly, dearly has he loved,
And we must love him too,
And trust in his redeeming blood,
And try his works to do.

Horsley NEH 92
W Horsley (1774-1858)

Mrs C F Alexander (1818-95)

President 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.**

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

Please sit

The Ministers lead the congregation in silent prayer before the cross.

During the music which follows, members of the congregation are invited to venerate the cross by coming to the platform and kneeling before it at the foot of the Cross for a few seconds.

Christus, der uns selig macht, BWV 620 *Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)*

The Reproaches

Popule meus, quid feci tibi?

*O my people, what have I done
unto thee?*

Aut in quo contristavi te?
responde mihi.

*Or wherein have I wearied thee?
Testify against me.*

Quia eduxi te de terra Aegypti:

*Because I brought thee forth
from the land of Egypt,*

parasti Crucem Salvatori tuo.

*thou hast prepared a cross for
thy Saviour.*

Hagios o Theos. Sanctus Deus.

Holy God.

Hagios Ischyros. Santis fortis.

Holy, and strong.

Hagios Athanatos, eleison himas.

Holy and immortal,

Sanctus immortalis, miserere nobis.

have mercy upon us.

Quia eduxi te per desertum

*Because I led thee through the desert
forty years,*

quadraginta annis,

and fed thee with manna,

et manna cibavi te,

and brought thee into a land

et introduxi te in terram satis

exceeding good:

optimam:

thou hast prepared a cross for thy Saviour.

parasti Crucem Salvatori tuo.

Tomás Luis de Victoria

The Liturgy of Good Friday

The Solemn Prayers

President 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.

Minister Let us pray for the Church of God throughout the world –
for unity in faith, witness and service
for bishops and other ministers, and those whom they serve,
for our bishops and the people of this diocese,
for all Christians in this place,
for those to be baptized and confirmed,
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

Minister 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
each may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Minister Let us pray for the nations of the world and their leaders –
for Elizabeth our Queen 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

Minister 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 love which is founded on justice
may be established throughout the world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 the contemptuous and the 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

Minister 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 those who suffer –
for all who are sick,
for those in darkness, doubt, despair or fear,
for prisoners, captives and refugees,
for the victims of false accusation and violence,
for those 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

Minister 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 we may come to the fullness of eternal life
and the joy of the resurrection.

President O God of unchangeable power and eternal light,
look favourably on your whole Church,
that wonderful and sacred mystery.
By the effectual working of your providence,
carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation.
Let the world see and know
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 being brought to their perfection
by him through whom all things were made,
your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Ministry of the Sacrament

Please stand

Hymn

During the hymn, the bread consecrated on Maundy Thursday is brought to the altar.

My song is love unknown,
My Saviour's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown,
That they might lovely 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.

Why, what hath my Lord done?
What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run,
He gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries!
Yet they at these
Themselves displease,
And 'gainst him rise.

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.

In life no house, no home,
My Lord on earth might have;
In death no friendly tomb,
But what a stranger gave.
What may I say?
Heav'n was his home;
But mine the tomb
Wherein he lay.

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.

Love Unknown NEH 86
John Ireland (1879-1962)

Samuel Crossman (1624-83)

President Lord Jesus, remember us when you come into your Kingdom,
and teach us to pray.

Our Father,	我們在天上的父，
who art in heaven,	願祢的名被尊為聖，
hallowed be thy name,	願祢的國降臨，
thy kingdom come,	願祢的旨意行在地上，
thy will be done,	如同行在天上。
on earth as it is in heaven.	我們日用的飲食，
Give us this day our daily bread.	今天賜給我們。
And forgive us our trespasses,	饒恕我們的罪，
as we forgive those	如同我們饒恕得罪我們的人。
who trespass against us.	不叫我們遇見試探，
And lead us not into temptation;	拯救我們脫離兇惡。
but deliver us from evil.	因為國度、權柄、榮耀，
For thine is the kingdom,	都是祢的，
the power, and the glory,	從現在直到永遠。阿們。
for ever and ever.	
Amen.	

Chinese

President My brothers and sisters in Christ,
last night we called to mind the last supper of our blessed Lord.
We kept our solemn watch with Jesus and today,
the day on which the body was broken,
I invite you to share in the broken body of Christ.

All God's Holy Gifts for God's Holy People
Jesus Christ is Holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Prayer for Spiritual Holy Communion

I believe that you, O Jesus, are in the most holy Sacrament. I love you and desire you. Come into my heart. I embrace you. Never leave me. May the burning and most sweet power of your love, O Lord Jesus Christ, I beseech you, absorb my mind that I may die through love of your love, who were graciously pleased to die through love of my love. **Amen.**

Prayer of St Francis

Those who wish to come forward to receive Communion may do so; today we only receive in one kind. The consecrated bread is from the Maundy Thursday Watch of last night, reminding us that these three great days are all one celebration.

*Please follow the directions of the stewards.
During Communion, the Choir sings the anthem.*

Anthem

In manus tuas, Domine, commendo spiritum meum.
Redemisti nos Domine, Deus Veritatis.
Gloria Patri et Filio, et spiritui Sancto.

*Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit,
for thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, thou God of truth.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.*

Christopher Stokes

Psalm 31. 6

After Communion, please stand

Prayer

President O 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.

All **Amen.**

The Conclusion

*During the organ chorale-prelude, the procession moves westwards.
The congregation follows, and all face the Tower.*

Da Jesus an dem Kreuze stund, BWV 621

Johann Sebastian Bach

Anthem

sung by the Choir

Drop, drop, slow tears,
And bathe those beautiful feet,
Which brought from Heaven
The news and Prince of Peace:

Cease not, wet eyes,
His mercy to entreat;
To cry for vengeance
Sin doth never cease.

In your deep floods
Drown all my faults and fears;
Nor let His eye
See sin, but through my tears.

Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

Phineas Fletcher (1582-1650)

*At the conclusion of the anthem the doors are shut,
symbolising the closing of the tomb.*

*Please return to the Nave and use the Cathedral for private prayer
before you leave, if you so wish.*

*Please take this order of service away with you to reflect upon the music, readings
and prayers, and as a reminder of your visit today.*

*“The dark nails pierce him and the sky turns black
We watch him as he labours to draw breath
He takes our breath away to give it back,
Return it to it’s birth through his slow death.
We hear him struggle breathing through the pain
Who once breathed out his spirit on the deep,
Who formed us when he mixed the dust with rain
And drew us into consciousness from sleep.
His spirit and his life he breathes in all
Mantles his world in his one atmosphere
And now he comes to breathe beneath the pall
Of our pollutions, draw our injured air
To cleanse it and renew. His final breath
Breathes us, and bears us through the gates of death”.*

“Stations of the Cross” by Malcolm Guite

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