

**Hymn: 557 Praise to the Holiest
in the height**

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,
in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that 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.**

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

**5th Gospel Reading:
The Burial - John 19.38-42**

Organ Voluntary

***Refreshments will be served in the north
aisle of the church***



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GOOD FRIDAY

**In this is love, not that we loved God
but that he loved us and sent his Son to
be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.**
(1 John 4:10)

The Collect:

Eternal God, in the cross of Jesus we see
the cost of our sin and the depth of your
love: in humble hope and fear may we
place at his feet all that we have and all
that we are, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

Hymn: 120 O sacred head, surrounded

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 53

Silence

(Choir)

Psalms 22: Plainsong Chant

New Testament Reading:

Hebrews 4.14-16, 5.7-9

(Choir)

Anthem: Thou Knowest, Lord: Purcell

1st Gospel Reading:

The Arrest John 18.1-14

Silence

**Hymn: 605 Through the night of doubt
and sorrow**

**2nd Gospel Reading:
Peter's Denials and the trial John 18.15-40**

Meditation and Silence

*Focussing on the wooden cross
whilst the next hymn is sung*

Hymn: Beneath the cross of Jesus

Beneath the cross of Jesus
I find a place to stand,
And wonder at such mercy
That calls me as I am.
For hands that should discard me
Hold wounds which tell me come.
Beneath the cross of Jesus
My unworthy soul is won.

Beneath the cross of Jesus,
His fam'ly is my own.
Once strangers chasing selfish dreams;
Now, one through grace alone.
How could I now dishonour
The ones that You have loved?
Beneath the cross of Jesus
See the children called by God.

Beneath the cross of Jesus,
The path before the crown,
We follow in His footsteps
Where promised hope is found.
How great the joy before us
To be His perfect bride.
Beneath the cross of Jesus
We will gladly live our lives.

**3rd Gospel Reading:
The Sentence John 19.1-16**

Meditation and Silence

**Hymn: 127 When I survey the
wondrous cross**

Silence

(Choir)

**Anthem: Lord, for thy tender mercies sake:
Farrant**

Prayer:

Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by?
Look and see if there is any sorrow like my
sorrow which was brought upon me,
which the Lord inflicted on the day of his
fierce anger.

**All: Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.**

O my people, O my Church,
what have I done to you,
or in what have I offended you?
Testify against me.
I led you forth from the land of Egypt,
and delivered you by the waters of baptism,
but you have prepared a cross for your
Saviour.

**All: Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.**

I led you through the desert forty years,
and fed you with manna.
I brought you through tribulation and
penitence, and gave you my body, the bread
of heaven, but you prepared a cross for your
Saviour.

**All: Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.**

What more could I have done for
you that I have not done?
I planted you, my chosen and fairest
vineyard, I made you the branches
of my vine;
but when I was thirsty, you gave me
vinegar to drink, and pierced with a
spear the side of your Saviour.

**All: Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.**

I went before you in a pillar of
cloud, and you have led me to the
judgement hall of Pilate. I scourged
your enemies and brought you to a
land of freedom, but you have
scourged, mocked and beaten me.
I gave you the water of salvation
from the rock, but you have given
me gall and left me to thirst.

**All: Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.**

I gave you a royal sceptre,
and bestowed the keys of the
kingdom, but you have given me a
crown of thorns. I raised you on
high with great power, but you have
hanged me on the cross.

**All: Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.**

My peace I gave, which the world
cannot give, and washed your feet
as a sign of my love, but you draw
the sword to strike in my name, and
seek high places in my kingdom.

I offered you my body and blood, but
you scatter and deny and abandon me.

**All: Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.**

I sent the Spirit of truth to guide you,
and you close your hearts to the
Counsellor. I pray that all may be one in
the Father and me, but you continue to
quarrel and divide. I call you to go and
bring forth fruit, but you cast lots for my
clothing.

**All: Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.**

I came to you as the least of your
brothers and sisters;
I was hungry and you gave me no food,
I was thirsty and you gave me no drink,
I was a stranger and you did not
welcome me, naked and you did not
clothe me, sick and in prison and you did
not visit me.

**All: Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.**

**All: Father, hear our prayer
and forgive us.
Unstop our ears that we may
receive the gospel of the cross.
Lighten our eyes that we may see
your glory in the face of your Son.
Penetrate our minds that your
truth may make us whole.
Irradiate our hearts with your love
that we may love one another for
Christ's sake. Father, forgive us.**

Hymn: 123 There is a green hill far away

**4th Gospel Reading:
The Crucifixion John 19.17-37**

Silence

Prayer:

You are worthy, O Lamb, for you were slain,
and by your blood you ransomed for God
saints from every tribe and language and
nation; you have made them to be a
kingdom and priests serving our God.

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

To him who loves us
and has freed us from our sins by his blood,
and made us a kingdom of priests
to stand and serve before our God;

**All: to him who sits upon the throne
and to the Lamb be praise
and honour, glory and might,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

We stand to declare together

**All: Christ died for sins once for all,
The righteous for the unrighteous,
to bring us to God.
Therefore God has exalted Him to
the highest place, and given Him the
Name that is above every name,
That at the name of Jesus every
knee should bow, in heaven and on
earth, and under the earth,
and every tongue confess that
Jesus Christ is Lord,
To the glory of God the Father.
Amen**