

Good Friday

Waiting at the foot of the Cross

Friday 10th April 2020

Silence is a significant part of the observance of Good Friday, and silence will be observed at various points of this service.

A candle is lit in front of the cross. The cross being made from the Christmas tree that was placed in Holy Trinity over the Christmas season.

Opening responses

- In the shadow of our suffering
All is the suffering of Jesus.
- In the shadow of our weakness
All is the vulnerability of the Christ.
- In the shadow of our pain
All is the God who cried out.
- We are never rejected,
All we are never abandoned.

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.

Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 52.13–end of 53

Silence is kept

Psalm 22.1-21

Reflection music – Lacrimosa (Weeping) by Andy Smith

The Passion Reading – John 18 & 19.1-38

The candle is extinguished as a symbol of Jesus' death and silence is kept after the reading.

Acclamations

You took our worst:
All you gave your best.
You took our hate:
All you gave your love.
You took that cross:
All you changed everything.
We adore you, O Christ,
All and we bless you.

Prayers of intercession

We have a time of silent prayer. You might wish to pray for:

- The worldwide Church.
- For Christians who are persecuted and tortured for their faith.
- For those whose faith is shaky or lost.
- The Leaders of the Nations.
- The relationship between countries, especially those at war.
- Those tackling the Coronavirus at national level.
- The relationship between people of all faiths and none.
- The sick and suffering.
- Those who minister to them and care for them.
- Those at the point of death, especially those who are afraid.
- Those who have died.

Reflection music – J. S. Bach, Largo (performed by Esther King Smith)

Gospel of the Burial of Christ – John 19.38-42

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Reflection music – There is a green hill far away (arranged by Andy Smith)

The service concludes after a period of silent reflection.