

# Good Friday

## *Waiting at the foot of the Cross*

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2022

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

### 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.**

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

*Reflection music*

*(during the music you are invited to come up to light your candle and place it at the foot of the cross)*

- 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.*

### New Testament Reading – Hebrews 10.1-25

*Silence is kept.*

## Reflection by Richard Hackworth

*Reflection music*

### The Passion Reading – John 18-19.1-37

*The candles are 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.**

## Reflection by Richard Hackworth

*Reflection music*

*(during the music you are invited to write on your prayer card a person or place in need of God's love and care and hang it on the cross)*

### Prayers of intercession

Jesus willingly submitted to suffer in our place. Let us pray to God our Father, and place in his hands the suffering of the world. Let us say:  
'Have mercy on your people, Lord' after each petition.

We pray for the church, that we may bear our cross and follow Jesus.  
This is our prayer:

- All have mercy on your people, Lord.**

We pray for those who have sinned, like Peter.  
Teach us to be sorry for our sins, and forgive us for Jesus' sake.  
This is our prayer:

- All have mercy on your people, Lord.**

We pray for prisoners and criminals like Barrabas.  
May they find true freedom by changing the way they live.  
This is our prayer:

**All have mercy on your people, Lord.**

We pray for people in government, like Pilate.  
May they be responsible and serve truth and justice.  
This is our prayer:

**All have mercy on your people, Lord.**

We pray for those who are dying,  
like the thieves who died with Jesus.  
May they die with Jesus by their side,  
and be received into your kingdom.  
This is our prayer:

**All have mercy on your people, Lord.**

We pray for parents like Mary who have lost a child.  
May they bear their suffering and know the comfort of your love.  
This is our prayer:

**All have mercy on your people, Lord.**

We pray for the whole human race,  
that we may all come to know Jesus as our Lord and Saviour.  
This is our prayer:

**All have mercy on your people, Lord.**

Father, may the suffering and death of Jesus lighten the burdens of all  
those who suffer. Lead us in the way of the cross, so that, as we suffer  
with Jesus, we may rise to life in his glory, for he lives and reigns with  
you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**All Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Standing at the foot of the cross,  
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour 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.**

*Reflection music*

## **Gospel of the Burial of Christ – John 19.38-42**

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*The service concludes after a period of silent reflection.*