

Good Friday

Waiting at the foot of the Cross

Friday 2nd April 2021

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 – Stabat Mater no. 3

(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.**

Bible Reading – Isaiah 52.13–end of 53

Silence is kept.

Bible Reading – Psalm 22.1-21

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Reflection by Richard Hackworth

Reflection music – Lacrimosa (Weeping) by Andy Smith

The Passion Reading – John 18 & 19.1-38

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.

Prayers of intercession

A short petition is said followed by a short silence.

We 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 and global 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.

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 – Station 14

Gospel of the Burial of Christ – John 19.38-42

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Reflection music – There is a green hill far away

The service concludes after a period of silent reflection.