

## Order of Service for Good Friday – 7<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Welcome to our Good Friday Meditative Service.  
Tom Watts will be leading our time together this morning.

### Welcome

### Song: 'The power of the cross'

#### OH TO SEE THE DAWN OF THE DARKEST DAY

Christ on the road to Calvary  
Tried by sinful men torn and beaten then  
Nailed to a cross of wood

*This the pow'r of the cross  
Christ became sin for us  
Took the blame bore the wrath  
We stand forgiven at the cross*

Oh to see the pain written on Your face  
Bearing the awesome weight of sin  
Ev'ry bitter thought ev'ry evil deed  
Crowning Your bloodstained brow

Now the daylight flees now the ground beneath  
Quakes as its Maker bows His head  
Curtain torn in two dead are raised to life  
Finished the vict'ry cry

Oh to see my name written in the wounds  
For through Your suff'ring I am free  
Death is crushed to death life is mine to live  
Won through Your selfless love

*This the pow'r of the cross  
Son of God slain for us  
What a love what a cost  
We stand forgiven at the cross*

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**Reading: Mark 15:21-39 on page 1022 (Chris Disney)**

**Psalm 22:1-5 on page 554**

**Reflection 1**

**Song: 'There is a green hill far away'**

**THERE IS A GREEN HILL FAR AWAY**

Outside 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 forgiv'n  
He died to make us good  
That we might go at last to heav'n  
Saved by His precious blood

There was no other good enough  
To pay the price of sin  
He only could unlock the gate  
Of heav'n 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

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**Psalm 22:6-11 on page 554**

**Reflection 2**

**Song: 'My song is love unknown'**

**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

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  
Heaven was His home  
But mine the tomb  
Wherein He lay

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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

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## **Psalm 22:12-21 on page 554**

### **Reflection 3**

#### **Song (Choir): 'Remember me'**

#### **IN THE NIGHT IN WHICH OUR SAVIOUR WAS BETRAY'D**

He broke the bread and to His friends He said  
Take and eat this is My body giv'n for you  
Take and drink this blood of Mine is shed for you  
Do this always to remember Me  
Remember Me

In the night in which our Savior was denied  
He bowed His head and to the Father cried  
If it be Your will let this cup pass from Me  
If it be Your will spare Me this agony  
In My darkest hour will You remember Me  
Remember Me

In the night in which my deepest doubts are known  
You come to me and I am not alone  
When I taste Your blood and body giv'n for me  
When I hear Your prayer in dark Gethsemane  
Then I know You will remember me  
Remember me  
O Lord remember me  
Remember me

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## Psalm 22:22-31 on page 554

### Reflection 4

Prayers      Corinne Brixton

**Song: 'It's finished the messiah dies'**

**IT'S FINISHED THE MESSIAH DIES,**  
Cut off for sins, but not his own;  
Completed is the sacrifice,  
The great redeeming work is done.  
Yes, finished all the debt is paid,  
Justice divine is satisfied,  
the grand and full atonement made:  
God for a guilty world has died.

The temple curtain is torn down,  
the living way to heaven is seen;  
through Christ the middle wall has gone  
and all who will may enter in.  
The ancient shadows are fulfilled,  
the Scripture prophecies prove true,  
the sinless Lamb of God is killed,  
the promised covenant made new.

The reign of sin and death is done,  
and all may live, from sin set free;  
Satan and his pretended throne  
are swallowed up in victory.  
Saved from the curse of God I am;  
my Saviour hangs upon a tree  
See there the meek and silent Lamb;  
his final breath he breathes for me.

In Christ accepted and brought near  
and clothed in righteousness divine,  
I see the path to life made clear,  
and all your merits, Lord, are mine.

Death, hell and sin are now subdued  
all grace is now to sinners given,  
and so I plead the atoning blood  
and claim the title deeds of heaven.

**Final Reading:     John 19:28-30 on page 1088 (Tom Watts)**

**Closing Prayer**