

Order of Service for Good Friday – 29th March 2024

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 14:1-26 on page 1019 (James Lee)

Reflection 1: 'This is my body'

Song: 'On the cross'

ON THE CROSS ON THE CROSS

Where the King of Glory died
Here is grace here is love
Flowing from that wounded side
Amazing mystery
That He should die for me
As a perfect sacrifice
On the Cross on the Cross
Love incarnate on the Cross

At the Cross at the Cross
All my sin on Jesus laid
Mine the debt His the cost
By His blood the price is paid
And through His suffering
That fragrant offering
Arms of love are opened wide
At the Cross at the Cross
There is healing at the Cross

To the Cross to the Cross
Spirit lead me to the Cross
Bowed in awe at His feet
Richest gain I count as loss
Nothing compares with this
To share His righteousness
And be called a child of God
To the Cross to the Cross
Spirit lead me to the Cross

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Reading: Mark 14:27-52 on page 1020 (Clare Ross)

Reflection 2: 'Not what I will but what you will'

Song: 'When I survey the wondrous cross' (Rockingham)

WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS

On which the Prince of glory died
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride

Forbid it Lord that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ my God
All the vain things that charm me most
I sacrifice them to His blood

See from His head His hands His feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down
Did ever such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown

Were the whole realm of nature mine
That were an offering far too small
Love so amazing so divine
Demands my soul my life my all

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Reading: Mark 14:53-15:15 on page 1021 (Roger Staton)

Reflection 3: 'I am'

Video: 'The Look'

Reading: Mark 15:16-39 on page 1022 (Ruth Ku)

Reflection 4: 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?'

Prayers Corinne Brixton

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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Final Reading: Mark 15:40-47 on page 1023 (Tom Watts)

Closing Prayer