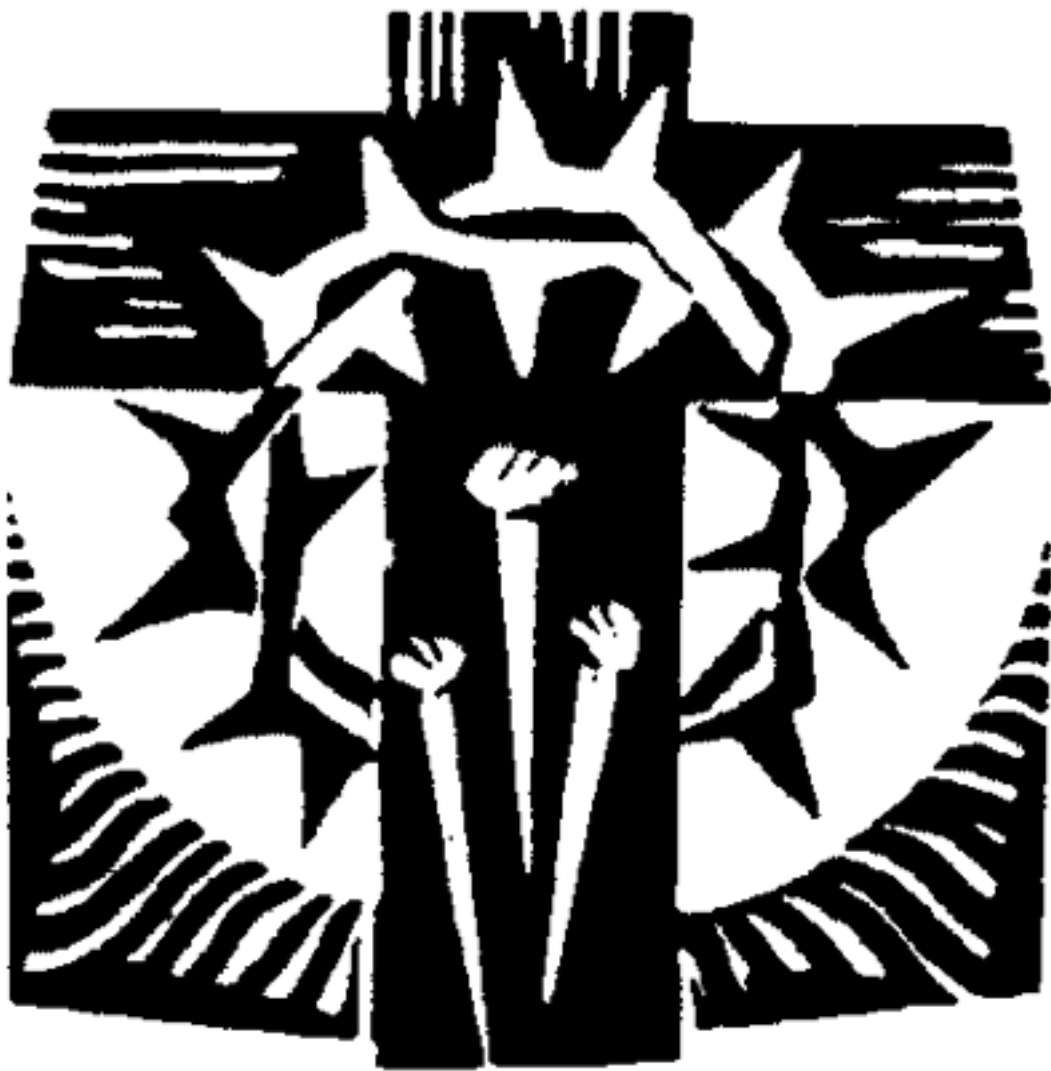




# Good Friday Morning Service



## ***The Gathering***

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.  
**Amen.**

## ***Hymn***

### ***Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12***

## ***Psalm 22***

***Refrain: Be not far from me, O Lord.***

1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me,  
and are so far from my salvation,  
from the words of my distress?

2 O my God, I cry in the daytime,  
but you do not answer;  
and by night also, but I find no rest.

3 Yet you are the Holy One,  
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.

4 Our forebears trusted in you;  
they trusted, and you delivered them.

5 They cried out to you and were delivered;  
they put their trust in you and were not confounded.

***Refrain: Be not far from me, O Lord.***

6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man,  
scorned by all and despised by the people.

7 All who see me laugh me to scorn;  
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,

8 'He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him;  
let him deliver him, if he delights in him.'

9 But it is you that took me out of the womb  
and laid me safe upon my mother's breast.

10 On you was I cast ever since I was born;  
you are my God even from my mother's womb.

11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near at hand.  
and there is none to help.

***Refrain: Be not far from me, O Lord.***

12 Mighty oxen come around me;  
fat bulls of Bashan close me in on every side.

13 They gape upon me with their mouths,  
as it were a ramping and a roaring lion.

14 I am poured out like water;  
all my bones are out of joint;

my heart has become like wax  
melting in the depths of my body

15 My mouth is dried up like a potsherd;  
my tongue cleaves to my gums;  
you have laid me in the dust of death

***Refrain: Be not far from me, O Lord.***

16 For the hounds are all about me:  
the pack of evildoers close in on me  
they pierce my hands and my feet.

17 I can count all my bones;  
they stand staring and looking upon me.

18 They divide my garments among them;  
they cast lots for my clothing.

19 Be not far from me, O Lord;  
you are my strength; hasten to help me.

20 Deliver my soul from the sword,  
my poor life from the power of the dog.

21 Save me from the lion's mouth,  
from the horns of wild oxen.  
You have answered me!

***Refrain: Be not far from me, O Lord.***

**Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now and shall be for ever.**

**Amen.**

*New Testament Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9*

*Hymn*

*Gospel Reading: John 19:1-30*

*Sermon*

*Hymn*

*The Proclamation of the Cross*

Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by?  
Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow  
which was brought upon me,  
which the Lord inflicted on the day of his fierce anger.

**All Holy God,  
holy and strong,  
holy and immortal,  
have mercy upon us.**

O my people, O my Church,  
what have I done to you,  
or in what have I offended you?  
Testify against me.  
I led you forth from the land of Egypt,  
and delivered you by the waters of baptism,  
but you have prepared across for your Saviour

**All Holy God,  
holy and strong,  
holy and immortal,  
have mercy upon us.**

I led you through the desert forty years,  
and fed you with manna.

I brought you through tribulation and penitence,  
and gave you my body, the bread of heaven,  
but you prepared a cross for your Saviour.

***All Holy God,***  
**holy and strong,**  
**holy and immortal,**  
**have mercy upon us.**

What more could I have done for you  
that I have not done?

I planted you, my chosen and fairest vineyard,  
I made you the branches of my vine;  
but when I was thirsty, you gave me vinegar to drink,  
and pierced with a spear the side of your Saviour.

***All Holy God,***  
**holy and strong,**  
**holy and immortal,**  
**have mercy upon us.**

I went before you in a pillar of cloud,  
and you have led me to the judgement hall of Pilate.

I scourged your enemies and brought you  
to a land of freedom,  
but you have scourged, mocked and beaten me.  
but you have given me gall and left me to thirst.

***All Holy God,***  
**holy and strong,**  
**holy and immortal,**  
**have mercy upon us.**

I gave you a royal sceptre,  
and bestowed the keys of the kingdom,  
but you have given me a crown of thorns,  
I raised you on high with great power,  
but you have hanged me on the cross.

***All Holy God,***  
**holy and strong,**  
**holy and immortal,**  
**have mercy upon us.**

My peace I gave, which the world cannot give,  
and washed your feet as a sign of my love,  
but you draw the sword to strike in my name,  
and seek high places in my kingdom.  
I offered you my body and blood,  
but you scatter and deny and abandon me.

***All Holy God,***  
**holy and strong,**  
**holy and immortal,**  
**have mercy upon us.**

I sent the Spirit of truth to guide you,  
and you close your hearts to the Counsellor.  
I pray that all may be one in the Father and me,  
but you continue to quarrel and divide,  
I call you to go and bring forth fruit,  
but you cast lots for my clothing.

***All Holy God,***  
**holy and strong,**  
**holy and immortal,**  
**have mercy upon us.**

I came to you as the least of your brothers and sisters;  
I was hungry and you gave me no food,  
I was thirsty and you gave me no drink,  
I was a stranger and you did not welcome me,  
naked and you did not clothe me,  
sick and in prison and you did not visit me.

**All Holy God,  
holy and strong,  
holy and immortal,  
have mercy upon us.**

### ***The Prayers of Intercession***

Jesus, though crucified, is raised from the dead and now draws alongside us as we offer prayers to God for the world, the church and all for whom Jesus died on the cross.

Lord, hear us

**Lord, graciously hear us**

We pray for the church of God on this Good Friday that all who are disciples of Jesus will be given the grace and strength they need to walk in the way of the cross speaking words of love and truth in places of hatred and lies.

Lord, hear us

**Lord, graciously hear us**

We pray for God's world on this Good Friday that the dying Jesus on the cross and the living Jesus of resurrection will draw all people to himself, the source of eternal reconciliation and salvation.

Lord, hear us

**Lord, graciously hear us**



We pray for the communities in which we live, work and worship that bonds of love within families and between friends will be healed where they are broken and strengthened where they are weak.

Lord, hear us

**Lord, graciously hear us**

We pray for all those who are experiencing their own Good Friday darkness that all who suffer pain of body or mind will be held by the hands of Jesus which bear the marks of his pain and the promise of restoration and resurrection.

Lord, hear us

**Lord, graciously hear us**

Heavenly Father, at the foot of the cross on which Jesus died we offer you these prayers in hope, trusting in your promise to hear us and in your power which raised Jesus from the dead. Let your grace, mercy, love and peace surround us and all those for whom we have prayed in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**Amen.**

Saying The Lords Prayer together...

**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.**

**Amen.**

## *Closing prayers*

O God of unchanging power and eternal light,  
look favourably on your whole Church,  
that wonderful and sacred mystery,  
and by the tranquil operation of your perpetual providence  
carry out the work of our salvation:  
and let the whole world feel and see  
that things which were cast down are being raised up  
and things which had grown old are being made new  
and that all things are returning to perfection  
through him from whom they took their origin,  
even Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen**

## *Hymn*

O Lord Jesus Christ,  
Son of the living God,  
set your passion, cross and death  
between your judgement and our souls,  
now and in the hour of our death.  
Grant mercy and grace to the living,  
rest to the departed,  
to your Church peace and concord  
and to us sinners forgiveness,  
and everlasting life and glory:  
for, with the Father and the Holy Spirit,  
you are alive and reign,  
God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

**Congregation is welcome to stay for HotCross  
buns and Coffee before our Churches Together  
Procession of the Cross at 11:30am,**

**or to leave in silence.**

