



A reflective service for Good Friday Caistor St Edmund

Ministers enter in silence: all sit/kneel

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**

Psalm 22:1-11

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

**Why are you so far from saving me,
so far from my cries of anguish?**

**² My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer,
by night, but I find no rest.**

³ Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One;
you are the one Israel praises.
⁴ In you our ancestors put their trust;
they trusted and you delivered them.
⁵ To you they cried out and were saved;
in you they trusted and were not put to shame.
⁶ But I am a worm and not a man,
scorned by everyone, despised by the people.
⁷ All who see me mock me;
they hurl insults, shaking their heads.
⁸ 'He trusts in the Lord,' they say,
'let the Lord rescue him.
Let him deliver him,
since he delights in him.'
⁹ Yet you brought me out of the womb;
you made me trust in you, even at my mother's breast.
¹⁰ From birth I was cast on you;
from my mother's womb you have been my God.
¹¹ Do not be far from me, for trouble is near
and there is no one to help.

Hymn: When I survey the wondrous cross

**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 Lord
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**

Isaac Watts 1674-1748



Jesus said: Father forgive them for they do not know what they are doing. Luke 23:34

Let us confess our sins to God:

Lord Jesus Christ, we confess we have failed you as did your first disciples. We ask for your mercy and your help.

Our selfishness betrays you:
Lord forgive us.

Christ have mercy.

We fail to share the pain of your suffering:
Lord, forgive us.

Christ have mercy.

We run away from those who abuse you:
Lord, forgive us.

Christ have mercy.

We are afraid of being known to belong to you;
Lord, forgive us.

Christ have mercy.

Absolution:

May the Father of all mercies
Cleanse us from our sins,
And restore us in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Jesus answered him, "I tell you, the truth, today you will be with me in paradise. Luke 23:43

We stand and declare our faith

Though he was divine, he did not cling to equality with God but made himself nothing. Taking the form of a slave, he was born in human likeness. He humbled himself and was obedient to death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God has raised him on high, and given him the name above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen

Song: How deep the Father's love

**How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory**

**Behold the man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished**

**I will not boast in anything
No gifts, no power, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom**

Stuart Townend

*Jesus cried out with a loud voice, My God, my
God why have you forsaken me? Matthew 27:46*

Reading: Isaiah 52:13-53:end

Jesus said to his mother "Dear woman, here is your son" John 19:26

Hymn: There is a green hill

**There is a green hill far away,
without 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 forgiven,
he died to make us good,
that we might go at last to heaven,
saved by his precious blood.**

**There was no other good enough,
to pay the price of sin;
he, only, could unlock the gate
of heaven 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.**

Cecil Frances Alexander 1818-1895

Reading: John 19:1-27

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JOHN 3:16

Jesus says: I am thirsty. John 19:28

Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty". A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips. When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished". With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. John 19:28-30

It is accomplished John 19:30

Time of quiet contemplation followed by a reflection

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,
**Because by your holy cross
you have redeemed the world.**

O Saviour of the world,
Who by your cross and precious blood has re-
deemed us.
Save us and help us, we humbly pray.

*Jesus said "Father, into your hands I commit my
spirit". Luke 23:46*

So we pray to God for the world he loves and sent
his Son to die for:

Reach out to hold
Reach out to help.

Standing at the foot of the cross, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done;
on earth as it is 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**

Final reading: John 19:31-42

**I stand amazed in the presence
Of Jesus the Nazarene,
And wonder how He could love me,
A sinner condemned, unclean.**

**Refrain:
How marvellous! How wonderful!
And my song shall ever be:
How marvellous! How wonderful!
Is my Saviour's love for me!**

**For me it was in the garden,
He prayed: "Not my will, but Thine."
He had no tears for His own griefs
But sweat-drops of blood for mine.**

Refrain:

**In pity angels beheld Him,
And came from the world of light
To strengthen Him in the sorrows
He bore for my soul that night.**

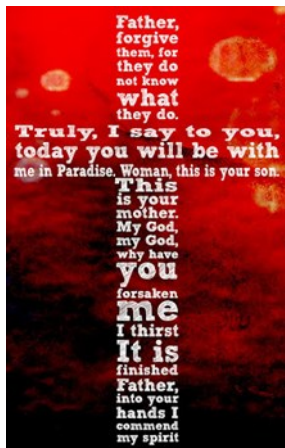
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**He took my sins and my sorrows,
He made them His very own;
He bore the burden to Cal'ry,
And suffered, and died alone.**

**When with the ransomed in glory
His face I at last shall see,
Twill be my joy through the ages
To sing of His love for me.**

Charles H Gabriel 1858-1932

Please feel free to leave in silence or stay seated in
silence until we serve you refreshments



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