



Good Friday 2024
at the foot of the cross

We enter in silence and remain seated as the service begins.

Welcome

We look on from a distance,
a distance of time and space and culture.
And it hurts for us to watch Jesus dying,
even at a distance.
It hurts to know that we are being rescued.
It hurts to know how much we are valued and loved.

We thank you for the depth of your love for us.

Please stand if you are able

Hymn: Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
(American folk hymn) A&M 184

We sit

Collect

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 are,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12

This is the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

Silence is kept

Reading: Psalm 22 : 1 - 11

Please stand if you are able

Hymn: There is a green hill
(A&M 153) Cecil Frances Alexander (1818–1895)

We sit for a moment's silence but then stand if you are able for the reading of the Passion. Feel free to sit at any time during the reading.

The Passion Reading

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
John 18: 1 - end of 19

We sit.

Silence is kept

Reflection

We listen to Crux Fiddles

*Faithful Cross! above all other, one and only noble Tree!
None in foliage, none in blossom, none in fruit thy peers may be;
sweetest wood and sweetest iron!
Sweetest Weight is hung on thee!*

Confession

We pray together

Father, hear our prayer and forgive us.
Unstop our ears,
that we may receive the gospel of the cross.
Lighten our eyes,
that we may see your glory in the face of your Son.
Penetrate our minds,
that your truth may make us whole.
Irradiate our hearts with your love,
that we may love one another for Christ's sake.
Father, forgive us.

Silence

Be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, as
God in Christ forgave you.

Prayers of Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

We stand if we are able.

Hymn: When I survey the wondrous cross
(A&M 157) Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Please sit

Closing Prayer

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.

All Amen.

Please leave in silence.