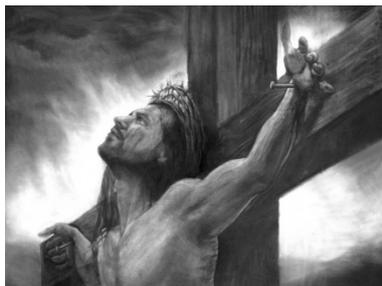


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## **GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE**

### **Welcome**

Sentence of scripture:

Through Christ, let us offer up a sacrifice of praise to God,  
**the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name.**

*(Hebrews 13.15)*

**Hymn 92** (HORSLEY, *New English Hymnal*)

There is a green hill far away,  
Without a city wall,  
Where our 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.

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O dearly, dearly has he loved!  
And we must love him too,  
And trust in his redeeming blood,  
And try his works to do.

Music: W. Horsley 1774-1858  
Text: Mrs C. F. Alexander 1818-95

**We have complete freedom: to go into the most holy place by means of the death, of Jesus. He opened for us a new way, a living way: through the curtain through his own body. Since we have a great high priest, set over the household of God: let us come near to God with a sincere heart and sure faith, with hearts that have been made clean from a guilty conscience: and bodies washed with pure water.**

*(Hebrews 10:19-22)*

Glory to God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit;  
**As in the beginning, so now: and for ever. Amen.**

Let us pray.

We pray for your Church, Lord; deliver it from all evil, perfect it in your love, and by the power of your Holy Spirit gather us and all men into your kingdom; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen**

**A Reading from Isaiah, Chapter 52,**  
beginning to read from the 13<sup>th</sup> verse

Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted. As many were astonished at you— his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—so shall he sprinkle many nations. Kings shall shut their mouths because of him, for that which has not been told them they see, and that

which they have not heard they understand. Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—everyone—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

**A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews, Chapter 4,**  
beginning to read from the 14<sup>th</sup> verse

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Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. And no one takes this honour for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him,

“You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek.”

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

### **The Canticle, Saviour of the World**

*(author unknown)*

Jesus Saviour of the world come to us in your mercy:  
**we look to you to save and help us.**

By your cross and your life laid down you set your people free:  
**we look to you to save and help us.**

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When they were ready to perish, you saved -your disciples:  
**we look to you to come to our help.**

In the greatness of your mercy, loose us from our chains:  
**forgive the sins of all your people.**

Make yourself known as our Saviour and mighty Deliverer:  
**save and help us that we may praise you.**

Come now and dwell with us Lord Christ Jesus:  
**hear our prayer and be with us always.**

And when you come in your glory:  
**make us to be one with you and to share the life of your kingdom.**

### **The Prayers**

Lord, have mercy on us.

**Christ, have mercy on us.**

Lord, have mercy on us.

O merciful God, you have made all people and you hate nothing that you have made, nor desire the death of sinners, but rather that they should repent and live: have mercy on all who have not known you, or who deny that faith of Christ crucified: take from them all ignorance, hardness of heart, and contempt of your word; and so fetch them home, blessed Lord, to your fold, that we may be made one flock under one shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen**

Eternal God and Father, by whose power we are created and by whose love we are redeemed: guide and strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may give ourselves to your service, and live this day in love to one another and to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Prayer of Approach to God**

God the Father, creator of heaven and earth,  
**have mercy on us.**

God the Son, redeemer of the world,  
**have mercy on us.**

God the Holy Spirit, the strengthener,  
**have mercy on us.**

Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, three persons and one God,  
**have mercy on us.**

## **Prayers for Deliverance**

Lord, remember not our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers; spare us, good Lord, spare your people whom you have redeemed with your precious blood.

**Spare us, good Lord.**

From all evil and mischief; from sin; from the craft and assaults of the devil; from your wrath; and from everlasting damnation,

**good Lord, deliver us.**

From all spiritual blindness; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all uncharitableness,

**good Lord, deliver us.**

From all deadly sin; and from the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

**good Lord, deliver us.**

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From all false doctrine, heresy, and splits; from hardness of heart, and contempt of your word and commandment,  
**good Lord, deliver us.**

From earthquake and tempest; from drought, fire, and flood; from civil strife and violence; from war and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,  
**good Lord, deliver us.**

### **Prayer Recalling Christ's Saving Work**

By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your holy birth; by your circumcision and obedience to the law; by your baptism, fasting, and temptation,  
**good Lord, deliver us.**

By your agony and bitter grief; by your cross and passion; by your precious death and burial; by your glorious resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Spirit,  
**good Lord, deliver us.**

In our times of trouble; in our times of prosperity; in the hour of death, and on the day of judgment,  
**good Lord, deliver us.**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

Receive now our prayers, Lord God. May it please you to rule and govern your holy church universal and lead it in the right way.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Strengthen your servant Elizabeth our Queen in true worship and holiness of life; be her defender and keeper, that she may always seek your honour and glory.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

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Bless and defend all who strive for our safety and protection, and shield them in all dangers and adversities.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Grant wisdom and insight to those who govern us, and to judges and magistrates the grace to execute justice with mercy.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Enlighten all bishops, priests, and deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of your word, that in their preaching and living they may declare it clearly and show its truth.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Encourage and prosper your servants who spread the gospel in all the world, and send out labourers into the harvest.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Bless and keep your people, that all may find and follow their true vocation and ministry.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Give us a heart to love and reverence you, that we may diligently live according to your commandments.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

To all your people give growth in grace to listen to your word, to receive it gladly, and to bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Strengthen those who stand firm in the faith; encourage the fainthearted; raise up those who fall; and finally beat down Satan under our feet.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

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To all nations grant unity, peace and concord; and to every-one in your world give dignity, food, and shelter.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Grant us abundant harvests; strength and skill to conserve the resources of the earth; and wisdom to use them well.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Enlighten with your Spirit all places of education and learning.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Come to the help of all who are in danger, necessity, and trouble; protect all who travel by land, air, or water; and show your pity on all prisoners and captives.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Strengthen and preserve all women who are in childbirth, and all young children; and comfort the aged and lonely.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Defend and provide for the widowed and the fatherless, the refugees and the homeless, and all who are desolate and oppressed.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Heal those who are sick in body or mind; and give skill and compassion to all who care for them.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers; and turn their hearts.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Grant us true repentance; forgive our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and strengthen us by your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your holy word.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

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Son of God, we ask you to hear us.

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Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
**grant us your peace.**

Lord, have mercy on us.

**Christ, have mercy on us.**

Lord, have mercy on us.

*All say*

**Our Father in heaven,**

**hallowed be your Name,**

**your kingdom come,**

**your will be done on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours**

**now and for ever. Amen.**

### **Collects for Good Friday**

Almighty Father look graciously upon this your family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and given up into the hands of wicked men, to suffer death upon the cross; who now live and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

Almighty and eternal God, by who Spirit the whole body of the church is governed and sanctified: receive our prayer which we offer before you for many different members of your holy Church; that everyone of them in their vocation and ministry

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may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Merciful God, you have made all people and hate nothing that you have made, nor do you desire a death of a sinner but rather that he/she should be converted and live: have mercy on your ancient people the Jews, and all who do not know you, or who deny the faith of Christ crucified. Take from them all ignorance, hardness of heart, and contempt of your word; and bring them home to your fold, blessed Lord, so that they may become one flock under one shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

### **A Prayer of Saint Chrysostom**

Almighty God, you have given us grace to bring before you with one accord our common supplications, and you promise that when two or three are gathered together in your Name you will grant their requests; fulfill now, Lord, the desires and petitions of your servants, as may be most expedient for them, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen**

### **A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Mark**

Chapter 15, beginning to read at the 21<sup>st</sup> verse

*The Deacon or Priest makes the Sign of the Cross on the book and, together with the people, on his forehead, lips, and breast. At the same time the people acclaim:*

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*The priest proclaims the Gospel.*

### **The Crucifixion**

And they compelled a passer-by, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to

carry his cross. And they brought him to the place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. And they crucified him and divided his garments among them, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take. And it was the third hour<sup>[a]</sup> when they crucified him. And the inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." And with him they crucified two robbers, one on his right and one on his left. And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and aying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!" So also the chief priests with the scribes mocked him to one another, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe" Those who were crucified with him also reviled him.

### **The Death of Jesus**

And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" And some of the bystanders hearing it said, "Behold, he is calling Elijah." And someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!"

There were also women looking on from a distance, among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. When he was in Galilee, they followed him and ministered to him, and there were also many other women who came up with him to Jerusalem.

## **Jesus Is Buried**

And when evening had come, since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the Sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate was surprised to hear that he should have already died. And summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the corpse to Joseph. And Joseph bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud and laid him in a tomb that had been cut out of the rock. And he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Jesus saw where he was laid.

*A sermon is given.*

## **Hymn 92** (ROCKINGHAM, *New English Hymnal*)

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 e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

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Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a present far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

Music: Adapted by Edward Miller 1731-1807  
Text: Isaac Watts 1674-1748

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Let us praise the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Christ our crucified Saviour draw you to himself, that you may find in him a sure hope and the assurance of sins forgiven: and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen**

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