

# Good Friday



*Worship for St Thomas' Church, Wednesfield  
Service begins on YouTube at 6.30pm  
Available afterwards too*

## **We prepare to worship**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ became obedient unto death for us,  
**even death upon a cross.**

He was pierced for our sins,  
**bruised for no fault but our own.**

His punishment has brought us peace.  
**By his wounds we are healed.**

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain  
to receive power and riches and wisdom,  
**strength and honour, glory and praise.**  
**Amen.**

## **Hymn – When I survey**

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?

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.

*Watts, Isaac*

## **Prayers for a new beginning**

God shows his love for us  
in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.  
Let us then show our love for him  
by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

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.**

May almighty God,  
who sent his Son into the world to save sinners,  
bring you his pardon and peace, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## 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 have and all that we are,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## First Reading – Isaiah 52:13-53:12

<sup>13</sup>See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high. <sup>14</sup>Just as there were many who were astonished at him – so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of mortals – <sup>15</sup>so he shall startle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which had not been told them they shall see, and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate.

<sup>1</sup>Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? <sup>2</sup>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, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. <sup>3</sup>He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account.

<sup>4</sup>Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. <sup>5</sup>But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. <sup>6</sup>All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

<sup>7</sup>He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. <sup>8</sup>By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. <sup>9</sup>They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

<sup>10</sup>Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the LORD shall prosper.

<sup>11</sup>Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. <sup>12</sup>Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

## **Hymn – 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.

Why, what hath my Lord done?  
What makes this rage and spite?  
He made the lame to run,  
he gave the blind their sight.  
Sweet injuries! Yet they at these  
themselves displease, and 'gainst him rise.

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? Heav'n was his home;  
but mine the tomb wherein he lay.

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.

*Samuel Crossman*

## Second Reading - Hebrews 10.16-25

The Holy Spirit testifies to us, for after saying, <sup>16</sup>'This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds', <sup>17</sup>he also adds, 'I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.' <sup>18</sup>Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

<sup>19</sup>Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup>by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), <sup>21</sup>and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup>let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup>Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup>And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup>not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

## Sermon

### Declaration of Faith

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

**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.**

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**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.**

## **Praise**

You are worthy, O Christ, for you were slain;  
and by your blood you ransomed for God  
saints from every tribe and language and nation;  
you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God.  
**We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,  
because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

To him who loves us  
and has freed us from our sins by his blood,  
and made us a kingdom of priests  
to stand and serve before our God;  
**To him who sits upon the throne and to the Lamb  
be praise and honour, glory and might,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **Prayers**

*We use this response through the prayers.*

...By the Saviour's cross and passion,  
**Lord, save us and help us.**

*The prayers end,*  
Holy God,  
**holy and strong,  
holy and immortal,  
have mercy on us.**



## **The Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

## **Song – Come see the beauty of the Lord**

Come see the beauty of the Lord  
Come see the beauty of His face  
See the lamb that once was slain  
See on His palms is carved your name  
See how our pain has pierced His heart  
And on his brow He bears our pride  
A crown of thorns

But only love pours from His heart  
As silently He takes the blame  
He has my name upon his lips  
My condemnation falls on Him  
This love is marvellous to me  
His sacrifice has set me free  
And now I live

Come see the beauty of the Lord  
Come see the beauty of His face

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## Song – Hope is here (Jesus saves)

Hope is here,  
Shout the news to everyone,  
It's a new day, peace has come:  
Jesus saves.  
Mercy triumphs at the cross,  
Love has come to rescue us:  
Jesus saves.

*Hope is here, what a joyful noise we'll make,  
As we join with heaven's song  
To let all the world know that Jesus saves.  
Raise a shout to let all the world know that Jesus saves.*

Free at last,  
Every debt has been repaid,  
Broken hearts can be remade:  
Jesus saves.  
Sing above the storms of life,  
Sing it through the darkest night:  
Jesus saves.

*Free at last, what a joyful noise we'll make,  
As we join with heaven's song  
To let all the world know that Jesus saves.  
Raise a shout to let all the world know that Jesus saves.*

You save, You heal, restore, reveal  
Your Father's heart to us.  
You rose to raise us from the grave;  
Your Spirit lives in us.

*Sing it out, to let all the world know that Jesus saves.  
Raise a shout to let all the world know that Jesus saves.*

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## **Blessing**

Christ crucified draw you to himself,  
to find in him a sure ground for faith,  
a firm support for hope,  
and the assurance of sins forgiven;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

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