



Southwell  
Minster

*The Cathedral and Parish Church  
of the Blessed Virgin Mary*



# LITURGY OF GOOD FRIDAY

Friday 2 April 2021  
3.00pm

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The Preacher and Deacon is The Revd Dr Richard Frith, *Canon Precentor*.

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The congregation is invited to join in all texts printed in **bold**.

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## **The Liturgy of Good Friday**

The Liturgy of Good Friday is a drama in five acts; a brief, spare Gathering; the Liturgy of the Word, culminating in the singing of the Passion according to St John; prayers of intercession for the Church and for the world; the veneration of the Cross; and the sharing of Holy Communion, using the consecrated hosts reserved at the Liturgy of Maundy Thursday.

Parts of this liturgy are very ancient: the solemn recitation of St John's Passion and the veneration of the Cross (originally a relic of the Cross) both occurred at Jerusalem in the fourth century. The distribution of Holy Communion on Good Friday will be less familiar to some Anglicans; but many have found the sharing of 'the body of Christ, broken for you' in this way, on this most sombre of days, to be a powerful and compelling act.

Following today's liturgies, the church remains stripped of all decoration. It continues bare and empty throughout Easter Eve, which is a day without a liturgy other than the continued daily offices of Morning and Evening Prayer: there can be no adequate way of recalling the being dead of the Son of God, other than silence and desolation. But within the silence there grows a sense of peace and completion, and then rising excitement as the vigil of Easter draws near.

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# ORDER OF SERVICE

## THE GATHERING

*Please remain seated or kneel as the choir and ministers enter in silence. The ministers kneel, and all pray silently.*

### COLLECT

*President* Almighty Father,  
look with mercy on this your family  
for which our Lord Jesus Christ was content to be betrayed  
and given up into the hands of sinners  
and to suffer death upon the Cross;  
who is alive and glorified with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

*Please sit*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *read by Jan Richardson*

Isaiah 52: 13 - 53: end

See, my servant shall prosper;  
he shall be exalted and lifted up,  
and shall be very high.  
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 —  
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.

Who has believed what we have heard?  
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,  
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.  
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.

Surely he has borne our infirmities  
and carried our diseases;  
yet we accounted him stricken,  
struck down by God, and afflicted.  
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.  
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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALMODY

Psalm 22: 1-21

*Choir*

My God, my God, look upon me; why hast thou forsaken me:

and art so far from my health, and from the words of my complaint?

O my God, I cry in the day-time, but thou hearest not:

and in the night-season also I take no rest.

And thou continuest holy:  
O thou worship of Israel.  
Our fathers hoped in thee:  
they trusted in thee, and thou didst deliver them.  
They called upon thee, and were holpen:  
they put their trust in thee, and were not confounded.  
But as for me, I am a worm, and no man:  
a very scorn of men, and the out-cast of the people.  
All they that see me laugh me to scorn:  
they shoot out their lips, and shake their heads, saying,  
He trusted in God, that he would deliver him:  
let him deliver him, if he will have him.  
But thou art he that took me out of my mother's womb:  
thou wast my hope, when I hanged yet upon my mother's breasts.  
I have been left unto thee ever since I was born:  
thou art my God even from my mother's womb.  
O go not from me, for trouble is hard at hand:  
and there is none to help me.  
Many oxen are come about me:  
fat bulls of Basan close me in on every side.  
They gape upon me with their mouths:  
as it were a ramping and a roaring lion.  
I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint:  
my heart also in the midst of my body is even like melting wax.  
My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue cleaveth to my gums:  
and thou shalt bring me into the dust of death.  
For many dogs are come about me:  
and the council of the wicked layeth siege against me.  
They pierced my hands and my feet; I may tell all my bones:  
they stand staring and looking upon me.  
They part my garments among them:  
and cast lots upon my vesture.  
But be not thou far from me, O Lord:  
thou art my succour, haste thee to help me.  
Deliver my soul from the sword:  
my darling from the power of the dog.  
Save me from the lion's mouth:  
thou hast heard me also from among the horns of the unicorns.

Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathise with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Please remain seated or kneel*

THE PASSION *sung by the Canon Precentor and choir*

John 19: 1-37

*Narrator* The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. At that time: Pilate therefore took Jesus, and scourged him. And the soldiers platted a crown of thorns, and put it on his head: and they put on him a purple robe, and said:

*Soldiers* 'Hail, King of the Jews.'

*Narrator* And they smote him with their hands. Pilate therefore went forth again, and saith unto them:

*Pilate* 'Behold. I bring him forth to you, that ye may know that I find no fault in him.'

*Narrator* Then came Jesus forth, wearing the crown of thorns, and the purple robe. And Pilate saith unto them:

*Pilate* 'Behold the man.'

*Narrator* When the chief priests therefore and officers saw him, they cried out, saying:

*Jews* 'Crucify him, crucify him.'

*Narrator* Pilate saith unto them:

*Pilate* 'Take ye him, and crucify him: for I find no fault in him.'

*Narrator* The Jews answered him:

*Jews* 'We have a law, and by our law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God.'

*Narrator* When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he was more than afraid. And went again into the judgement hall: and saith unto Jesus:

*Pilate* 'Whence art thou?'

*Narrator* But Jesus gave him no answer. Then saith Pilate unto him:

*Pilate* 'Speakest thou not unto me? Knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee?'

*Narrator* Jesus answered:

*Jesus* 'Thou couldest have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above. Therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin.'

*Narrator* And from thenceforth Pilate sought to release him. But the Jews cried out, saying:

*Jews* 'If thou let this man go, thou art not Caesar's friend. Whoso ever maketh himself a king speaketh against Caesar.'

*Narrator* When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Jesus forth, and sat down in the judgement seat, in a place that is called the pavement, but in the Hebrew Gabbatha. And it was the Preparation of the Passover, and about the sixth hour, and he saith unto the Jews:

*Pilate* 'Behold your King.'

*Narrator* But they cried out:

*Jews* 'Away with him, away with him; crucify him!'

*Narrator* Pilate saith unto them:

*Pilate* 'Shall I crucify your king?'

*Narrator* The chief priests answered:

*Chief priests* 'We have no king but Caesar.'

*Please stand*

*Narrator* Then delivered he him therefore unto them to be crucified. And they took Jesus, and led him away. And he, bearing his Cross, went forth into a place called the place of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew, Golgotha: where they crucified him, and two other with him, on either side one, and Jesus in the midst. And Pilate wrote a title: and put it on the Cross. And the writing was: Jesus of Nazareth the King of the Jews. This title then read many of the Jews, for the place where Jesus was crucified was nigh to the city. And it was written in Hebrew, and Greek, and Latin. Then said the chief priests of the Jews to Pilate:

*Chief priests* 'Write not, the King of the Jews, but that he said: I am the King of the Jews.'

*Narrator* Pilate answered:

*Pilate* 'What I have written, I have written.'

*Narrator* Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took his garments, and made four parts: to every soldier a part, and also his coat. Now the coat was without seam, woven from the top throughout. They said therefore among themselves:

*Soldiers* 'Let us not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be.'

*Narrator* That the Scripture might be fulfilled, which saith: They parted my raiment among them: and for my vesture they cast lots. These things therefore the soldiers did. Now there stood by the Cross of Jesus, his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother:

*Jesus* 'Woman, behold thy son.'

*Narrator* Then saith he to the disciple:

*Jesus* 'Behold thy mother.'

*Narrator* And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home. After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, saith:

*Jesus* 'I thirst.'

*Narrator* Now there was a vessel full of vinegar. And they filled a sponge with vinegar, and put it upon hyssop, and put it to his mouth. When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said:

*Jesus* 'It is finished.'

*Narrator* And he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

*Silence is kept.*

*Narrator* The Jews therefore, because it was the Preparation, that the bodies should not remain upon the Cross on the sabbath-day, (for that sabbath-day was an high day,) besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. Then came the soldiers, and brake the legs of the first, and of the other which was crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they break not his legs: but one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water. And he that saw it bare record, and his record is true. And he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might believe. For these things were done, that the Scripture should be fulfilled: A bone of him shall not be broken. And again another Scripture saith: They shall look on him whom they pierced.

*Silence is kept.*

## THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Please sit or kneel*

*Deacon* God sent his Son into the world,  
not to condemn the world,  
but that the world might be saved through him.  
Therefore we pray to our heavenly Father  
for people everywhere according to their needs.

Let us pray for the Church of God throughout the world:  
for unity in faith, in witness and in service,  
for bishops and other ministers, and those whom they serve,  
for Paul, our bishop, and the people of this diocese,  
for all Christians in this place,  
for those to be baptised,  
for those who are mocked and persecuted for their faith,  
that God will confirm his Church in faith,  
increase it in love,  
and preserve it in peace.

*Silence is kept.*

Lord, hear us.  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

*President* Almighty and everlasting God,  
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church  
is governed and sanctified:  
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,  
that in their vocation and ministry  
they may serve you in holiness and truth  
to the glory of your name;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

*Deacon* Let us pray for the nations of the world and their leaders:  
for Elizabeth our Queen and the Parliaments of this land,  
for those who administer the law  
and all who serve in public office,  
for all who strive for justice and reconciliation,  
that by God's help  
the world may live in peace and freedom.

*Silence is kept.*

Lord, hear us.  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

*President* Most gracious God and Father,  
in whose will is our peace,  
turn our hearts and the hearts of all to yourself,  
that by the power of your Spirit  
the peace which is founded on justice  
may be established throughout the world;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

*Deacon* Let us pray for God's ancient people, the Jews,  
the first to hear his word:  
for greater understanding between Christian and Jew,  
for the removal of our blindness and bitterness of heart,  
that God will grant us grace  
to be faithful to his covenant  
and to grow in the love of his name.

*Silence is kept.*

Lord, hear us.  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

*President* Lord God of Abraham,  
bless the children of your covenant,  
both Jew and Christian;  
take from us all blindness and bitterness of heart,  
and hasten the coming of your kingdom,  
when the Gentiles shall be gathered in,  
all Israel shall be saved,  
and we shall dwell together in mutual love and peace  
under the one God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

*Deacon* Let us pray for those who do not believe the gospel of Christ:  
for those who have not heard the message of salvation,  
for all who have lost faith,  
for the contemptuous and scornful,  
for those who are enemies of Christ  
and persecute those who follow him,  
for all who deny the faith of Christ crucified,  
that God will open their hearts to the truth  
and lead them to faith and obedience.

*Silence is kept.*

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

*President* Merciful God,  
creator of all the people of the earth,  
have compassion on all who do not know you,  
and by the preaching of your gospel with grace and power,  
gather them into the one fold of the one Shepherd;  
Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

*Deacon* Let us pray for all those who suffer:  
for those who are deprived and oppressed,  
for all who are sick,  
for those in darkness, in doubt and in despair,  
in loneliness and in fear,  
for prisoners, captives and refugees,  
for the victims of false accusations and violence,  
for all at the point of death and those who watch beside them,  
that God in his mercy will sustain them  
with the knowledge of his love.

*Silence is kept.*

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

*President* Almighty and everlasting God,  
the comfort of the sad,  
the strength of those who suffer:  
hear the prayers of your children who cry out of any trouble,  
and to every distressed soul grant mercy, relief and refreshment,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

*Deacon* Let us commend ourselves and all God's children  
to his unfailing love,  
and pray for the grace of a holy life,  
that, with all who have died in the peace of Christ,  
we may come to the fullness of eternal life  
and the joy of the resurrection.

*Silence is kept.*

Lord, hear us.  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

*President* O God of unchangeable 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.**

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE CROSS

### MOTET

*We hear a recording of the Cathedral Choir singing the following motet:*

Christus factus est pro nobis  
obediens usque ad mortem autem  
crucis. Propter quod et Deus  
exaltavit illum, et dedit illi nomen,  
quod est super omne nomen.

*Christ was made obedient for us,  
even to the death of the Cross.  
Therefore God also highly exalted  
him, and gave him the name which  
is above every name.*

*Words: Philippians 2: 8-9*

*Music: Felice Anerio (c.1560-1614)*

*The Deacon brings the Cross into the Nave, stopping three times as the Cross is unveiled. The following versicle and response is said:*

This is the wood of the Cross,  
on which hung the Saviour of the World.  
**Come, let us worship.**

*Members of the congregation who wish to do so are now invited to make their way to the Cross, following the directions of the Sidesmen, to pray or to venerate it. Please be careful to keep social distance, and be aware of the importance this year of not touching the Cross.*

### THE REPROACHES

*We hear a recording of the Cathedral Choir singing the Reproaches. It is important to remember that Jesus' words are to be understood as applying to the present Church, rather than to his own contemporaries. Here, 'Israel' and 'my people' stand for the Church, and we are to hear the Reproaches as directed to our own hardness of heart and failure of discipleship.*

*O my people, what have I done to you?  
How have I offended you? Answer me!*

I led you out of Egypt, from slavery to freedom,  
but you led your Saviour to the Cross.

*O my people, what have I done to you?  
How have I offended you? Answer me!*

*Holy is God! Holy and strong!  
Holy immortal One, have mercy on us.*

For forty years I led you safely through the desert.  
I fed you with manna from heaven,  
and brought you to a land of plenty:  
but you led your Saviour to the Cross.

*Holy is God! Holy and strong!  
Holy immortal One, have mercy on us.*

What more could I have done for you? I planted you as my fairest vine,  
but you yielded only bitterness:  
When I was thirsty you gave me vinegar to drink,  
and you pierced your Saviour's side with a lance.

*Holy is God! Holy and strong!  
Holy immortal One, have mercy on us.*

I opened the sea before you,  
but you opened my side with a spear.  
I led you on your way in a pillar of cloud,  
but you led me to Pilate's court.

*O my people, what have I done to you?  
How have I offended you? Answer me!*

I bore you up with manna in the desert,  
but you struck me down and scourged me.  
I gave you saving water from the rock,  
but you gave me gall and vinegar to drink.

*O my people, what have I done to you?  
How have I offended you? Answer me!*

I gave you a royal sceptre,  
but you gave me a crown of thorns.  
I raised you to the height of majesty,  
but you have raised me high on a Cross.

*O my people, what have I done to you?  
How have I offended you? Answer me!*

*Words: Latin antiphons for Good Friday, c. 9<sup>th</sup> century*

*Music: John Sanders (1933-2003)*

*Silence is kept.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

*The Sacrament is brought to the Nave Altar from the Altar of Repose. Please stand as the procession approaches the Sanctuary.*

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*President* Standing at the foot of the cross,  
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**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.**

## GIVING OF COMMUNION

Jesus is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.  
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*The President receives Communion.*

The body and blood of Christ.  
**Amen.**

*All baptised, communicant members of Christian churches are invited to receive Communion. Communion is received in silence in one kind only (bread) on this occasion due to Covid-19; the Church teaches that Holy Communion is received fully in either the consecrated wafer or the wine.*

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*Please leave your face covering in place as you come up for Communion until you have received the host wafer in your hand, then remove your face covering to consume the host, then replace it before returning to your seat via the side aisles.*

*Gluten-free wafers are available on request. If you would prefer to receive a blessing (without physical contact), please bring this order of service with you as an indication. If you are unable to move to the altar, please inform a Churchwarden and the President will come to you.*

*Please sit or kneel on your return from Communion.*

## THE CONCLUSION

*Silence is kept.*

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*President* 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.**

*The ministers depart in silence.*

*Members of the congregation are invited to remain in prayer for a while. When you choose to leave the Cathedral, please do so without disturbing others.*

**Please take this order of service away with you.**

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