



**Saint George Anglican  
Church**

**GOOD  
FRIDAY**

**It is Finished**

**John 19:30**

*The central theme for any service for Good Friday must be the cross. It is our participation in the events leading up to the crucifixion, (from St John's Gospel), which lies at the heart of our service:*

*"They shall look on the one whom they have pierced"*

*Please observe silent contemplation on arrival in Church and note that we leave in silence at the end of our service*

*All the congregational responses are printed in bold type*

*Please note:*

*The offertory will be placed with the Giving collected on Sunday and blessed at that time*

*The Worship Leader enters in silence.*

*All kneel for a time of silent prayer.*

*Please be seated.*

## **GREETING**

We gather again on this Good Friday  
at the foot of the cross  
which calls us on,  
not in shame,  
not in fear,  
but more deeply into the costly journey  
towards life.  
There is wounding,  
there is weeping.  
In Jesus Christ,  
God is not separated from that.

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

In the shadow of our suffering is the suffering of Jesus.  
In the shadow of our weakness is the vulnerability of the Christ.  
In the shadow of our pain is the God who cried out.  
We are never rejected, we are never alone.

## Opening Hymn

1. Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

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Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble;

were you there when they crucified my Lord?

2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble;

were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

3. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

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Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble;

were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

**The Sentence**

Christ became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.  
Philippians: 2:8

**Collect of the Day**

**Gracious and eternal God, Look with mercy  
on this your family  
For which our Lord Jesus Christ  
was willing to be betrayed  
into the hands of his adversaries  
and to suffer death upon the cross;  
grant us to rejoice in the benefits of his passion;  
through him who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit, one God  
now and forever  
Amen.**

So Moses chiseled out two stone tablets like the first ones and went up Mount Sinai early in the morning, as the Lord had commanded him; and he carried the two stone tablets in his hands. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and stood there with him and proclaimed his name, the Lord. And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming,

**“The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness**

*Exodus 34:4-6*

They refused to listen and failed to remember the miracles you performed among them. They became stiff-necked and in their rebellion appointed a leader in order to return to their slavery.

**But you are a forgiving God, gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love.**

*Nehemiah 9:17*

He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel:

**The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.**

*Psalms 103:7-12*

He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

**But you, Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness. Turn to me and have mercy on me; show your strength in behalf of your servant;**

*Psalms 86:15-16*

They celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness. The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.

**The Lord is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.**

*Psalms 145:7-9*

Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God,

**for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity.**

*Joel 2:13*

He prayed to the Lord, "Isn't this what I said, Lord, when I was still at home? That is what I tried to forestall by fleeing to Tarshish. I knew that

**you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity.**

*Jonah 4:2*

As you know, we count as blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about.

**The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.**

*James 5:11*

Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope:  
Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed,  
for his compassions never fail.

**They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.**

*Lamentations 3:21-24*

At that time I will gather you; at that time I will bring you home. I will give you honor and praise among all the peoples of the earth when I restore your fortunes before your very eyes," says the Lord.

*Zephaniah 3:20*

**I will be found by you," says the LORD. "I will end your captivity and restore your fortunes. I will gather you out of the nations where I sent you and will bring you home again to your own land."**

## **Gradual Hymn:**

1. 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.
  
2. 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.
  
3. 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?
  
4. 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!

**Gospel:** John 19:1-30 (The Rev'd Brendon Wilkinson)

**Sermon:** Pip Harry

## The Proclamation of the Cross

**Liturgist:** This is the wood of the cross on which is hung the Saviour of the world.

**All: Come, let us worship him**

### **DEVOTIONS BEFORE THE CROSS**

*Please sit or kneel and say together*

**All: My Lord, what wrong have I done to you?**

**What good have I not done for you? Hear me O God**

**Liturgist:** I am your Creator, Lord of the universe; I have entrusted this world to you, but you have created the means to destroy it.

**All: My Lord, what wrong have I done to you?**

**What good have I not done for you?**

**Hear me O God.**

**Liturgist:** I made you in my image, but you have degraded body and spirit and marred the image of your God. You have deserted me and turned your backs on me.

**All: My Lord, what wrong have I done to you?**

**What good have I not done for you?**

**Hear me O God.**

**Liturgist:** I filled the earth with all that you need, so that you might serve and care for one another, as I have cared for you; but you have cared only to serve your won wealth and power.

**All: Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal, have mercy upon us.**

## **Hymn: There is a green hill far away**

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.

There was no other good enough  
To pay the price of sin.  
He only could unlock the gate  
Of heav'n and let us in.

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

## **SENDING OUT**

I send you out into the world in the power of the spirit of Christ to walk through darkness and uncertainty towards the joy of Easter Day.

Go in peace.

**'My peace I leave you'**

*The People walk out quietly towards Easter Day*

## ***Lyrics to the closing music***

*Though you are homeless  
Though you're alone I will be your home  
Whatever's the matter, whatever's been done  
I will be your home*

*I will be your home  
I will be your home  
In this fearful fallen place  
I will be your home*

*When time reaches fullness  
When I move my hand I will bring you home  
Home to your own place in a beautiful land  
I will bring you home*

*I will bring you home  
I will bring you home  
From this fearful fallen place  
I will bring you home  
I will bring you home*



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