

**Good Friday
Midday Prayer Service**

April 18, 2025 | 12 pm

Concerning Good Friday

During the reformation, as the Anglican Church was founded, Archbishop Thomas Cranmer developed the rites that, 100 years later, would form the 1662 Book of Common Prayer.

His aim was to give the English-speaking world a book in its own language, that would enable the people to be free of religious superstition and abuse from a corrupt church. These rites consistently showed them that their sin was infinitely more serious than they had been led to believe but that God's sovereign grace was yet greater still.

Although there are many texts that we might use, on this most solemn of days, as we face into our sin once more, we have returned to our roots so that we might also find a greater assurance of God's grace and forgiveness in Christ Jesus who gave his life in exchange for ours.

“The Good Friday liturgy is the second part of the *Triduum* (the sacred three days). This most somber of all days is appropriately marked by fasting, abstinence, and penitence, leading us to focus on Jesus and the meaning of his Cross. Some churches do not use musical instruments on this day. The church is often darkened. The bare, stark appearance of the church serves as a reminder of the solemnity and the sorrow of the day. The Lord of Life was rejected, mocked, scourged, and then put to death on the Cross. The faithful are reminded of the role which their own sin played in this suffering and agony, as Christ took all sin upon himself, in obedience to his Father's will. By the Cross we are redeemed, set free from bondage to sin and death. The Cross is a sign of God's never-ending love for us. It is a sign of life, in the midst of death.”

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With love, in the matchless name of Jesus Christ.

Rev'd. Alex

The Order for Morning Prayer

All hymns & song lyrics are included in the bulletin.

Congregational responses are indicated in **bold**.

[Please stand.]

Glory Be to Jesus

vs. 1-5

1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, who in bit - ter pains
2 Grace and life e - ter - nal in that blood I find,
3 **Blest** through end - less a - ges be the pre - cious stream
4 Oft as earth ex - ult - ing wafts its praise on high,
5 Lift ye then your voic - es; swell the might - y flood;

1 poured for me the life - blood from his sa - cred veins!
2 blest be his com - pas - sion in - fi - nite - ly kind!
3 **which** from sin and sor - row doth the world re - deem!
4 an - gel hosts, re - joic - ing, make their glad re - ply.
5 loud - er still and loud - er praise the Lamb of God.

WHEN the wicked man turneth away from his wickedness that he hath committed, and doeth that which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive. *Ezekiel 18.27*

I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Psalm 51.3

Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities.

Psalm 51.9

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit : a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise. *Psalm 51.17*

Repent ye; for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand. *St. Matthew 3.2*

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us: but if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 St. John 1.8-9

DEARLY beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloke them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul.

A period of silence is kept.

Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying after me:

A general Confession to be said of the whole Congregation after the Minister, all kneeling.

[Please sit or kneel.]

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, We have offended against thy holy laws, We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, And we have done those things which we ought not to have done, And there is no health in us: But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders; Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults, Restore thou them that are penitent, According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord: And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

The Absolution or Remission of sins to be pronounced by the Minister alone, standing: the people still kneeling.

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness, and live; and hath given power, and commandment, to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins: He pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel. Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him, which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure, and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Then the Minister shall kneel, and say the Lord's Prayer: the people also kneeling, and repeating it with him.

OUR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that 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.

Then the Minister shall kneel, and shall say,

O Lord, open thou our lips.

And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

[Please stand.]

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord.

The Lord's Name be praised.

Then shall be said or sung the Psalms in order as they be appointed.

Psalm 69: 7-18

- 7 Surely for your sake have I suffered reproach; *
shame has covered my face.
- 8 I have become a stranger to my brethren, *
unknown to my mother’s children,
- 9 Because zeal for your house has consumed me, *
and the reproaches of those who reproached you have
fallen upon me.
- 10 I wept, and humbled myself with fasting, *
but that was turned to my reproach.
- 11 I put on sackcloth also, *
and I became a byword among them.
- 12 Those who sit in the gate speak against me, *
and the drunkards make songs about me.
- 13 But, Lord, I make my prayer to you *
in an acceptable time.
- 14 Hear me, O God, in the multitude of your mercy, *
even in the truth of your salvation.
- 15 Take me out of the mire, lest I sink; *
O let me be delivered from those who hate me,
and out of the deep waters.
- 16 Let not the floodwaters drown me, neither let the deep
swallow me up, *
and let not the pit shut its mouth upon me.
- 17 Hear me, O Lord, for your loving-kindness is good; *
turn to me according to the multitude of your mercies;
- 18 And hide not your face from your servant, for I am in trouble; *
O hasten and hear me.

Then a Lesson of the New Testament, as it is appointed.

The First Lesson Isaiah 52: 13–53: 12

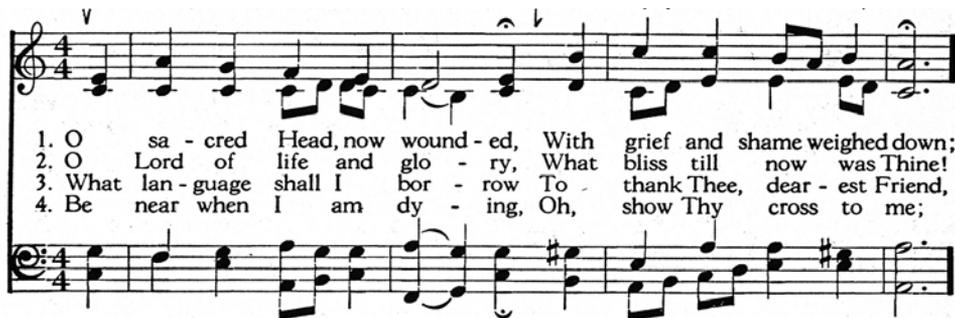
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The Second Lesson John 19: 1-42

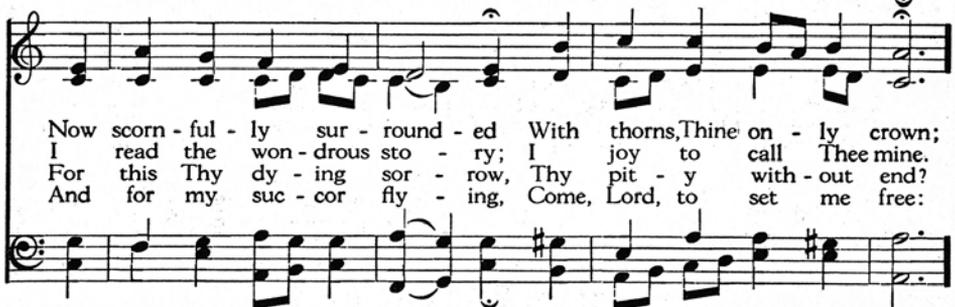
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O Sacred Head Now Wounded

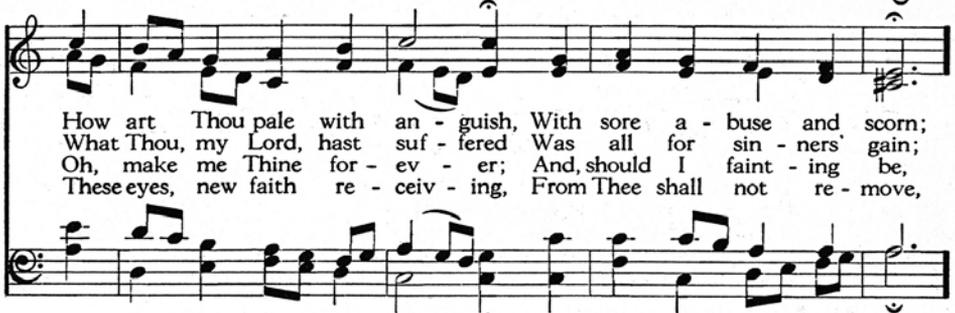
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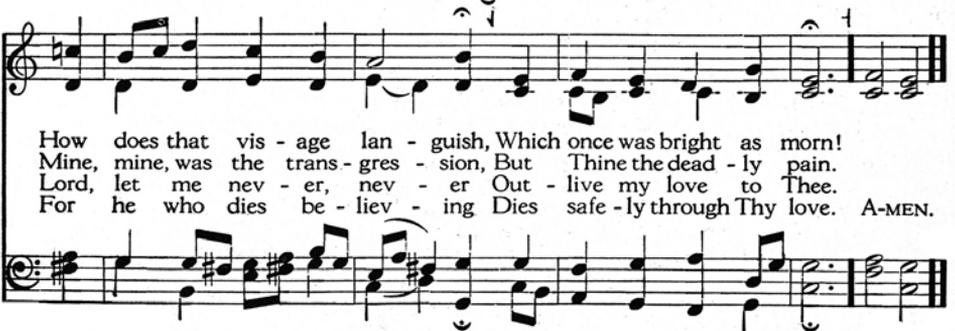
1. O sa - cred Head, now wound - ed, With grief and shame weighed down;
2. O Lord of life and glo - ry, What bliss till now was Thine!
3. What lan - guage shall I bor - row To thank Thee, dear - est Friend,
4. Be near when I am dy - ing, Oh, show Thy cross to me;



Now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed With thorns, Thine on - ly crown;
I read the won - drous sto - ry; I joy to call Thee mine;
For this Thy dy - ing sor - row, Thy pit - y with - out end?
And for my suc - cor fly - ing, Come, Lord, to set me free:



How art Thou pale with an - guish, With sore a - buse and scorn;
What Thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered, Was all for sin - ners' gain;
Oh, make me Thine for - ev - er; And, should I faint - ing be,
These eyes, new faith re - ceiv - ing, From Thee shall not re - move,



How does that vis - age lan - guish, Which once was bright as morn!
Mine, mine, was the trans - gres - sion, But Thine the dead - ly pain.
Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er Out - live my love to Thee.
For he who dies be - liev - ing Dies safe - ly through Thy love. A-MEN.

Were You There

vs. 1, 2, 4

1. Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? (Were you there?)
2. Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree? (Were you there?)
3. Were you there when they pierced Him in the side? (Were you there?)
4. Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb? (Were you there?)

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats. The vocal line consists of four lines of lyrics, each corresponding to a measure of music. The bass line provides a steady accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
Were you there when they pierced Him in the side? Oh!
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. It includes a vocal line with lyrics and a bass line. A large slur is placed over the final two notes of the vocal line, and the word "Oh!" is written to the right of the music.

Some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.

The third system features a vocal line with the lyrics "Some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble." and a corresponding bass line. The music is characterized by a tremolo effect on the vocal line.

Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? (Were you there?)
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree? (Were you there?)
Were you there when they pierced Him in the side? (Were you there?)
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb? (Were you there?)

The fourth system repeats the first system of music, with the same four lines of lyrics and musical notation.

A Short Sermon The Rev. Alex Shuttleworth

Then shall be said or sung the Apostles' Creed, by the Minister and the people standing.

The Apostles Creed

**I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth:**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried:
He descended into death;
The third day he rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;
The holy Catholick Church;
The Communion of Saints;
The Forgiveness of sins;
The Resurrection of the body,
And the Life everlasting.
Amen.**

[Please kneel if able.]

The Litany

Here followeth the Litany, or General Supplication, to be sung or said when it shall be commanded by the Ordinary.

O GOD the Father of heaven: have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world: have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O God the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son: have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

**O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three Persons and one God:
have mercy upon us miserable sinners.**

Remember not, Lord, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither take thou vengeance of our sins: spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and be not angry with us for ever.

Spare us, good Lord.

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

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vain-glory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice, and all uncharitableness,

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

From lightning and tempest; from plague, pestilence, and famine; from battle and murder, and from sudden death,

From all sedition, privy conspiracy, and rebellion; from all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and Commandment,

By thine Agony and bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Ghost,

Good Lord, deliver us.

O Lamb of God: that takest away the sins of the world;

Grant us thy peace.

O Lamb of God: that takest away the sins of the world;

Have mercy upon us.

Let us pray.

O GOD, merciful Father, that despisest not the sighing of a contrite heart, nor the desire of such as be sorrowful: Mercifully assist our prayers that we make before thee in all our troubles and adversities, whensoever they oppress us; and graciously hear us, that those evils, which the craft and subtilty of the devil or man worketh against us, be brought to nought, and by the providence of thy goodness they may be dispersed; that we thy servants, being hurt by no persecutions, may evermore give thanks unto thee in thy holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

O Lord, arise, help us, and deliver us for thy Name's sake.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen. From our enemies defend us, O Christ. Graciously look upon our afflictions.

Pitifully behold the sorrows of our hearts.

Mercifully forgive the sins of thy people.

Favorably with mercy hear our prayers.

O Son of David, have mercy upon us.

Both now and ever vouchsafe to hear us, O Christ.

Graciously hear us, O Christ; graciously hear us, O Lord Christ.

O Lord, let thy mercy be shewed upon us;

As we do put our trust in thee.

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

vs. 1-4

1. When I sur-vey the won-drous cross On which the Prince of glo-ry died,
 2. For-bid it, Lord, that I should boast, Save in the death of Christ my God;
 3. See, from His head, His hands, His feet, Sor-row and love flow min-gled down-
 4. Were the whole realm of na-nure mine, That were a pres-ent far too small;

My rich-est gain I count but loss, And pour con-tempt on all my pride.
 All the vain things that charm me most, I sac-ri-fice them to His blood.
 Did e'er such love and sor-row meet, Or thorns com-pose so rich a crown?
 Love so a-maz-ing, so di-vine, De-mands my soul, my life, my all. A-MEN.

The Collect for Good Friday

The person saying the Service shall read the Collects for Good Friday.

ALMIGHTY God, we beseech thee graciously to behold this thy family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed, and given up into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer

death upon the cross, who now liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Amen.

The Collect for Peace

O GOD, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Collect for Grace

O LORD, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

[Please stand.]

2 Corinthians 13

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore.

Amen.

Here endeth the Litany. Please depart in silence.



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