

**Hymn: 557 Praise to the Holiest
in the height**

Standing at the foot of the cross,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour
has taught us:

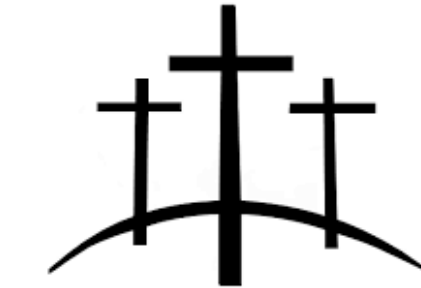
**All: Our Father,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done,
in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that trespass
against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power
and the glory, for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Most merciful God,
Who by the death and resurrection of your
Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the
world:
Grant that by faith in him who suffered on
the cross
We may triumph in the power of his victory;
Through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
Who is alive and reigns with you,
In the unity of the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and for ever.
All: Amen

**5th Gospel Reading:
The Burial - John 19.38-42**

Organ Voluntary

***Refreshments will be served in the north
aisle of the church***



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St. George's Church



GOOD FRIDAY

**In this is love, not that we loved God
but that he loved us and sent his Son to
be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.**
(1 John 4:10)

The 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.

All: Amen

Hymn: 120 O sacred head, surrounded

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 53

Silence

(Choir)

Psalm 22: Plainsong Chant

**1st Gospel Reading:
The Arrest John 18.1-14**

Silence

**Hymn: 605 Through the night of doubt
and sorrow**

**2nd Gospel Reading:
Peter's Denials and the trial John 18.15-40**

Meditation and Silence

*A wooden cross is brought slowly into the
church whilst the next hymn is sung*

Hymn: Beneath the cross of Jesus

Beneath the cross of Jesus
I find a place to stand,
And wonder at such mercy
That calls me as I am.
For hands that should discard me
Hold wounds which tell me come.
Beneath the cross of Jesus
My unworthy soul is won.

Beneath the cross of Jesus,
His fam'ly is my own.
Once strangers chasing selfish dreams;
Now, one through grace alone.
How could I now dishonour
The ones that You have loved?
Beneath the cross of Jesus
See the children called by God.

Beneath the cross of Jesus,
The path before the crown,
We follow in His footsteps
Where promised hope is found.
How great the joy before us
To be His perfect bride.
Beneath the cross of Jesus
We will gladly live our lives.

**3rd Gospel Reading:
The Sentence John 19.1-16**

Meditation and Silence

**Hymn: 127 When I survey the
wondrous cross**

Silence

(Choir)

Anthem: Were you there?

Arr. John Barnard

Prayer:

As if it were not enough, Almighty God,
Creator of the Universe
That you should,
through the power of Your Word,
Call creation into being,
and hold it In the hollow of Your hand

And we, creatures of clay,
Hold ourselves as gods – believing
ourselves to be the centre of the universe,

Holding ourselves as overlords of creation
rather than stewards entrusted with our
Master’s treasure

Father, we deserve Your judgement,
yet in Jesus’ name we cry:

All: Lord have mercy upon us

As if it were not enough,
Almighty and loving God,
That you should create men and women;

As if that were not enough,
You chose to reveal – generation by
generation, to wanderers in deserts and
inhabitants of ancient cities,
The Truth of Your Godhead
And we, heirs to the great Story
Are forgetful and dismissive of our heritage

Father, we deserve Your judgement,
yet in Jesus’ name we cry:

All: Lord have mercy upon us

As if it were not enough,
Almighty and loving God
That you revealed the promise of
eternal life and entered into covenant
with Your chosen people.

As if that were not enough,
when the hearts of humanity
were hard and rebellious,
You sent Your Son,
The Only-Begotten,
To enter our history and to redeem it.

And we, the people who know of
Your great covenant
Still harden our hearts against You.

We place the cross –the sign of Your
great sacrifice of love before our eyes
but we do not see it – we refuse to
recognise what it means.

Father, we deserve Your judgement,
yet in Jesus’ name we cry:

All: Lord have mercy upon us

As if it were not enough,
Almighty and loving Father.
That through the death and
resurrection of Your dear Son,
our Beloved,

All creation should be redeemed;
As if that were not enough,
He established His Church to be
witness and prophet,
teacher and healer,
Gifting her through His Spirit to be His
servant in the world

And we, the people of Your Church are
afraid to witness to what we know.
We are timid and fearful –
We hide the charisms so freely given –
We refuse to be Your sacrament in the
world.

Father, we deserve Your judgement,
yet in Jesus’ name we cry:

All: Lord have mercy upon us

As if it were not enough
Almighty and Loving God,
That You continue to hold all things in the
hollow of Your hand
That Your great love and tender care are
bestowed upon the frailest of Your
creatures.

In Your mighty work of creation
You never lose sight of the least of
Your children:
Those sick in mind and in body;
Those oppressed and downtrodden;
Those who are hungry naked and cold;
Those who struggle and those who
despair;
Those who suffer and those who die alone
and un comforted.
You who hold the stars in being, hold
these children closest to Your heart.

And we, Your people, so often fail to see
in these ones the image of Your Son.
We say words –but do not change our
lives.

We offer sympathy –but do not touch the
lives of our brothers and sisters, co-heirs
of the great story of salvation

**All: Father, hear our prayer
and forgive us.
Unstop our ears that we may receive
the gospel of the cross.
Lighten our eyes that we may see
your glory in the face of your Son.
Penetrate our minds that your truth
may make us whole.
Irradiate our hearts with your love
that we may love one another for
Christ's sake.
Father, forgive us.**

Hymn: 123 There is a green hill far away

4th Gospel Reading:

***The Crucifixion* John 19.17-37**

Silence

Prayer

(Choir)

Anthem: Ave Verum Corpus: Saint-Saëns

**New Testament Reading:
Hebrews 10.16 -25**

We stand to declare together

**All: Christ died for sins once for all,
The righteous for the unrighteous,
to bring us to God.
Therefore God has exalted Him to
the highest place, and given Him the
Name that is above every name,
That at the name of Jesus every
knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth,
and under the earth,
and every tongue confess that
Jesus Christ is Lord,
To the glory of God the Father.
Amen**