

Good Friday



on Zoom & Facebook LIVE

Led by Nigel Lowe

As we gather let us welcome one another silently ...

Let us pray ...

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

Song The servant King (from heaven you came)

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Video Drama Jesus on the cross

Reading Luke 23. 32-49

Jon Holman

32 Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. **33** When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals – one on his right, the other on his left. **34** Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.' And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

35 The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is God's Messiah, the Chosen One.'

36 The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar **37** and said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.'

38 There was a written notice above him, which read: this is the king of the jews.



39 One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: 'Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!'

40 But the other criminal rebuked him. 'Don't you fear God,' he said, 'since you are under the same sentence? **41** We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.'

42 Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.'

43 Jesus answered him, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.'

44 It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, **45** for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. **46** Jesus called out with a loud voice, 'Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.' When he had said this, he breathed his last.



47 The centurion, seeing what had happened, praised God and said, 'Surely this was a righteous man.' **48** When all the people who had gathered to witness this sight saw what took place, they beat their breasts and went away. **49** But all those who knew him, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

Sermon

Revd Natasha

Sung Response Once again

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Affirmation 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.

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.

Intercessions

Heather Holman

Response: Father God hear our prayers **All For in you we trust**

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.**

Final Song Obsession / Turn your eyes upon Jesus

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Closing prayer

**Dear Lord, we thank you for Jesus.
We thank you for the forgiveness,
acceptance and compassion he showed
even through unimaginable suffering.**

Forgive us when we struggle to understand
the enormity of what happened on the cross.
Help us to trust in the 'goodness' of Good Friday
and your plan for our salvation.
Help us to remember what a price Jesus paid
to save us from our sins, and
in remembering to be forever thankful.
Amen

As we leave, let us do so in silence ...

Take away song

He is by David Crowder

Thank you for joining us today.



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