

Order of Worship

INTRODUCTION

As we gather for worship at home, at church or in groups wherever our space is created, or as individuals on social media, television, or internet let us join hearts and celebrate God who is in control of our lives.

We thank you for joining us this morning for this special service on this network for Worship. We gather at a time when the CORONA Virus is wreaking havoc in the world but we know nothing lasts forever. God alone is sufficient. We trust in His mercy and love.

INTROIT: **“Why Should He Love Me So...?” – Saxthorpe Choristers**

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

L: On this day our Lord was tried before the High Priests, then by Pilate, after which he was tried by Herod, again by Pilate. He was scourged, mocked, and condemned to death. He was led out to Calvary, and at nine o'clock he was crucified between two criminals. At intervals, he spoke the first “three words from the Cross.” From twelve o'clock onwards he suffered bitter pain, thirst and desolation, and spoke another “three words from the Cross.” At three o'clock he spoke his last words, “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit”, then he bowed His head and died. Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by? Look and see if there was any sorrow like my sorrow.

R: **Greater love has no man than this...that a man lay down his life for his friends.**

L: Christ died for our sins, once and for all; the righteous for the Unrighteous, that he might bring us to God.

WORDS SPOKEN BY JESUS FROM THE CROSS

- **“Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” (Luke 23:26—34) - Rev'd Dr. Wayneford McFarlane**

³²Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴Then Jesus said, **“Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.”** And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching; but the

leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!” ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

MEDITATION

PRAYER

HYMN: “All Ye That Pass By...” [# 101 VIP vs 1,2 & 4]

1. All ye that pass by,
To Jesus draw nigh
To you is it nothing that Jesus
should die?
Your ransom and peace,
Your surety he is:
Come, see if there ever was
sorrow like his.
2. He dies to atone
For sins not his own;
Your debt he has paid, and
your work he has done.
Ye all may receive
- The peace he did leave,
Who made intercession: my
Father, forgive!
4. My pardon I claim,
For a sinner I am,
A sinner believing in Jesus's
name.
He purchased the grace
Which now I embrace:
O Father, you know he has
died in my place.

Charles Wesley (1707--1788)

- **“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”**

(Matthew 27:45—49) - Pastor Maurice Goldson

⁴⁵From noon on, darkness came over the whole land^[a] until three in the afternoon. ⁴⁶And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, **“Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?”** that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” ⁴⁷When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, “This man is calling for Elijah.” ⁴⁸At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. ⁴⁹But the others said, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.”

MEDITATION

PRAYER

HYMN: “Beneath the Cross of Jesus...” [# 99 VIP]

1. Beneath the cross of Jesus
I fain would take my stand—
The shadow of a mighty rock
Within a weary land;
A home within a wilderness,
A rest upon the way,
From the burning of the
noontide heat
And the burden of the day.
2. Upon the cross of Jesus,
Mine eye at times can see,
The very dying form of one
Who suffered there for me.
And from my stricken heart,
with tears,
- Two wonders I confess,
The wonders of redeeming
love,
And my own worthlessness.
3. I take, O cross, thy shadow,
For my abiding-place!
I ask no other sunshine than
The sunshine of his face;
Content to let the world go
by,
To know no gain nor loss—
My sinful self my only shame,
My glory all—the cross.

Elizabeth C. Clephane (1830-69)

- **“I thirst”**

(John 19:28-39) - Sis. Prudence Brown

²⁸After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), “I am thirsty.” ²⁹A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. ³⁰When Jesus had received the wine, he said, “It is finished.” Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. ³¹Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the cross during the sabbath, especially because that sabbath was a day of great solemnity. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men broken and the bodies removed. ³²Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. ³³But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. ³⁴Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. ³⁵(He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth.) ³⁶These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, “None of his bones shall be broken.” ³⁷And again another passage of scripture says, “They will look on the one whom they have pierced.” ³⁸After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of

Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body. ³⁹ Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds.

MEDITATION - Pastor Clifton Brown

PRAYER

HYMN: "Room at the Cross..."

1. Room at the cross for a trembling soul,
Room at the cross for you;
Where the sin-laden may be made whole,
Room at the cross for you.
2. Room at the cross for a breaking heart,
Room at the cross for you;
Choose then, like Mary, the better part,
Room at the cross for you.

Refrain:
Room, room, room at the cross,
Room at the cross for you;
Room, room, room at the cross,
Room at the cross for you.

3. Room at the cross for earth's weary and worn,
Room at the cross for you;
Come then, oh, come then, ye souls who mourn,
Room at the cross for you.

*William B. Blake
(1757—1827)*

▪ **"It is finished"**
(John 19:30) - Rev'd Bosworth Mullings

³⁰ When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

MEDITATION

HYMN: "Were You There..." [# 111 VIP]

1. Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
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?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble,
tremble, tremble;
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
4. Were you there when God raised him from the dead?
Were you there when God raised him from the dead?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble,
tremble, tremble;
Were you there when God raised him from the dead?

American Folk Hymn

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SELECTION: "Pie Jesu..." - Bro. Mickel Gordon & Friends
from the University of Arkansas

CLOSING PRAYER

L: Lord, when you were buried it seemed like the end of everything you promised and stood for. But it wasn't, it was only the beginning. As we travel from the Crucifixion through the Vigil of Easter to the Resurrection, be with us in a special way to help us recall and reflect in our hearts who you are and what you have done for us.

Father, send down your abundant blessing upon your people who have devoutly recalled the death of your Son. Grant us all your pardon and bring us your comfort. May our faith grow stronger and our eternal salvation be assured. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



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CRUCIFIXION OF OUR LORD

Friday, April 2, 2021



GOOD FRIDAY

Organist: Sis. Melrose Davies

Choristers:

- Sis. Yvonne Brown
- Sis. Marie Miller
- Sis. Lucette Cargill
- Sis. Yvonne Patterson
- Sis. Valerie Hinds
- Bro. Nigel Hays

District Bishop: Rev'd Christine Gooden- Benguche
District Conference Secretary: Rev'd Dr. Wayneford McFarlane

A warm welcome to all worshippers!