



Order of Service
15th April 2022
Good Friday

(People gather in silence; the Minister enter in silence).

Greeting:

Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross.

That we might die to sin and live to righteousness.

Prayer:

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ was lifted high upon a cross so that he might draw the whole world to himself. Grant that we, who glory in this death for our salvation, may glory in his call to take up our cross and follow him; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn: 350 (TiS) 'There is a green hill far away'

Readings:

Isaiah 52:13 – 53:4 (Reader one)

Isaiah 53: 5-12 (Reader two)

Psalms 22 (Reader three)

Hebrews 10:16-25 (Reader four)

Hymn: 345 (TiS) 'Were you there when they crucified my Lord?'

Readings:

John 18:1-18 (Reader five)

John 18:19-32 (Reader six)

John 18:33-40 (Reader seven)

John 19:1-12 (Reader eight)

Hymn: 344 (TiS) 'Glory be to Jesus'

Readings:

John 19:13-30 (Reader nine)

John 19:30-42 (Reader ten)

Prayer of Confession:

O Jesus Christ, we are stripped bare by your suffering. You see our dreams, our demons, and the secrets we keep even from ourselves.

Forgive all that needs to be forgiven, healed all that needs to be healed, awaken all the good that sleeps in us, banish all the fears that paralyse us.

Put the power of your cross into our lives for ever, and clothe us with hope and love.

Hymn: 342 (TiS) 'When I survey the wondrous cross'

Reflection Focus:



The servant's anguish, pain, deformed appearance, his suffering on the cross will draw the whole world unto him. A world that is being turned upside down. From the perspective of the cross is changing from an ethos and politics of suffering as retribution, to an ethos and politics of suffering as redemption.

Prayer:

Holy God, you have shown your glory to all the world in Jesus your Son: guide the work of your church, help it to keep the faith, proclaim your name, and bring your salvation to all the world.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Holy God, you desire justice for all of creation: guide our leaders and protect all peoples in the way of righteousness, freedom and peace.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Holy God, we pray for the sick, the dying and all in need; for the homeless, the hungry and the oppressed; for those in darkness and despair.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Hymn: 349 (TiS) 'In the cross of Christ I glory'

Blessing:

(People leave in silence when they are ready)

