



**St Paul's Anglican Church, Burwood**

GOOD FRIDAY

## Good Friday

The Good Friday liturgy is a continuation of the Maundy Thursday commemoration. There is no music before the beginning, and no opening hymn. The ministers enter in silence.

The Passion reading is the climax of the Ministry of the Word.

Throughout this booklet instructions are given in *red* to help you participate in the liturgy. All are encouraged to join in the prayers and responses in **bold** type and the singing of the musical notation.

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## Solemn Entrance

*The Clergy, Servers and Choir process to the Chancel in silence.*

## The Collect

*All remain standing for the collect of the day.*

Almighty God,  
look with mercy on this your family,  
for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed  
and to be given into the hands of sinners  
and to suffer death upon the cross;  
who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

## The First Reading – Isaiah 52:13-53:12

*Please be seated. At the end of the reading:*

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 22

*Remain seated. The choir sings the psalm.*

## The Second Reading – Hebrews 10: 16-25

*Remain seated. At the end of the reading:*

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## The Gradual Hymn

*Please stand to sing the gradual hymn which can be found on the sheet.*

## The Passion Gospel

*Before the Gospel:*

Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross,  
but God raised Him high and gave Him the name which is above all names.

The Lord be with you:

**And also with you.**

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*After the Gospel:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## The Sermon

*Please sit.*

## The Confession and Absolution

*The priest introduces the confession.*

God has shown great love for us in that,  
while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.  
Let us confess our sins.

**O 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,  
heal 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.**

*The Absolution*

We have turned our hearts to God in repentance  
and our sins are laid bare before the cross of Jesus Christ.

✠ In the name of the living God, your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

## The Hymn

*Please stand to sing the hymn which can be found on the sheet.*

## The Solemn Prayers

*Please sit or kneel.*

God sent the Son into the world,  
not to condemn the world,  
but so that the world might be saved through him.  
So let us bring the needs of the whole world  
to the foot of the cross of Christ.

**Grant that what we have asked in faith  
we may by your grace receive,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## I - The Church Throughout the World

I ask you to pray for the Church of God throughout the world,  
that God the almighty, eternal One will guide it,  
and gather it in unity and peace.

*Pause for silent prayer.*

Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

Holy God,  
you have shown your glory to all nations  
in Christ your Son:  
guide the work of your Church,  
help it to keep the faith,  
proclaim your Name,  
and bring your salvation to all people.

## **II - Vocation and Ministry**

I ask you to pray for all God's people in their vocation and ministry,  
for all bishops, priests and deacons, for *N* our bishop and *N* our Primate, and  
for all who are preparing for baptism and confirmation.

*Pause for silent prayer.*

Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

Holy God,  
by your Spirit you teach your Church  
and make us holy:  
help each of us to do your work more faithfully.

## **III - God's People**

I ask you to pray for all who confess Christ crucified,  
that God will heal our divisions.

*Pause for silent prayer.*

Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

Holy God,  
in baptism you make us one in Christ:  
help us to persevere in faith,  
and make us one in love and service.

## **IV - Those who do not believe the Gospel**

I ask you to pray for all who do not look to Christ as Saviour,  
and all who do not believe in God.

*Pause for silent prayer.*

Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

Holy God,  
you created man and woman in your image:  
draw all people to yourself,  
that they may acknowledge you as the maker and redeemer of all,  
and know Christ's mercy and grace.

## V - The World

I ask you to pray for the peace of the world,  
for those in authority, and for all who shape our common life.

*Pause for silent prayer.*

Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

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

## VI - The Sick and Dying

I ask you to pray for the sick, the dying and all in need;  
for the homeless, the hungry and the oppressed;  
for those in darkness and despair.

*Pause for silent prayer.*

Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

Holy God,  
all tenderness and healing flow from you:  
give strength to the weary and courage to the downhearted,  
and show mercy to all who are in trouble.

Most merciful God,  
we commit ourselves to you  
and pray for the grace of a holy life,  
that, with all who have died and are alive in Christ,  
we may come to the fullness of eternal life,  
and the joy of the resurrection in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## The Hymn

*Please stand to sing the hymn which can be found on the sheet.*

## The Proclamation of the Cross

*A cross is brought into the Church. The bearer proceeds up the aisle carrying the cross. The bearer stops three times and the following response is said.*

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

**Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

*After the third stop, the cross is placed so as to be accessible to the people. The congregation is invited to come forward and spend a moment of prayer before the cross.*

*During this time, psalms, canticles, hymns or anthems may be sung.*

*At the conclusion, the following response is said:*

O Saviour of the world,  
by your cross and precious blood you have redeemed us.  
**Save us and help us, we humbly beseech you, O Lord.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray:

**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.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
the story of your suffering is written on our hearts,  
and the salvation of the world is in your outstretched hands.  
Keep your victory always before our eyes,  
your praise on our lips,  
your peace in our lives.  
**Amen.**

*The people depart in silence without a blessing or dismissal.*

