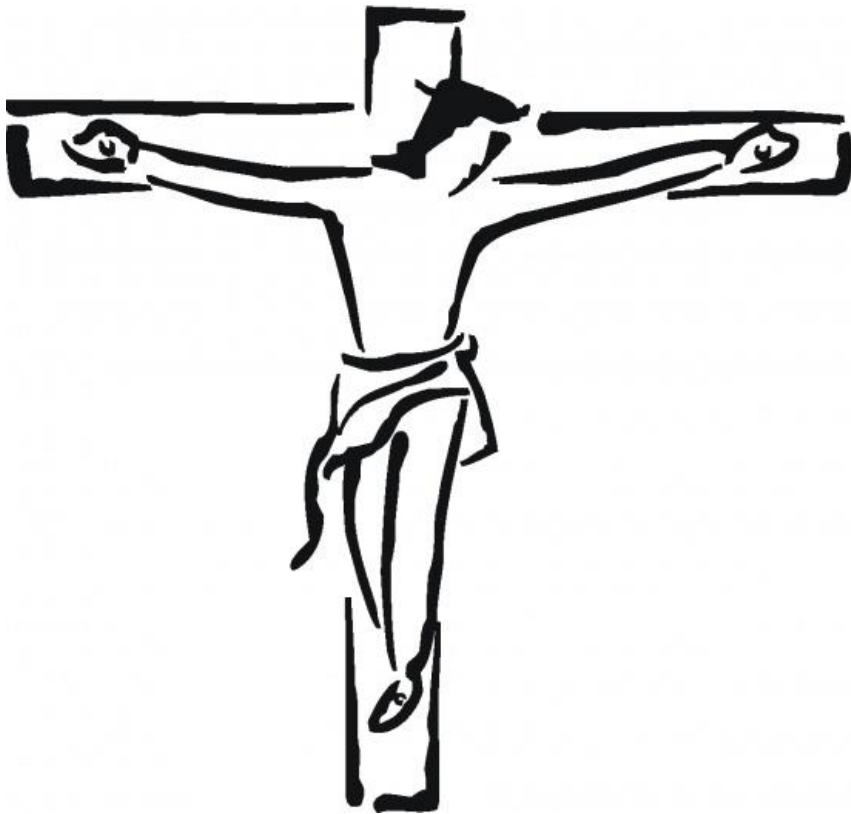




GOOD FRIDAY

2nd April 2021



Welcome

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Opening words by the Cross

Jesus said 'I am the light for the world. Follow me, and you won't be walking in the dark. You'll have the light that gives life.' *John 8:12*

The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world.He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. *John 1:9*

Into Darkness

Opening prayer:

We have come together, wherever we are, as the family of God to remember the day that Jesus chose to die for us; to try to understand something of what it must have been like for Jesus to tread the path to the cross, and to wonder at the extent of Jesus' love for us.

LORD I LIFT YOUR NAME ON HIGH

Lord I love to sing Your praises

I'm so glad You're in my life

I'm so glad You came to save us

You came from heaven to earth to show the way

From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay

From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky

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Confession

The religious leaders thought that they were right and closed their minds to what God was really doing. We too have made our own minds up and not listened to you.

*Lord Jesus, **please forgive us.***

Pilate knew what was right, but feared for his position and listened to the crowd. We too have thought more of ourselves than of you.

*Lord Jesus, **please forgive us.***

Herod wanted to meet you for his own amusement. We too have not made you first in our lives.

*Lord Jesus, **please forgive us.***

The crowd called 'Crucify!' again and again. We too have often said things that must have hurt you.

*Lord Jesus, **please forgive us.***

Lord Jesus forgive us, save us and help us. Amen.

Absolution

Bible Reading - Mark 15 (33-39)

Talk 1

Reading: Ride On by Godfrey Rust

Reflection: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS

On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God:
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down:
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of Nature mine,
That were an offering far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

Talk 2

Reading: Jesus Looks Down by Bob Hartman

Light triumphs

Thank you, Jesus, for your love for us.
*Hallelujah! **Jesus is the King!***

Thank you for suffering so that we can have new life. *Hallelujah! **Jesus is the King!***

We praise you because you defeated death.
*Hallelujah! **Jesus is the King!***

Help us to know you are close to us always.
*Hallelujah! **Jesus is the King! Amen.***

Prayers

OH, TO SEE THE DAWN
Of the darkest day:
Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men,
Torn and beaten, then
Nailed to a cross of wood.

*This, the power of the cross:
Christ became sin for us,
Took the blame, bore the wrath:
We stand forgiven at the cross.*

Oh, to see the pain
Written on the face,
Bearing the awesome weight of sin;
Every bitter thought,
Every evil deed,
Crowning Your bloodstained brow.

Now the daylight flees,
Now the ground beneath
Quakes as its Maker bows His head.
Curtain torn in two,
Dead are raised to life,
'Finished!' the victory cry.

Oh, to see my name
Written in the wounds,
For through Your suffering I am free.
Death is crushed to death,
Life is mine to live,
Won through Your selfless love.

Final Chorus: *This, the power of the cross:
Son of God - slain for us.
What a love! What a cost!
We stand forgiven at the cross.*

The Final Blessing

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.