

ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH  
Burwood

# GOOD FRIDAY

Friday 3 April 2026

9:00AM SOLEMN LITURGY

## Holy Week

The week before Easter is the most solemn and glorious week in the Christian calendar, the pinnacle of the liturgical year. It has been a special time of prayer and devotion since from around the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> century, and by the 4<sup>th</sup> century many Christians were making pilgrimages to the Holy Land where, in the holy city of Jerusalem, they followed the path of Jesus in his last days.

One of the earliest documented pilgrims was Egeria, a Western European Christian woman, possibly from France or Spain, who recorded in the diary of her travels in the late 4<sup>th</sup> century that numerous pilgrims formed processions, worshipped where Christ suffered and died, and venerated sacred sites and relics. It was from this beginning that the practices we observe today on **Palm Sunday**, and on **Maundy Thursday**, **Good Friday**, and **Holy Saturday** evolved. These services and our prayers through these days invite us to experience the last days of Jesus' earthly life, as well as the time and events leading up to his resurrection.

The three holy days, or *Triduum*, of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday are at the heart of our Holy Week prayer and worship at St Paul's. Our services and ceremonies may seem strange or unfamiliar to some, but these are the liturgies through which most Christians throughout the history of the Church have honoured the "great works of God" during the final week of Our Lord's life on earth.

### The Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday

On Good Friday every Christian tries to understand at what cost Christ has won our redemption. The liturgical observance of this day of Christ's suffering, crucifixion and death has been in existence from the earliest days of the Church.

The opening rite of the liturgy is primitive in its starkness. The church, stripped of its furnishings and adornment on Maundy Thursday, reflects the sombre mood of a people whose Saviour has been crucified. The clergy enter and all kneel for silent prayer before the opening Collect is said. This is followed by readings, a psalm, and an acclamation which is sung by the choir before, by ancient tradition, the Passion according to St John is sung by three cantors and the choir.

On this day The Solemn Collects, an extended form of intercession, take the place of the Prayers of the People. Following this, a wooden cross is brought from the West door into the church where it is proclaimed as the symbol of Christ's death and of our salvation – "*We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you. Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world*".

At St Paul's, during The Proclamation (*also known as the Adoration or Veneration*)\* of the Cross, the people are invited to come forward and kiss the feet of the cross and/or spend a moment of prayer before the cross, kneeling along the Communion Rail. The choir sings a selection of motets, which reflect the solemnity of the moment, and as the Proclamation comes to an end the choir sings the ancient Hymn: *Pange Lingua* (Sing my tongue...) and the *Crux Fidelis* (Faithful Cross) by the 6<sup>th</sup> century Christian poet St Venantius Fortunatus, Bishop of Poitiers.

At the end of the service all lights in the church are extinguished and everyone leaves in silence. It is customary, when leaving the church, to reverence the cross on the high altar with either a low bow or a genuflection.

*\*Adoration or Veneration of an image or representation of Christ's cross does not mean that we actually adore the material image, but rather what it represents and that we are paying the highest honour to our Lord's cross as the instrument of our salvation.*

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.

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## Solemn Entrance

*The Clergy, Servers and Choir enter in silence. All KNEEL with the sanctuary party. Remain kneeling as the Priest stands and says the collect of the day.*

### Collect

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.**

*All SIT for the readings and psalm.*

### First Reading: Isaiah 52.13 – 53.12

Behold, my servant shall prosper, he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high. As many were astonished at him – his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the sons of men – so shall he startle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which has not been told them they shall see, and that which they have not heard they shall understand.

Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or comeliness that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that made us whole, and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is dumb, so he opened not his mouth. By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Yet it was the will of the Lord to bruise him; he has put him to grief; when he makes himself an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, he shall prolong his days; the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand; he shall see the fruit

of the travail of his soul and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous; and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out his soul to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

*The choir sings the psalm.*

### **Psalm:** 31.9–16

- 9 Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble:  
my eye wastes away for grief, my throat also and my inward parts.
- 10 For my life wears out in sorrow, and my years with sighing:  
my strength fails me in my affliction, and my bones are consumed.
- 11 I am become the scorn of all my enemies:  
and my neighbours wag their heads in derision.
- 12 I am a thing of horror to my friends:  
and those that see me in the street shrink from me.
- 13 I am forgotten like one dead and out of mind:  
I have become like a broken vessel.
- 14 For I hear the whispering of many:  
and fear is on every side;
- 15 While they plot together against me:  
and scheme to take away my life.
- 16 But in you, Lord, have I put my trust:  
I have said 'You are my God.'

### **Second Reading:** Hebrews 4.14–16; 5.7–9

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard for his godly fear. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and being made perfect he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him.

*All STAND for the Passion Acclamation and Passion Gospel.*

## **Passion Acclamation**

*The choir sings the following acclamation:*

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.

## **Passion Gospel:** John 18.1 – 19.4

*The narrator introduces the Passion Gospel.*

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*The Gospel is chanted by 3 cantors, interpolated with crowd responses sung by the choir.*

*At the conclusion of the Passion Gospel, all SIT for the reflection.*

## **Reflection**

**Fr James Collins**  
*Rector*

*Following the reflection, all STAND to sing the hymn, during which the Sacred Ministers retire to vest in Black Vestments.*

## **Hymn**

LOVE UNKOWN 66 66 44 44

John Ireland (1879-1962)



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| 1 | My song is love unknown,<br>My Saviour's love to me;<br>Love to the loveless shown,<br>That they might lovingly be.<br>O who am I,<br>That for my sake<br>My Lord should take<br>Frail flesh and die?              | 3 | Sometimes they strew His way,<br>And His sweet praises sing;<br>Resounding all the day<br>Hosannas to their King:<br>Then "Crucify!"<br>is all their breath,<br>And for His death<br>They thirst and cry.               |
| 2 | He came from His blest throne<br>Salvation to bestow;<br>But men made strange, and none<br>The longed-for Christ would<br>know:<br>But O! my Friend,<br>My Friend indeed,<br>Who at my need<br>His life did spend. | 4 | Why, what hath my Lord done?<br>What makes this rage and spite?<br>He made the lame to run,<br>He gave the blind their sight,<br>Sweet injuries!<br>Yet they at these<br>Themselves displease,<br>And 'gainst Him rise. |

5 They rise and needs will have  
My dear Lord made away;  
A murderer they save,  
The Prince of life they slay,  
Yet cheerful He  
to suffering goes,  
That He His foes  
from thence might free.

7 Here might I stay and sing,  
No story so divine;  
Never was love, dear King!  
Never was grief like Thine.  
This is my Friend,  
in Whose sweet praise  
I all my days  
could gladly spend.

6 In life no house, no home,  
My Lord on earth might have;  
In death no friendly tomb,  
But what a stranger gave.  
What may I say?  
Heav'n was his home;  
But mine the tomb  
Wherein he lay.

Samuel Crossman (1624-83)

*All KNEEL for the Solemn Prayers.*

## Solemn Prayers

*The Priest introduces the prayers with the following words:*

God sent His 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.

### I - For the Church throughout the world

Let us pray for the Church of God throughout the world,  
for unity in faith, in witness and in service,  
for bishops and other ministers, and those whom they serve,  
for Kanishka and Michael our bishops, and the people of this diocese,  
for all Christians in this place, for those to be baptised.  
For those who are mocked and persecuted for their faith,  
that God will confirm his Church in faith,  
increase it in love, and preserve it in peace.

*Pause for silent prayer.*

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

**Collect:**

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people; that in their vocation and ministry each may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your Name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

## II - For the Nations

Let us pray for the nations of the world and their leaders, for Charles our King, Anthony our Prime Minister and the parliament of this land, for those who administer the law and all who serve in public office, for all who strive for justice and reconciliation, that by God's help the world may live in peace and freedom.

*Pause for silent prayer.*

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

**Collect:**

Most gracious God and Father, in whose will is our peace: turn our hearts and the hearts of all to yourself, that by the power of your Spirit the peace which is founded on justice may be established throughout the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## III - For those who do not believe the Gospel

Let us pray for those who do not believe in the Gospel of Christ,  
for those who follow other faiths and creeds,  
for those who have not heard the message of salvation,  
for all who have lost faith,  
for the contemptuous and scornful,  
for those who are enemies of Christ and persecute those who follow him,  
for all who deny the faith of Christ crucified  
that God will open their hearts to the truth,  
and lead them to faith and obedience.

*Pause for silent prayer.*

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

**Collect:**

Merciful God, creator of all the people of the earth, have compassion on all who do not know you, and by the preaching of your Gospel with grace and power, gather them into the one fold of the one Shepherd, Christ the Lord.

**Amen.**

## IV - For those who suffer

Let us pray for all those who suffer,  
for those who are deprived and oppressed,  
for all who are sick, for those in darkness, in doubt and in despair,  
in loneliness and in fear,  
for prisoners, for the victims of false accusations and violence,  
for all at the point of death and those who watch beside them,  
that God, in his mercy, will sustain them with the knowledge of his love.

*Pause for silent prayer.*

Lord, in your mercy  
hear our prayer.

**Collect:**

Almighty and everlasting God, the comfort of the sad, the strength of those who suffer; hear the prayers of your children who cry out of any trouble: and to every distressed soul grant mercy, relief, and refreshment, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

## V - For ourselves

Let us commend ourselves and all God's children to his unfailing love, 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.

*Pause for silent prayer.*

Lord, in your mercy  
hear our prayer.

**Collect:**

*The Celebrant prays the collect:*

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favourably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the tranquil operation of your perpetual providence carry out the work of our salvation: and let the whole world feel and see that things which were cast down are being made new and that all things are returning to perfection through him from whom they took their origin, even Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

*The Solemn Prayers conclude with:*

Almighty and most merciful Father,  
accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

*All STAND to sing the hymn during which the sanctuary party moves to the West Door.*

## Hymn

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*Andernach Gesangbuch (1608); Harmony probably by R.V.W.*



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| 1 The Royal banners forward go;<br>The Cross shines forth in mystic glow;<br>Where he in flesh, our flesh who made,<br>Our sentence bore, our ransom paid.       | 4 O Tree of beauty, Tree of light!<br>O Tree with royal purple dight!<br>Elect on whose triumphal breast<br>Those holy limbs should find their rest!      |
| 2 Where deep for us the spear was dyed,<br>Life's torrent rushing from his side,<br>To wash us in that precious flood,<br>Where mingled Water flowed, and Blood. | 5 On whose dear arms, so widely flung,<br>The weight of this world's ransom hung:<br>The price of humankind to pay,<br>And spoil the spoiler of his prey. |
| 3 Fulfilled is all that David told<br>In true prophetic song of old;<br>Amidst the nations, God saith he,<br>Hath reigned and triumphed<br>from the tree.        | 6 O Cross, our one reliance hail!<br>So may thy power with us prevail<br>To give new virtue to the saint,<br>And pardon to the penitent.                  |
|  | 7 To Thee, eternal Three in One,<br>Let homage meet by all be done:<br>Whom by the Cross thou dost restore,<br>Preserve and govern evermore. Amen.        |

Latin, Venantius Fortunatus (530–609)

Tr. J.M. Neale (1818-66)

## The Proclamation of the Cross

*A cross is solemnly carried into the Church. The bearer stops three times, each time lifting the cross higher, and says:*

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

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

*After the third station, the priest takes the cross to the Communion Rail where it is held for those who wish to come forward to kiss/venerate it, or spend a moment in prayer while kneeling along the Communion rail.*

*The proclamation (adoration or veneration) of the cross does not mean that we adore the material image, but rather that we adore what it represents. We are paying the highest honour to our Lord's cross as the instrument of our salvation.*

*During this time the choir sings a selection of motets, finishing with "Faithful Cross".*

## The Reproaches

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c.1525-1594)

What have I done unto thee O my people; or wherein have I wearied thee, testify against me. Because I have brought thee forth from the land of Egypt. Thou has prepared a cross for thy Saviour.

*Agios o Theos. Sanctus Deus. Agios ischyros. Sanctus fortis. Agios athanatos eleison imas. Sanctus et immortalis. Miserere nobis.*

[Holy God; holy and strong; holy and immortal; have mercy upon us.]

Because I led thee through the desert forty years, and fed thee with manna and brought thee into a land exceeding good, thou hast prepared a cross for thy Saviour.

*Agios o Theos. Sanctus Deus. Agios ischyros. Sanctus fortis. Agios athanatos eleison imas. Sanctus et immortalis. Miserere nobis.*

[Holy God; holy and strong; holy and immortal; have mercy upon us.]

What more could I have done unto thee that I have not done; I indeed did plant thee, O my vineyard with exceeding fair fruit; and thou has become very bitter unto me, for vinegar mingled with gall thou gavest me when thirsty; and has pierced with a spear the side of thy Saviour.

*Agios o Theos. Sanctus Deus. Agios ischyros. Sanctus fortis. Agios athanatos eleison imas. Sanctus et immortalis. Miserere nobis.*

[Holy God; holy and strong; holy and immortal; have mercy upon us.]

## Crux fidelis

John IV of Portugal (1604-1656)

Crux fidelis, inter omnes arbor una nobilis: nulla silva talem profert, fronde, flore, germine. Dulce lignum, dulces clavos, dulce pondus sustinet. Amen.

*Faithful cross, high above all others, noblest of trees, nothing so blessed has grown there, not branches or blossoms. Sweet wood, sweet nails, sweet burden hanging on you. Amen.*

St Venantius Fortunatus (c.530-c.609)

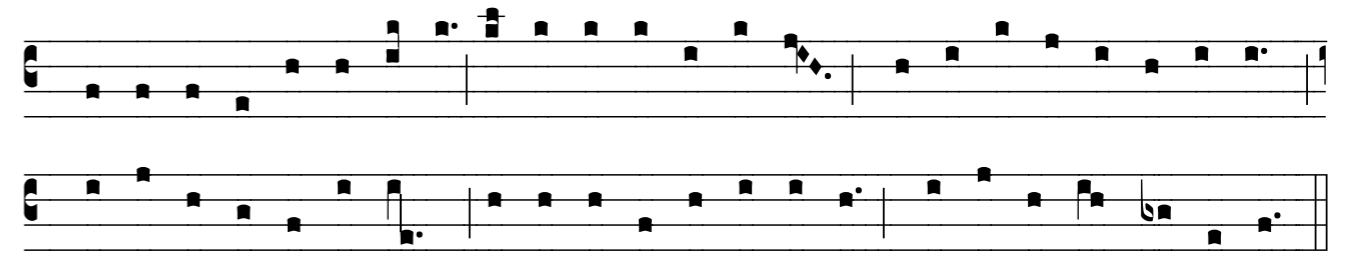
## Faithful Cross

*The antiphons "A" and "B" are sung by the Cantors. The verses are sung by all.*

**A** Faithful Cross! above all other, One and only noble Tree!  
None in foliage, none in blossom, None in fruit thy peer may be;

**B** Sweetest wood and sweetest iron, Sweetest weight is hung on thee.

## Hymn



1 SING, my tongue, the glorious battle,  
Sing the ending of the fray,  
O'er the Cross, the victor's trophy,  
Sound the loud triumphant lay:  
Tell how Christ, the world's Redeemer  
As a Victim won the day.

3 Therefore when the appointed fulness  
Of the holy time was come,  
He was sent who maketh all things  
Forth from God's eternal home:  
Thus he came to earth, incarnate,  
Offspring of a maiden's womb.

**A**

**A**

2 God in pity saw man fallen,  
Shamed and sunk in misery,  
When he fell on death by tasting  
Fruit of the forbidden tree:  
Then another tree was chosen  
Which the world from death should  
free.

**B**

4 Thirty years among us dwelling,  
Now at length his hour fulfilled,  
Born for this, he meets his Passion,  
For that this he freely willed,  
On the Cross the Lamb is lifted,  
Where his life-blood shall be  
spilled.

**B**

5 To the Trinity be glory,  
To the Father and the Son,  
With the co-eternal Spirit,  
Ever Three and ever One,  
One in love and one in splendour,  
While unending ages run. Amen.

**A & B**

Latin, Venantius Fortunatus (530-609)  
Tr. mainly by Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)

*At the conclusion of the hymn, the following 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 sanctuary party proceeds in silence to the Altar of Repose, where the Blessed Sacrament has remained throughout the night, and returns the Blessed Sacrament to the High Altar where it is consumed by the Celebrant on behalf of the congregation.*

*The choir sings a motet as the Blessed Sacrament is returned to the High Altar.*

# Crucifixus á8

Antonio Lotti (1667-1740)

Crucifixus etiam pro nobis, sub Pontio Pilato, passus et sepultus est.

*He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, he suffered and was buried.*

Words from the Nicene Creed

*The service concludes with the Lord's Prayer.*

## 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.

*All depart in silence without a blessing or dismissal.*



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