

Order of Service
St. Martin's Anglican Church



Meditation on the Way of the Cross
Good Friday, 25 Mar 2016, 1:30 pm

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The Celebration of the Lord's Passion
(The Liturgy begins in silence)

"Christ became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name."

Celebrant: All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned everyone to their own way,

People: **And the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.**

Christ the Lord became obedient unto death.
Even death on a cross.

Confession

Celebrant: God shows his love for us in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Christ himself carried up our sins in his body to the tree, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds we have been healed. Let us then show our love for him by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

O God, you know our foolishness and our sins are not hidden from you: Lord, have mercy.

People: **Lord, have mercy**

Let not the flood overwhelm us nor the depths swallow us up; let not the pit shut its mouth upon us: Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Hear me, O Lord, as your loving kindness is good; turn to us as your compassion is great: Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus Christ, we confess we have failed you as did your first disciples. Lord, forgive us.

Lord, have mercy.

When we take our ease rather than watch with you: Lord, forgive us.

Christ, have mercy.

When we bestow a kiss of peace yet nurse enmity in our hearts: Lord, forgive us.

Christ, have mercy.

When we strike at those who hurt us rather than stretch out our hands to bless: Lord, forgive us.

Christ, have mercy.

When we deny that we know you for fear of the world and its scorn: Lord, forgive us.

Christ, have mercy

The Absolution

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

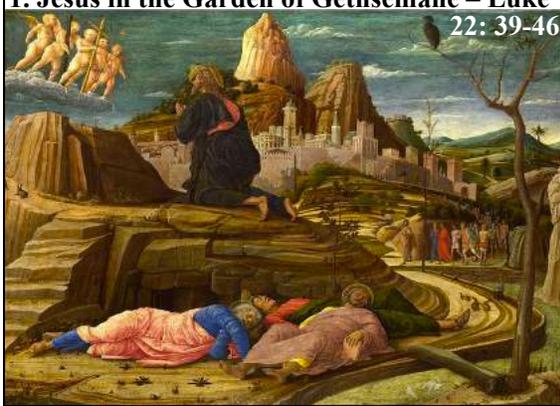
People: And also with you.

Let us pray.

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

The Way of the Cross

1. Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane – Luke 22: 39-46



**Hymn #190: Go to Dark Gethsemane
... Redhead**

**Go to dark Gethsemane,
ye that feel the tempter's power.
Your Redeemer's conflict see;
watch with him one bitter hour;
turn not from his griefs away;
learn of Jesus Christ to pray.**

**Follow to the judgment hall;
view the Lord of life arraigned.**

**O the wormwood and the gall!
O the grief his soul sustained!
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss;
learn of him to bear the cross.**

**Calvary's mournful mountain climb;
there, adoring at his feet,
mark that miracle of time –
God's own sacrifice complete.
"It is finished," hear him cry;
learn of Jesus Christ to die.**

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

***People:* For by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, with you in the Garden of Gethsemane, we enter the beginnings of your passion. In your great distress, we see the depths of your impending suffering and agony. Incarnate God, by becoming one of us you know and share our burdens, isolation, anguish, and sorrow. Help us to be awake to you in your passion and there find strength and courage to face the challenges and hardships of life.

Celebrant: Lord, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

**2. Jesus is betrayed by Judas and arrested –
Luke 22:47-54**



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

People: For by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, you were betrayed by a kiss, yet responded with compassion, and disallowed violence in your defence. Grant us grace to be loyal followers, who serve you with a pure heart. Help us to speak the truth in love and to be honest with one another.

Celebrant: Lord, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

**3. Jesus is brought before the High Priest -
Matthew 26:57-68**



**Choir: He was despised
... Handel (from Messiah)**

He was despised and rejected of men,
a man of sorrows and acquainted with Grief.

(Isaiah 53:3)

He gave his back to the smiters,
and His cheeks to them that plucked off the hair:
He hid not His face from shame and spitting.

(Isaiah 50:6)

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

People: For by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Prayer: O God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright; Grant us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

TRISAGION (said three times):

**Holy God, Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One, Have Mercy upon Us.**

4. Jesus is denied by Peter - Matthew 26:69-75



Hymn #547: I Sought the Lord

I sought the Lord, and afterward I knew
he moved my soul to seek him, seeking me;
it was not I that found, O Saviour true;
no, I was found of thee.

Thou didst reach forth thy hand and mine
enfold;

I walked and sank not on the storm-vexed sea;
'twas not so much that I on thee took hold,
as thou, dear Lord, on me.

**I find, I walk, I love, but oh, the whole
of love is but my answer, Lord, to thee;
for thou wert long beforehand with my soul,
always thou lovedst me.**

Celebrant: We adore you, O Christ, and we
bless you:

People: For by your holy cross you have
redeemed the world.

Prayer: Lord Christ, stand near us always,
especially when we are weak. Give us strength
to not deny you but to hold firm and faithful in
every situation and at all times.

Celebrant: Lord, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

5. Jesus is judged by Pilate - Luke 23: 1-25



**Choir: All We Like Sheep Have Gone
Astray ... Handel**

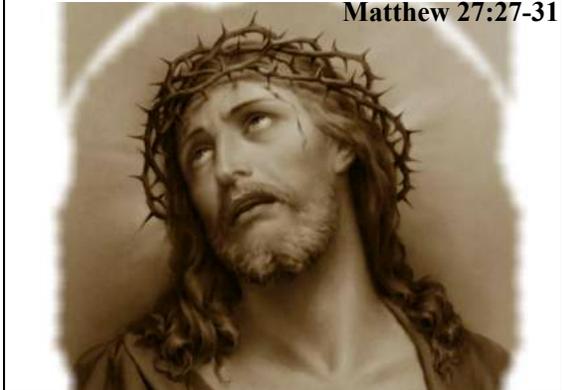
All we like sheep, have gone astray;
we have turned evr'y one to his own way.

All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned evr'y one to his own way.

Celebrant: Almighty God,
***People:* give us strength to keep working for justice.**
 O God, give us strength to remain nonviolent, even in the face of death.
Grant us grace to struggle for justice with dignity and discipline.
 May all who suffer oppression in this world reject the self-defeating method of retaliatory violence and choose the method that seeks to redeem.

***People:* Almighty God, grant us the grace of Christ who had no bitterness of heart as he underwent injustice, suffering, and death.**
(Based on a prayer by Martin Luther King Jr.)
Prayer: Almighty God, grant us right judgment and tender conscience; that understanding we may obey every word of yours, and discerning may follow every suggestion of your indwelling Spirit. Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.
AMEN

**6. Jesus is scourged and crowned with thorns –
 Matthew 27:27-31**



**Choir: Lord, Let Me Know Mine End
 ... Greene**

Lord, let me know mine end,
 and the number of my days;
 that I may be certified
 how long I have to live, *(repeat)*.
 Behold! behold! thou hast made my days,
 as it were a span long; and mine age is
 ev'n as nothing in respect of thee, *(repeat)*.
 And verily evr'y man living
 is altogether vanity, *(repeat)*.
 For man walketh in a vain shadow, *(repeat)*

and disquieteth himself, himself in vain
(repeat)
 he heapeth up riches and cannot tell
 who shall gather them, *(repeat)*
 And now, Lord, what is my hope?
 truly my hope is ev'n in thee, *(repeat)*
 Hear my pray'r, O Lord, *(repeat)*
 And with thine ears consider my calling;
 hold not thy peace at my tears, *(repeat)*
 O spare me, O spare me, spare me a little,
 That I may recover my strength, *(repeat)*
 before I go hence, *(repeat)*
 and be no more seen, *(repeat)*.

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:
***People:* For by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**
Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, we recall that you were despoiled of your garments and clothed in those of derision, that your face and eyes were covered, that you were beaten, crowned with thorns, crushed with blows and overwhelmed with insults and outrages. In mindfulness of your pain and suffering endured before your death on the Cross, grant us, O Lord, your capacity for forgiveness and mercy. **AMEN**

7. Jesus takes up his cross - John 19:17



**Hymn #431 Take Up Your Cross
the Saviour Said**

Take up your cross, the Saviour said,
if you would my disciple be;
deny yourself, the world forsake,
and humbly follow after me.

Take up your cross; let not its weight
fill your weak soul with vain alarm;
his strength shall bear your spirit up,
and brace your heart and nerve your arm.

Take up your cross, nor heed the shame,
and let your foolish pride be still;

your Lord for you endured to die
upon a cross, on Calvary's hill.

Take up your cross, then, in his strength,
and calmly every danger brave:
'twill guide you to a better home
and lead to victory o'er the grave.

Take up your cross and follow Christ,
nor think till death to lay it down;
for only those who bear the cross
may hope to wear the glorious crown.

8. Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus to carry His Cross - Matthew 27:32



Celebrant: We adore you, O Christ, and we
bless you:

People: For by your holy cross you have
redeemed the world.

9. Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem who weep for him - Luke. 23: 27-31



Choir: Adoramus te ... Dubois

Adoramus te, Christe,	<i>Christ, we adore You,</i>
et benedicimus tibi,	<i>and we bless You,</i>
Adoramus te, Christe,	<i>Christ, we adore You</i>
et benedicimus tibi;	<i>and we bless You;</i>
Quia per sanctam crucem	<i>For on your holy cross</i>
tuam redemisti mundum;	<i>You redeemed the world;</i>
Adoramus te, Christe,	<i>Christ, we adore You,</i>
et benedicimus tibi;	<i>and we bless You,</i>
Adoramus te, Christe!	<i>Christ, we adore You!</i>

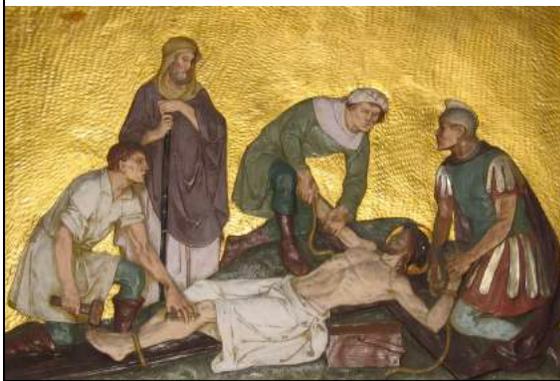
Celebrant: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

People: For by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Prayer: Teach your Church, O Lord, to mourn the sins of which it is guilty, and to repent and forsake them; that, by your pardoning grace, the results of our iniquities may not be visited upon our children and our children's children; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN

10. Jesus is Crucified – Luke 23: 32-38



Choir: Into Your Hands O Lord, I Commend My Spirit

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;
 Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;
 For you have redeemed me,
 O Lord of truth and love.

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;
 Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
 and to the Holy Spirit:

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;

AMEN

Celebrant: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

People: For by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

TRISAGION (said three times):

Holy God, Holy and Mighty

Holy Immortal One

Have Mercy upon Us

11. Jesus promises a repentant thief he will be with him in paradise – Luke 23: 39-43



Choir: Psalm 51, 1-10 Tone IV.1

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving kindness; * in your great compassion blot out my offences.

Wash me through and through from my wickedness * and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions, * and my sin is ever before me.

Against you only have I sinned * and upright is your judgement.

Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth * a sinner from my mother's womb.

For behold, you look for truth deep within me, * and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

Purge me from my sin and I shall be pure; * wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

Make me hear of joy and gladness, * that the body you have broken may rejoice.

Hide your face from my sins * and blot out all my iniquities.

Celebrant: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

***People:* For by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge of you; for the honour of your Name.

AMEN

12. Jesus entrusts Mary and John to each other



**Choir: Walking in a Garden ...
traditional Irish melody**

Walking in a garden at the close of day,
Adam tried to hide him when he heard God say:

"Why are you so frightened, why are you afraid?
You have brought the winter in,
May the flowers fade."

Walking in a garden where the Lord had gone,
three of the disciples, Peter, James and John;

They were very weary, could not keep awake,
while the Lord was kneeling there,
praying for their sake.

Walking in a garden at the break of day,
Mary asked the gardener where the body lay;

but he turned towards her, smiled at her and said:
"Mary, spring is here to stay, only death is dead."

Celebrant: The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous; to the brokenhearted the Lord is near.

***People:* The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous; to the brokenhearted the Lord is near.**

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

To the brokenhearted the Lord is near.

Look upon him and be radiant, and let your faces not be ashamed.

To the brokenhearted the Lord is near.

The righteous cry, and the Lord hears them and delivers them from all their troubles.

To the brokenhearted the Lord is near.

The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, and none will be abandoned who trust in him.

To the brokenhearted the Lord is near.

13. Jesus Dies – John 19:28-30



Choir: The Sorrows of Death ...
Mendelssohn

The sorrows of death had closed all around me.
And hell's dark terrors had got hold upon me.
With trouble and deep heaviness. *(repeat)*

But, said the Lord, "Come, arise. Come, arise
from the dead, and awake thou that sleepest,
and awake thou that sleepest,
I bring thee salvation."

The sorrows of death had closed all around me.
And hell's dark terrors had got hold upon me.
With trouble and deep heaviness. *(repeat)*

Celebrant: Surely he has borne our griefs; he has carried our sorrows.

***People:* Surely he has borne our griefs; he has carried our sorrows.**

He was despised; he was rejected, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief.

He has carried our sorrows.

He was pierced for our sins, bruised for no fault but ours.

He has carried our sorrows.

His punishment has won our peace, and by his wounds we are healed.

He has carried our sorrows.

We had all strayed like sheep, but the Lord has laid on him the guilt of us all.

He has carried our sorrows.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Surely he has borne our griefs; he has carried our sorrows.

14. Jesus is laid in the tomb – Matthew
27: 57-61



**Choir: Surely He Hath Borne our
Griefs ... Handel (from Messiah)**

Surely, Surely He hath borne our griefs,
and carried our sorrows! (*repeat*)

He was wounded for our transgressions,
He was bruised, (*repeat*) for our iniquities,
the chastisement, (*repeat*) of our peace
was upon Him.

(Isaiah 53:4-5)

Celebrant: Let us pray to the Lord, saying,
“Lord, have mercy.”

For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church
throughout the world, we pray to you, Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful
witness it may preach the gospel to the ends of
the earth, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those preparing for baptism and for their
teachers and sponsors, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For peace in the world, that a spirit of respect
and reconciliation may grow among nations and
peoples, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all
who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all in
danger; that they may be relieved and protected,

we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all whom we have injured or offended, we
pray to you, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For grace to amend our lives and to further the
reign of God, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now, as our Saviour Christ has
taught us, let us pray:

**People: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy
will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive
us our trespasses, as we forgive those who
trespass against us,
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver
us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the
glory, for ever and ever. AMEN**

Closing Prayers

Celebrant: Holy God,

***People:* your Son Jesus Christ carried our sins in his own body on the tree, so that we might have life. May we and all who remember this day find new life in him, now and in the world to come, where he lives with you and the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. AMEN**

Celebrant: Send down your abundant blessing, Lord, upon your people who have devoutly recalled the death of your Son in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection. Grant us pardon; bring us comfort. May our faith grow stronger and our eternal salvation be assured. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

Christ the Lord became obedient unto death,

***People:* Even death on a cross.**

(We leave the church in silence.)