



Good Friday

19th April 2019

There are activities for children and young people:

Crèche, Tumblers and Scramblers (0-5)

5-11yr olds in the Hall,

Pathfinders (11-14yrs) in the Old Church

Please would visitors introduce their children to the group leaders.

We warmly welcome everyone to St Mary's this morning, whether you are a visitor or a regular member. The leader this morning is Clive Hawkins and Philip Geddes will be reading. Please stand and sit at the appropriate points as the service will proceed unannounced.

Jesus' arrest, trial and crucifixion

Welcome

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong, a perfect plea;
A great High Priest,
Whose name is Love,
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands,
My name is written on His heart;
I know that while in heaven He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart.
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair,
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look, and see Him there
Who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Saviour died,
My sinful soul is counted free;
For God, the Just, is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me.
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there! the risen Lamb!
My perfect, spotless, Righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM,
The King of glory and of grace!
One with Himself, I cannot die;
My soul is purchased with His blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ, my Saviour and my God.
With Christ, my Saviour and my God.



Please remember to turn off your mobile phone during the Service.



Crèche facilities are available for children, 0-2years, from 10 minutes before the start of the service.



Please sit around the perimeter of the auditorium to make best use of the hearing loop.



Recorded sermons are available from www.stmarys-basingstoke.org.uk (Click on Sermons).

Reading: Mark 14:32-42 - The Agony in the Garden

³² They went to a place called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." ³³ He took Peter, James and John along with him, and he began to be deeply distressed and troubled. ³⁴ "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death," he said to them. "Stay here and keep watch." ³⁵ Going a little farther, he fell to the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from him. ³⁶ "*Abba*, Father," he said, "everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will."

³⁷ Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Simon," he said to Peter, "are you asleep? Could you not keep watch for one hour?" ³⁸ Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak."

³⁹ Once more he went away and prayed the same thing. ⁴⁰ When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. They did not know what to say to him. ⁴¹ Returning the third time, he said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Enough! The hour has come. Look, the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.

⁴² Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!"

Talk

Collect

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of our own to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls so that we may be defended from all ills that may befall the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silence

Song - Depth of Mercy

Depth of mercy! Can there be
mercy reaching even me?
God, the just, His wrath forbears,
me, the chief of sinners spares.
So many times my heart has strayed
from His kind and perfect ways,
making clear my desp'rate need
for His blood poured out for me.

Give me grace, Lord, let me own
all the wrongs that I have done.
Let me now my sins deplore,
look to You and sin no more.
There, for me, the Saviour stands
holding forth His wounded hands,
scars which ever cry for me;
once condemned but now set free.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788) adapted by Bob Kauflin © This version 1997 PDI Praise (61 The Bridge)

Reading - Matthew 26:47-56 - The Betrayal of Judas

⁴⁷ While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived. With him was a large crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests and the elders of the people. ⁴⁸ Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: "The one I kiss is the man;

arrest him.” ⁴⁹ Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” and kissed him.

⁵⁰ Jesus replied, “Friend, do what you came for.”

Then the men stepped forward, seized Jesus and arrested him. ⁵¹ With that, one of Jesus’ companions reached for his sword, drew it out and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear. ⁵² “Put your sword back in its place,” Jesus said to him, “for all who draw the sword will die by the sword. ⁵³ Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels? ⁵⁴ But how then would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen in this way?”

⁵⁵ At that time Jesus said to the crowd, “Am I leading a rebellion, that you have come out with swords and clubs to capture me? Every day I sat in the temple courts teaching, and you did not arrest me. ⁵⁶ But this has all taken place that the writings of the prophets might be fulfilled.” Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

Talk

Collect

Grant, Almighty God that we, who deserve to be punished for our evil deeds, may by your grace and mercy be spared through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silence

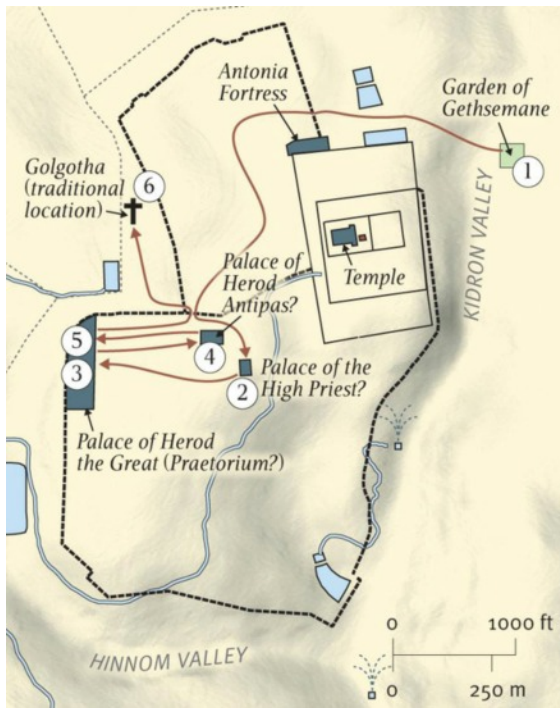
Song - O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Vast, unmeasured, boundless free.
Rolling as a mighty ocean,
In its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me,
Is the current of Thy love.
Leading onward, leading homeward,
To my glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Spread His praise from shore to shore.
How He loveth, ever loveth,
Changeth never, never more.
How He watches o'er His loved ones,
Died to call them all His own.
How for them He intercedeth,
Watches o'er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Love of every love the best.
Tis an ocean vast of blessing,
Tis a haven sweet of rest.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Tis a heaven of heavens to me.
And it lifts me up to Glory,
For it lifts me up to Thee.

Reading - Mark 14:53-65 - The trial before the Sanhedrin



Jesus' Arrest, Trial, and Crucifixion

The path from Jesus' arrest to his crucifixion (part of which is often called the Via Dolorosa, "Way of Sorrows") is difficult to retrace with certainty.

According to a possible harmony of the Gospel accounts, after the Passover meal Judas led a contingent of soldiers to Gethsemane to arrest Jesus (1).

From there Jesus was led to Annas (location unknown), who sent him to his son-in-law Caiaphas, the high priest (2).

The Jewish leaders then appealed to the Roman governor Pilate to have Jesus put to death (3).

Luke records that Pilate sent Jesus to Herod Antipas (4), who questioned Jesus but returned him to Pilate without rendering any judgment (5).

Pilate then sent Jesus to be crucified at Golgotha (6).

⁵³ They took Jesus to the high priest, and all the chief priests, elders and teachers of the law came together. ⁵⁴ Peter followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. There he sat with the guards and warmed himself at the fire.

⁵⁵ The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for evidence against Jesus so that they could put him to death, but they did not find any. ⁵⁶ Many testified falsely against him, but their statements did not agree.

⁵⁷ Then some stood up and gave this false testimony against him: ⁵⁸ "We heard him say, 'I will destroy this man-made temple and in three days will build another, not made by man.'" ⁵⁹ Yet even then their testimony did not agree.

⁶⁰ Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, "Are you not going to answer? What is this testimony that these men are bringing against you?" ⁶¹ But Jesus remained silent and gave no answer.

Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed One?"

⁶² "I am," said Jesus. "And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven."

⁶³ The high priest tore his clothes. "Why do we need any more witnesses?" he asked. ⁶⁴ "You have heard the blasphemy. What do you think?"

They all condemned him as worthy of death. ⁶⁵ Then some began to spit at him; they blindfolded him, struck him with their fists, and said, "Prophecy!" And the guards took him and beat him.

Talk

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards mankind sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature and to suffer death upon the cross so that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility, grant that we may both follow the example of his patience and also have our part in his resurrection, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silence

Song - 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 mingling 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!

Isaac Watts. (401 The Bridge)

Reading - John 18:28-38 - The Trial before Pilate

²⁸ Then the Jews led Jesus from Caiaphas to the palace of the Roman governor. By now it was early morning, and to avoid ceremonial uncleanness the Jews did not enter the palace; they wanted to be able to eat the Passover. ²⁹ So Pilate came out to them and asked, "What charges are you bringing against this man?"

³⁰ "If he were not a criminal," they replied, "we would not have handed him over to you."

³¹ Pilate said, "Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law."

"But we have no right to execute anyone," the Jews objected. ³² This happened so that the words Jesus had spoken indicating the kind of death he was going to die would be fulfilled.

³³ Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?"

³⁴ "Is that your own idea," Jesus asked, "or did others talk to you about me?"

³⁵ “Am I a Jew?” Pilate replied. “It was your people and your chief priests who handed you over to me. What is it you have done?”

³⁶ Jesus said, “My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jews. But now my kingdom is from another place.”

³⁷ “You are a king, then!” said Pilate.

Jesus answered, “You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.”

³⁸ “What is truth?” Pilate asked. With this he went out again to the Jews and said, “I find no basis for a charge against him.”

Talk

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the church is governed and sanctified, receive our prayers, which we offer to you for the many different members of your holy church so that every one in his vocation and ministry may truly and devoutly serve you through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silence

Song - 'Tis finished the Messiah dies

'Tis finished, the Messiah dies,
cut off for sins, but not His own.
Accomplished is the sacrifice,
the great redeeming work is done.
'Tis finished: All the debt is paid;
justice divine is satisfied,
the grand and full atonement made,
God for a guilty world hath died.

The veil is rent in Christ alone;
the living way to heaven is seen.
The middle wall is broken down
and everyone may enter in.
The types and figures are fulfilled,
exacted is the legal pain;
the precious promises are sealed,
the spotless Lamb of God is slain.

The reign of sin and death is o'er
and all may live from sin set free.
Satan has lost his mortal power;
'tis swallowed up in victory.
Saved from the legal curse I am;
my Saviour hangs on yonder tree,
see there the meek, expiring Lamb,
'tis finished: He expires for me.

Accepted in the well beloved
and clothed in righteousness divine,
I see the bar to heaven removed
and all Thy merits, Lord, are mine.
Death, hell and sin are now subdued;
all grace is now to sinners given
and lo, I plead the atoning blood
and in Thy right I claim Thy heaven.

Words: Charles Wesley Tune: John Kelly

Reading - John 19:4-16 - The Vacillations of Pilate

⁴ Once more Pilate came out and said to the Jews, "Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no basis for a charge against him." ⁵ When Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe, Pilate said to them, "Here is the man!"

⁶ As soon as the chief priests and their officials saw him, they shouted, "Crucify! Crucify!"

But Pilate answered, "You take him and crucify him. As for me, I find no basis for a charge against him."

⁷ The Jews insisted, "We have a law, and according to that law he must die, because he claimed to be the Son of God."

⁸ When Pilate heard this, he was even more afraid, ⁹ and he went back inside the palace. "Where do you come from?" he asked Jesus, but Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰ "Do you refuse to speak to me?" Pilate said. "Don't you realise I have power either to free you or to crucify you?"

¹¹ Jesus answered, "You would have no power over me if it were not given to you from above. Therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin."

¹² From then on, Pilate tried to set Jesus free, but the Jews kept shouting, "If you let this man go, you are no friend of Caesar. Anyone who claims to be a king opposes Caesar."

¹³ When Pilate heard this, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judge's seat at a place known as the Stone Pavement (which in Aramaic is Gabbatha). ¹⁴ It was the day of Preparation of Passover Week, about the sixth hour.

"Here is your king," Pilate said to the Jews.

¹⁵ But they shouted, "Take him away! Take him away! Crucify him!"

"Shall I crucify your king?" Pilate asked.

"We have no king but Caesar," the chief priests answered.

¹⁶ Finally Pilate handed him over to them to be crucified.

Talk

Collect

Merciful God, you have made all people and hate nothing that you have made, nor do you desire the death of sinners but rather that they should be converted and live: have mercy on the Jewish people and all who do not know you or who deny the faith of Christ crucified. Take from them all ignorance, hardness of heart, and contempt for your Word and bring them home to your fold, blessed Lord, so that we may all become one flock under one shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Silence

Final Prayer

Lord, into the death of whose dear Son our Saviour Jesus Christ we have been baptized, grant that we may continually put to death our sinful desires and be buried with him so that we may pass through the grave and gate of death to our joyful resurrection through the merits of him who died, was buried and rose again for us, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Refreshments will be served in the Hall after the service.

Please would parents of babies & children under 7 collect their children from crèche & their groups as soon as possible at the end of the service. Parents are also reminded that they are responsible for their children, of whatever age, from when the service ends. Thank you.