

The Parish of St Paul, Wokingham

The Liturgy of Good Friday



¶ *The Gathering*

*The priest and servers enter in silence. The priest prostrates before the altar.
All kneel in silent prayer.*

All stand with the priest, who goes to the chair.

Collect

The priest says

Almighty Father,
look with mercy on this your family
for which our Lord Jesus Christ was content to be betrayed
and given up into the hands of sinners
and to suffer death upon the cross;
who is alive and glorified with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

¶ *The Liturgy of the Word*

Psalm 22

The choir sings Psalm 22.1–11 (653 in the green hymnbook).

First reading

Isaiah 52.13–end of 53

At the end

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn

A hymn is sung. See the number on the hymn boards around the church.

Passion Gospel

The Passion Gospel is said or sung.

John 18.1–end of 19

There is no response

Homily

A homily is preached.

The Solemn Intercessions

The priest introduces the prayers

God sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world,
but that the world might be saved through him.

Therefore we pray to our heavenly Father
for people everywhere according to their needs.

A minister continues with the biddings. The priest says the Collect at the end of each section.

For the Church

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 N, our bishop, and the people of this diocese,
for all Christians in this place,
for those to be baptized,
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.

Silence is kept.

Lord, hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

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
they may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

All Amen.

For the nations of the world

Let us pray for the nations of the world and their leaders:
for Charles our King and the Parliaments 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.

Silence is kept.

Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

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.

All **Amen.**

For the Jewish people

Let us pray for God's ancient people, the Jews,
the first to hear his word:
for greater understanding between Christian and Jew,
for the removal of our blindness and bitterness of heart,
that God will grant us grace to be faithful to his covenant
and to grow in the love of his name.

Silence is kept.

Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Lord God of Abraham,
bless the children of your covenant, both Jew and Christian;
take from us all blindness and bitterness of heart,
and hasten the coming of your kingdom,
when the Gentiles shall be gathered in,
all Israel shall be saved,
and we shall dwell together in mutual love and peace
under the one God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All **Amen.**

For non-Christians

Let us pray for those who do not believe the gospel of Christ:
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.

Silence is kept.

Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

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 our Lord.

All **Amen.**

For those in need

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, captives and refugees,
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.

Silence is kept.

Lord, hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

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.

All Amen.

For ourselves

Let us commend all God's children to his unfailing love,
and pray for the grace of a holy life,
that, with all who have died in the peace of Christ,
we may come to the fullness of eternal life
and the joy of the resurrection.

Silence is kept.

Lord, hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light,
look favourably on your whole Church,
that wonderful and sacred mystery,
and 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 raised up
and things which had grown old 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 for ever.

All Amen.

A hymn is sung.

† *The Adoration of the Holy Cross*

The Showing of the Cross

A minister goes to the door of the church and receives a Cross. The Cross is brought to the middle of the church. As the Cross is brought into the church, the following is said

Behold the wood of the cross,
on which hung the Saviour of the world.

All Come, let us worship.

All bow or kneel.

The Adoration of the Cross

The priest reverences the Cross by genuflecting before it and then kissing it.

All are invited to come forward to reverence the Cross.

During the adoration of the Cross, the choir sings the Reproaches.

¶ *The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

The altar is covered with a fair cloth and the Holy Sacrament is brought from the Altar of Repose.

The Lord's Prayer

The priest says

Gathered at the foot of the Cross,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

**All 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.**

The Giving of Communion

The priest holds the consecrated bread and says

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

The priest and people receive Holy Communion. Communion is distributed in one kind, with the bread consecrated at the mass of Maundy Thursday.

If you normally receive communion in your own church or have done so in the past, you are very welcome to do so here. If you do not receive Holy Communion, you are welcome to come to the altar rail to receive a blessing. If so, please bow your head.

While communion is distributed, a hymn is sung.

¶ *The Conclusion*

After communion has been distributed and the altar cleared, the priest says

O Lord Jesus Christ,
Son of the living God,
set your passion, cross and death
between your judgement and our souls,
now and in the hour of our death.
Grant mercy and grace to the living,
rest to the departed,
to your Church peace and concord
and to us sinners forgiveness,
and everlasting life and glory;
for, with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
you are alive and reign,
God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The priest and people leave in silence.

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