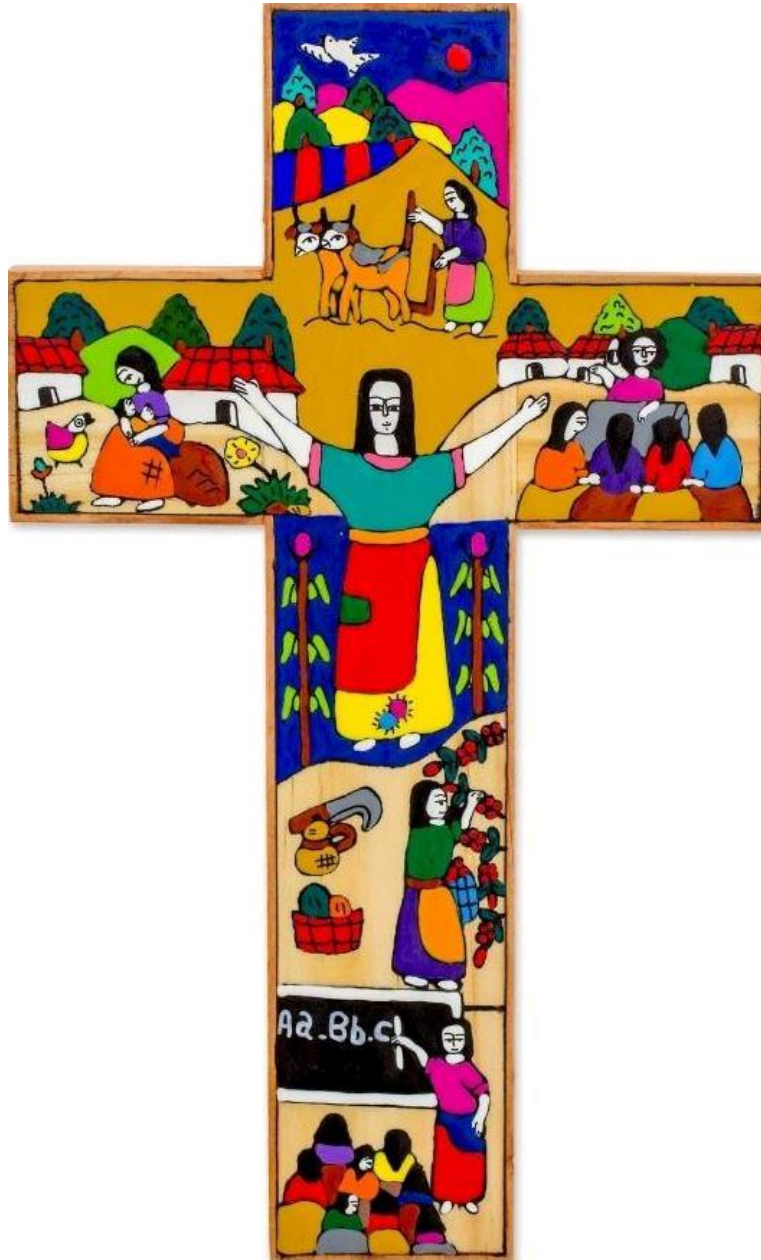




THE CATHEDRAL AND METROPOLITICAL CHURCH OF CHRIST, CANTERBURY



Family Service for Good Friday

29<sup>th</sup> March 2024

10am

Nave

# Welcome to Canterbury Cathedral for this Service

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# The Gathering

*Stand as the clergy enter in silence*

## Introduction

*Remain standing to sing*



There is a green hill far away,  
without a city wall,  
where the dear Lord was crucified,  
who died to save us all.

<sup>3</sup>He died that we might be forgiven,  
he died to make us good,  
that we might go at last to heaven,  
saved by his precious blood.

<sup>2</sup>We may not know, we cannot tell,  
what pains he had to bear;  
but we believe it was for us  
he hung and suffered there.

<sup>4</sup>There was no other good enough  
to pay the price of sin;  
he only could unlock the gate  
of heaven, and let us in.

<sup>5</sup>O dearly, dearly has he loved,  
and we must love him too,  
and trust in his redeeming blood,  
and try his works to do.

*Words:* Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-95)

*Tune:* HORSLEY

AM 153

## The Collect

Lord Jesus,  
We have gathered together on this Good Friday to seek you.  
Open our eyes afresh to see what you went through for us.  
Melt our hearts with your love that we might love you more  
and be willing to lay down our lives for the sake of others.  
For the glory of your name.

**Amen.**

*Sit*

## **Bible Reading**

*John 19. 16b-25*

Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

So they took Jesus; and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, 'Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.' Many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, 'Do not write, "The King of the Jews", but, "This man said, I am King of the Jews."' Pilate answered, 'What I have written I have written.' When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. So they said to one another, 'Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it.' This was to fulfil what the scripture says, 'They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots.' And that is what the soldiers did.

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.

# Hymn

*Stand to sing*



*Amazing grace! (how sweet the sound)  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
was blind, but now I see.*

<sup>3</sup>Through many dangers, toils, and snares,  
I have already come;  
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.

<sup>2</sup>'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!

<sup>4</sup>The Lord has promis'd good to me,  
his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures.

<sup>5</sup>Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail,  
and mortal life shall cease;  
I shall possess, within the veil,  
a life of joy and peace.

*Words:* John Newton (1725-1807)    *Tune:* AMAZING GRACE (NEW BRITAIN)    AM 587

## Bible Reading

*Mark 15. 33-39*

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, 'Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?' which means, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, 'Listen, he is calling for Elijah.' And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, 'Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.' Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, 'Truly this man was God's Son!'

## Talk

Rev'd Canon Andrew Dodd

## Prayers

*We keep some moments of silence*

### **Canticle**      A Song of Anselm

Jesus, like a mother you gather your people to you;  
you are gentle with us as a mother with her children.

**Often you weep over our sins and our pride,  
tenderly you draw us from hatred and judgement.**

You comfort us in sorrow and bind up our wounds,  
in sickness you nurse us, and with pure milk you feed us.

**Jesus, by your dying we are born to new life;  
by your anguish and labour we come forth in joy.**

Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness;  
through your gentleness we find comfort in fear.

**Your warmth gives life to the dead,  
your touch makes sinners righteous.**

Lord Jesus, in your mercy heal us;  
in your love and tenderness remake us.

**In your compassion bring grace and forgiveness,  
for the beauty of heaven may your love prepare us.**

*Words: Archbishop Anselm of Canterbury (1033-1109)*

## The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

# Hymn

Stand to sing



I danced in the morning  
when the world was begun,  
and I danced in the moon  
and the stars and the sun,  
and I came down from heaven  
and I danced on the earth,  
at Bethlehem  
I had my birth.

*Dance, then, wherever you may be,  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,  
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
and I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he.*

<sup>2</sup>I danced for the scribe  
and the pharisee,  
but they would not dance  
and they wouldn't follow me.  
I danced for the fishermen,  
for James and John  
they came with me  
and the Dance went on.

<sup>4</sup>I danced on a Friday  
when the sky turned black  
it's hard to dance  
with the devil on your back.  
They buried my body  
and they thought I'd gone,  
but I am the Dance,  
and I still go on.

<sup>3</sup>I danced on the Sabbath  
and I cured the lame;  
the holy people  
said it was a shame.  
they whipped and they stripped  
and they hung me on high,  
and they left me there  
on a Cross to die.

<sup>5</sup>They cut me down  
and I leapt up high;  
I am the life  
that'll never, never die;  
I'll live in you  
if you'll live in me -  
I am the Lord  
of the Dance, said he

Words: Sydney Carter (1915-2004)

Music: LORD OF THE DANCE

AM 667

## **Final Prayer and Blessing**

Lord Jesus as we leave this place,  
Keep our hearts burning with gratitude and love, for all that you have  
given to us.

Enable us to walk in humble obedience with you.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy  
Spirit be among  
you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

Christ crucified draw you to himself,  
to find in him a sure ground for faith,  
a firm support for hope,  
and the assurance of sins forgiven;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**