

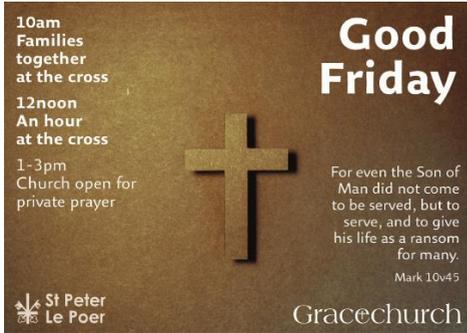


**St Peter  
Le Poer**



**Gracechurch**

**An hour at the cross**  
**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2022**  
**12 noon - Good Friday**



There was no other good enough  
 To pay the price of sin  
 He only could unlock the gate  
 Of heav'n and let us in

O dearly dearly has He loved  
 And we must love Him too  
 And trust in His redeeming blood  
 And try His works to do

Cecil Alexander

**Romans 3:19-26**

<sup>19</sup> Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup> Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God's sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin.

<sup>21</sup> But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. <sup>22</sup> This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, <sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup> and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. <sup>25</sup> God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— <sup>26</sup> he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

**Welcome**

Revd Philip Sudell

**Opening prayer**

Eternal God, in the cross of Jesus we see the cost of our sin and the depth of your love: in humble hope and fear may we place at his feet all that we have and all that we are, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

**There is a green hill far away**

Outside a city wall  
 Where the dear Lord was crucified  
 Who died to save us all

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

He died that we might be forgiven  
 He died to make us good  
 That we might go at last to heav'n  
 Saved by His precious blood

## First Reading

### Isaiah 53

Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

<sup>2</sup> He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

<sup>3</sup> He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.

<sup>4</sup> Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted.

<sup>5</sup> But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

<sup>6</sup> We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

<sup>7</sup> He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.

<sup>8</sup> By oppression and judgment he was taken away. Yet who of his generation protested?

For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was punished.

<sup>9</sup> He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth.

<sup>10</sup> Yet it was the Lord's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the Lord makes his life an offering for sin, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the Lord will prosper

in his hand.

<sup>11</sup> After he has suffered, he will see the light of life and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities.

<sup>12</sup> Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors.

For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

## Reflection

*"In my place"*

### Psalm

Psalm 22:1-11

**My God, my God,  
why have you forsaken me?**

<sup>1</sup> My God, my God, why have you forsaken me, • and are so far from my salvation, from the words of my distress?

<sup>2</sup> O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; • and by night also, but I find no rest.

**My God, my God,  
why have you forsaken me?**

<sup>3</sup> Yet you are the Holy One, • enthroned upon the praises of Israel.

<sup>4</sup> Our forebears trusted in you; • they trusted, and you delivered them.

<sup>5</sup> They cried out to you and were delivered; • they put their trust in you and were not confounded.

**My God, my God,  
why have you forsaken me?**

<sup>6</sup> But as for me, I am a worm and no man, • scorned by all and despised by the people.

<sup>7</sup> All who see me laugh me to scorn; • they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,

**My God, my God,  
why have you forsaken me?**

<sup>8</sup> 'He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him; • let him deliver him, if he delights in him.'

<sup>9</sup> But it is you that took me out of the womb • and laid me safe upon my mother's breast.

**My God, my God,  
why have you forsaken me?**

<sup>10</sup> On you was I cast ever since I was born; • you are my God even from my mother's womb.

<sup>11</sup> Be not far from me, for trouble is near at hand • and there is none to help.

**My God, my God,  
why have you forsaken me?**

## **Silence**

**My song is love unknown,**  
my Saviour's love to me,  
love to the loveless shown,  
that they might lovely be.  
O who am I,  
that for my sake  
my Lord should take  
frail flesh, and die?

He came from his blest throne,  
salvation to bestow;  
but men made strange, and none  
the longed-for Christ would know.

But O, my Friend,  
my Friend indeed,  
who at my need  
his life did spend!

Sometimes they strew his way,  
and his sweet praises sing;  
resounding all the day  
hosannas to their King.  
Then 'Crucify!'  
is all their breath,  
and for his death  
they thirst and cry.

Why, what hath my Lord done?  
What makes this rage and spite?  
He made the lame to run,  
he gave the blind their sight.  
Sweet injuries!  
yet they at these  
themselves displease,  
and 'gainst him rise.

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.

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?  
Heaven was his home;  
but mine the tomb  
wherein he lay.

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.

## Second Reading

John 19:16-27

So the soldiers took charge of Jesus.

<sup>17</sup> Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). <sup>18</sup> There they crucified him, and with him two others – one on each side and Jesus in the middle.

<sup>19</sup> Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews. <sup>20</sup> Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the sign was written in Aramaic, Latin and Greek. <sup>21</sup> The chief priests of the Jews protested to Pilate, 'Do not write "The King of the Jews", but that this man claimed to be king of the Jews.'

<sup>22</sup> Pilate answered, 'What I have written, I have written.'

<sup>23</sup> When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with the undergarment remaining. This garment was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom.

<sup>24</sup> 'Let's not tear it,' they said to one another. 'Let's decide by lot who will get it.' This happened that the scripture might be fulfilled that said,

'They divided my clothes among them and cast lots for my garment.'

So this is what the soldiers did.

<sup>25</sup> Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. <sup>26</sup> When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing near by, he said to her, 'Woman, here is your son,' <sup>27</sup> and to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## Reflection

*"A ransom for many"*

## Anthem

For God so loved the world – Stainer

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

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

## Silence

### O sacred head surrounded

By crown of piercing thorn  
O royal head so wounded  
Reviled and put to scorn  
Death's shadows rise before you  
The glow of life decays  
Yet angel hosts adore you  
And tremble as they gaze

Your youthfulness and vigour  
Are spent your strength is gone  
And in your tortured figure  
I see death drawing on  
What agony of dying  
What love to sinners free  
My Lord all grace supplying  
O turn your face on me

Your sinless soul's oppression  
Was all for sinners' gain  
Mine mine was the transgression  
But yours the deadly pain  
I bow my head my Saviour  
For I deserve your place  
O grant to me your favour  
And heal me by your grace

What language shall I borrow  
To thank you dearest Friend  
For this your dying sorrow  
Your mercy without end  
Lord make me yours for ever  
Your servant let me be  
And may I never never  
Betray your love for me

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## Third Reading

### John 19:28-42

<sup>28</sup> Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, 'I am thirsty.'<sup>29</sup> A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips.<sup>30</sup> When he had received the drink, Jesus said, 'It is finished.' With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.<sup>31</sup> Now it was the day of Preparation, and the next day was to be a special Sabbath. Because the Jewish leaders did not want the bodies left on the crosses during the Sabbath, they asked Pilate to have the legs broken and the bodies taken down.<sup>32</sup> The soldiers therefore came and broke

the legs of the first man who had been crucified with Jesus, and then those of the other.<sup>33</sup> But when they came to Jesus and found that he was already dead, they did not break his legs.<sup>34</sup> Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water.<sup>35</sup> The man who saw it has given testimony, and his testimony is true. He knows that he tells the truth, and he testifies so that you also may believe.<sup>36</sup> These things happened so that the scripture would be fulfilled: 'Not one of his bones will be broken,'<sup>37</sup> and, as another scripture says, 'They will look on the one they have pierced.'

<sup>38</sup> Later, Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for the body of Jesus. Now Joseph was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly because he feared the Jewish leaders. With Pilate's permission, he came and took the body away.<sup>39</sup> He was accompanied by Nicodemus, the man who earlier had visited Jesus at night. Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about thirty-five kilograms.<sup>40</sup> Taking Jesus' body, the two of them wrapped it, with the spices, in strips of linen. This was in accordance with Jewish burial customs.<sup>41</sup> At the place where Jesus was crucified, there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had ever been laid.<sup>42</sup> Because it was the Jewish day of Preparation and since the tomb was near by, they laid Jesus there.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Reflection

*"Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"*

# Silence

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.

Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord, graciously hear us.**

## 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.

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 Sarah and Robert, our bishops,  
and the people of this diocese,  
for all Christians in this place,  
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.

Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord, graciously hear us.**

Let us pray for the nations of the world and their leaders: for Elizabeth our Queen 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.

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.**

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, particularly we remember the people of Ukraine today, that God in his mercy will sustain them with the knowledge of his love.

Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord, graciously hear us.**

## The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

**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.

We leave in silence...

## Final Prayer

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**All Amen.**

## 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 cross of Christ, my God!  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them through his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,  
sorrow and love flow mingled down.  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

His dying crimson, like a robe,  
spreads o'er his body on the tree;  
then am I dead to all the globe,  
and all the globe is dead to me.

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were a present far too small.  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.

**10am  
Families  
together  
at the cross**

**12noon  
An hour  
at the cross**

**1-3pm  
Church open for  
private prayer**

# Good Friday



For even the Son of  
Man did not come  
to be served, but to  
serve, and to give  
his life as a ransom  
for many.

Mark 10v45

 **St Peter  
Le Poer**

**Grace**church

God has raised  
this Jesus  
to life, and we  
are all witnesses  
of it...

'Repent and be  
baptised, every  
one of you, in  
the name of  
Jesus Christ for  
the forgiveness  
of your sins.

Acts 2v32,38

# HE IS RISEN

**9.30am  
Holy  
Communion**

**11am  
Easter  
Celebration**

# Easter Day