

# ST JOHN'S RANMOOR

## The Liturgy of Good Friday



1.00pm

*The ministers enter in silence.*

*All may kneel for a time of silent prayer.*

## The Collect

*All stand and the president says the Collect*

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.  
**Amen.**

## The Liturgy of the Word

### Old Testament Reading

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

*Isaiah 52.13–end of 53*

*at the end of the reading*

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

*Silence is kept.*

### Psalm

*Psalm 22.1-11*

### New Testament Reading

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

*Hebrews 10.16-25*

*at the end of the reading*

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

*Silence is kept.*

## Canticle

Drop, drop, slow tears,  
And bathe those beautiful feet  
Which brought from Heaven  
The news and Prince of Peace:

Cease not, wet eyes,  
His mercy to entreat;

To cry for vengeance  
Sin doth never cease.

In your deep floods  
Drown all my faults and fears;  
Nor let His eye  
See sin, but through my tears

*(Words - Phineas Fletcher; Music - Kerry Andrew)*

## The Passion Reading

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*John 18.1 - 19.30a*

*at the end of the reading*

This is the Passion of the Lord.

*No response is made.*

*Silence is kept.*

## Sermon

## Motet

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
*Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble;*

Were you there when they nail'd him to the tree?

Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

*(American spiritual arr Peter Hunt)*

## *The Proclamation of the Cross*

*A wooden cross is brought into the church and placed in the sight of the people.*

*As the cross is carried in, the procession stops three times and the following versicles and responses are sung.*



This is the wood of the cross, on which hung the Saviour of the world.

**Come let us worship**

## **Hymn**

1. Faithful Cross! above all other,  
one and only noble tree!  
None in foliage, none in blossom,  
none in fruit thy peer may be;  
sweetest wood and sweetest iron,  
sweetest weight is hung on thee.

2. Sing my tongue, the glorious battle,  
sing the ending of the fray,  
o'er the cross, the victor's trophy,  
sound the loud triumphant lay:  
Tell how Christ, the world's Redeemer,  
as a victim won the day.

3. God in pity saw us fallen,  
shamed and sunk in misery,  
when we fell on death by tasting  
fruit of the forbidden tree:  
then another tree was chosen  
which the world from death should free.

4. Therefore when the appointed fullness  
of the holy time was come,  
he was sent who maketh all things  
forth from God's eternal home:  
thus he came to earth, incarnate,  
offspring of a maiden's womb.

5. Thirty years among us dwelling,  
now at length his hour fulfilled,  
born for this, he meets his Passion,  
for that this he freely willed,  
on the cross the lamb is lifted,  
where his life-blood shall be spilled.

6. Bend thy boughs, O tree of glory,  
thy too rigid sinews bend:  
for awhile the ancient rigour  
that they birth bestowed, suspend,  
and the King of heavenly beauty  
on thy bosom gently tend!

7. Thou alone wast counted worthy  
this world's ransom to sustain,  
that a shipwrecked race might ever  
thus a port of refuge gain,  
with the sacred blood anointed  
from the lamb for sinners slain.

8. He endured the nails, the spitting,  
vinegar and spear and reed:  
from that holy body pierced  
blood and water forth proceeded:  
earth and star and sky and ocean  
by that flood from stain are freed.

9. To the Trinity be glory,  
to the Father and the Son,  
with the co-eternal Spirit,  
ever three and ever one,  
one in love and one in splendour,  
while unending ages run. Amen.

*Crux fidelis, inter omnes  
arbor una nobilis:  
nulla silva talem profert,  
fronde, flore, germine.  
Dulce lignum, dulces clavos,  
dulce pondus sustinet.*

**We glory in your cross, O Lord,  
and praise you for your mighty resurrection;  
for by virtue of your cross  
joy has come into our world.**

God be gracious to us and bless us  
and make his face to shine upon us,  
that your way may be known upon earth,  
your saving power among all nations.  
Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.  
O let the nations rejoice and be glad,  
for you will judge the peoples righteously  
and govern the nations upon earth.  
Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.  
Then shall the earth bring forth her increase,  
and God, our own God, will bless us.  
God will bless us,  
and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

*Psalm 67*

**We glory in your cross, O Lord,  
and praise you for your mighty resurrection;  
for by virtue of your cross  
joy has come into our world.**

*A period of silence is kept*

*All kneel for The Liturgy of the Death of Christ*

O Saviour of the world,  
who by your cross and precious blood have redeemed us,  
save us and help us, we humbly pray.

*The Passion according to John continues from 19.30b*

*After the reading a period of silence is kept, concluding with the hymn*

1. When I survey the wondrous Cross  
On which the Prince of Glory dy'd,  
My richest Gain I count but Loss,  
And pour Contempt on all my Pride.

3. 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?

2. 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.

4. His dying Crimson, like a Robe,  
Spreads o'er his Body on the Tree;  
Then I am dead to all the Globe,  
And all the Globe is dead to me.

5. 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.

*The Prayers of Intercession*

*The president 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 these biddings, the president saying the Collect at the end of each section.*

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 Pete and Sophie, our bishops, 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.

**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. **Amen.**

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.

*Silence is kept.*

Lord, hear us.

**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. **Amen.**

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.

**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.  
**Amen.**

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.  
**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.  
**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,  
that God in his mercy will sustain them  
with the knowledge of his love.

*Silence is kept.*

Lord, hear us.  
**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.



**Amen.**

Let us commend ourselves and 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.

**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.

**Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

Standing at the foot of the cross,  
Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour taught us

**Our Father, who art in heaven...**

*A period of silence is kept, concluding with the singing of Psalm 31*

*Refrain:* Father, into your hands I commit my spirit

In you, O Lord, I take refuge.

Let me never be put to shame.

In your justice set me free,

Into your hands I commend my spirit.

It is you who will redeem me Lord.

In the face of all my foes

I am a reproach,

an object of scorn to my neighbours

and of fear to my friends.

Those who see me laugh me in the street  
run far away from me.

I am like a the dead, forgotten by all,  
like a thing thrown away.

But as for me, I trust in you, Lord;

I say: You are my God.

My life is in your hands, deliver me

from the hands of those who hate me.

Let your face shine on your servant.

Save me in your love.

Be strong, let your heart take courage,  
all who hope in the Lord.

### *The Conclusion*

### *Silence is kept.*

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.

**Amen.**

## Gospel of the Burial of Christ

*John 19.38-42*

*After the reading, the ministers depart in silence.*