A service of Music and Readings for Good Friday

Anthem Ex ore innocentium John Ireland

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

If we have died with him, we shall also live with him; if we endure, we shall also reign with him.

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards mankind sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the Cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

Hymn:	Ah, holy Jesu, how hast thou offended	
Reading	Jesus foretells his death	John 16. 16-28
Anthem	God so loved the world	Chilcott
Reading	Jesus prays for his people	John 17.1-13
Anthem	The Reproaches	Richard Harrison
Reading	Jesus is betrayed and arrested	John 18.1-12
Hymn:	Take up thy cross, the Saviour said	
Hymn: Reading	Take up thy cross, the Saviour said Jesus is tried before Pilate	John 19.1-16
·		John 19.1-16 Richard Farrant
Reading	Jesus is tried before Pilate	
Reading Anthem	Jesus is tried before Pilate Call to remembrance	Richard Farrant John 19.17-27

Anthem Drop, drop slow tears

Orlando Gibbons

Hymn There is a green hill far away

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 forever. **Amen**

Father in this week of passion, Simon of Cyrene was forced to carry the cross for you Son. Give us grace willingly to lift heavy loads from those we meet and to stand with those condemned to die.

Lord hear us: Lord graciously hear us.

Your Son watched the soldiers gamble to share his clothes. Look with forgiveness on those whose hearts are hardened by their work, and those who know not what they do.

Lord hear us: Lord graciously hear us.

The thief looked for the coming of the kingdom, and hear Christ say 'Today you shall be with me.' Give pardon and hope, healing and peace to all who look death in the face.

Lord hear us: Lord graciously hear us.

In Mary and John, your Son created a new family at the cross. Fill us with your love, and give all your children secure hope for the future.

Lord hear us: Lord graciously hear us.

The centurion was astonished to recognise your Son in the crucified Messiah. Open the eyes of those who do not know you to grasp in your Son the meaning of life and death.

Lord hear us: Lord graciously hear us.

Nicodemus came to take your Son's body away. Give hope and faith to the dying and bereaved, gentleness to those who minister to them, and courage to those whose faith is secret.

Lord hear us: Lord graciously hear us.

Simon and Nicodemus, Mary and John were drawn into the life of your church in Jerusalem. Bring into your Church today a varied company of people, to walk with Christ in the way of his passion, and to find your salvation in the victory of his cross.

Lord hear us: Lord graciously hear us.

God of healing and hope,

In Jesus you meet us in our places of pain and fear. Look with mercy on those who have contracted Covid 19, on any who are vulnerable, and on all who feel in danger. Through this time of global concern, make us more aware of our interdependence on one another and of the strength that comes from being one body in you. Through Christ our wounded healer.

Lord of the church: hear our prayer, and make us one in heart and mind to serve you with joy for ever. Amen.

Hymn When I survey the wondrous cross

Reading Christ triumphant Philippians 2.5-11

Grant, Lord, that we who are baptised into the death of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, may continually put to death our evil desires and be buried with him; that through the grave and gate of death we may pass to our joyful resurrection; through his merits, who died and was buried and rose again for us, your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Our Father, who art in Heaven,
hallowed be they 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.
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 Praise to the holiest in the height

The service ends with silence