

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

Reading Jesus is tried before Pilate John 19.1-16

Anthem Call to remembrance Richard Farrant

Reading Jesus is crucified John 19.17-27

Anthem Were you there when they crucified my Lord

Reading Jesus dies John 19.28-37

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.***

