

Truly this man was

the Son of God

Mark Fifteen Thirty-Nine

Congregation of Mark the Evangelist
Friday 2 April 2021
Good Friday B



Services at MtE are now live-streamed (live broadcast) via our YouTube channel. Cameras are principally directed at the lectern and table/sanctuary but shots will sometimes be taken from the back of the building (generally during hymns and communion).

COVID-19 health measures

- We are now only wearing masks during the singing of the principal hymns (usually at the opening, before communion and at the end). Masking for the quieter communion sung responses is not necessary. Feel free, of course, to wear your mask for the duration of the service if this is more comfortable for you.



- Please observe the usual hand sanitation routines on entering and leaving the building
- Please observe the usual 1.5 metre distance between yourself and others who are not members of your family – whether seated or standing (family groups may move their seats closer together)

Preparing for Worship Today

- Today's service is also being live-streamed for the participation of those who can't join us physically today.
- Today's service draws on readings not usually heard on Good Friday – a reading from Job as a continuation of our reflections on that book, and section of Mark's passion narrative.



A SERVICE OF THE WORD

(Congregational responses are printed in **bold italics**.)

Prelude D Buxtehude Ach Herr, mich armen Sünder

*Ach Herr, mich armen Sünder
Straf nicht in deinem Zorn,
Dein' ernsten Grimm doch linder,
Sonst ist's mit mir verlorn.
Ach Herr, wollst mir vergeben
Mein Sünd und gnädig sein,
Daß ich mag ewig leben,
Entfliehn der Höllenpein.*

*Ah Lord, poor sinner that I am,
do not punish me in your wrath,
yet soften your grave fury,
or else all is lost for me.
Ah Lord, if you will only forgive my sin
and be merciful to me,
then I may live forever,
escaping the torment of hell.*

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(We stand as the Scriptures are brought into the worship space)

The Gathering of the People of God

The word of the prophet

Isaiah 52:13-15

Prayer of invocation

Hymn 331 Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle (tune 497)

1. Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle;
of the mighty conflict sing;
tell the triumph of the victim,
to his cross your tribute bring.
Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer,
from that cross now reigns as King.
2. When at length th'appointed fullness
of the sacred time was come,
he was sent, the world's Creator,
from the Father's heavenly home
and was found in human fashion
offspring of the Virgin's womb.

3. When the thirty years were ended
which on earth he willed to see,
willingly he meets his passion,
born to set his people free;
on the cross the Lamb is lifted,
there the sacrifice to be.
4. There the nails and spear he suffers,
vinegar and gall and reed;
from his sacred body pierced
blood and water both proceed:
precious flood, which all creation
from the stain of sin has freed.
5. Faithful cross, above all other,
one and only noble tree,
none in foliage, none in blossom,
none in fruit your peer may be;
sweet the wood and sweet the iron,
and your load, most sweet is he.
6. Praise and honour to the Father,
praise and honour to the Son,
praise and honour to the Spirit,
ever Three and ever One:
One in might and One in glory
while eternal ages run.

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The Word Spoken: Scripture and Preaching

The Testimony of Scripture

The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand for ever.

Job 23.1-17 *God has made my heart faint; the Almighty has terrified me*

Psalms 22.1-10 *Why have you abandoned me?* [TIS 9]

Refrain: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Mark 15.25-39 *Why have you forsaken me?*

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Preaching of the Word

The text of the sermon will normally be available after worship and online

Interlude J.S. Bach *Herzlich thut mich verlangen*

Herzlich tut mich verlangen	I yearn from my heart
Nach einem selgen End,	for a peaceful end,
Weil ich hie bin umfangen	since here I am surrounded
Mit Trübsal und Elend.	by sorrow and wretchedness.
Ich hab Lust abzuschneiden	I wish to depart
Von dieser bösen Welt,	from this evil world,
Sehn mich nach himml'schen Freuden,	I long for heavenly joys,
O Jesu, komm nur bald!	O Jesus, come quickly!

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A veneration of the cross from the Cistercian tradition

O Cross, more worthy than cedar,
on you the life of the world was nailed,
on you Christ has triumphed:
death has destroyed death!

Glory to you, Jesus, Saviour, your cross gives us life!
Behold the tree of life where
the new Adam offers his blood
to gather all people into one Body: ***Come, let us adore!***

Behold the tree of life where
the Saviour of the world holds out his hands
to embrace us all, in his forgiveness: ***Come, let us adore!***

Behold the tree of life where
the Father's beloved opens
the gates of the kingdom: ***Come, let us adore!***

Behold the tree of life where
love cries that it is forsaken
to give hope to all the unloved: ***Come, let us adore!***

Behold the tree of life where
the Son of Man gives the Spirit
while breathing his last within the Father's hands: ***Come, let us adore!***

Behold the tree of life where
the light of the world shines
in the darkness in order to accomplish the Passover of the universe:
Come, let us adore!

Behold the tree of life where
Jesus gives us his mother,
the new Eve of a redeemed world: ***Come, let us adore!***

Behold the tree of life where
the innocent man bears our sins
in order to reconcile earth and heaven: ***Come, let us adore!***

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.
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.

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Prayers of the People

Jesus Christ, ..., in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

The Sending Forth of the People of God

Hymn 349 In the cross of Christ I glory (vv.1,3-5)

1. In the cross of Christ I glory,
towering o'er the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story
gathers round its head sublime.
3. When the woes of life o'ertake us,
hopes deceive and fears annoy,
never shall the cross forsake us,
from it shines our peace and joy.
4. Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
by the cross are sanctified;
peace is there that knows no measure,
joys that through all time abide.
5. In the cross of Christ I glory,
towering o'er the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story
gathers round its head sublime.

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Benediction

We depart quietly

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