

...THEY LED
him away
TO CRUCIFY
him.

MATTHEW 27.31

Congregation of Mark the Evangelist
Friday 15 April 2022
Good Friday

Preparing for Worship Today

- Welcome to this service of worship at Mark the Evangelist!
- Today's service is being live-streamed for the participation of those who can't join us physically today.
- Congregational responses are printed in ***bold italics***.



A SERVICE OF THE WORD

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.*

(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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With the Children

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.***

Numbers 5.1-10 *Outside the camp*

Matthew 27.24-26,32-54 *They came to a place called Golgotha*

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 thut mich verlangen	I yearn from my heart
Nach einem selgen End,	for a peaceful end,
Weil ich hier bin umfange	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 I long for heavenly joys,
Freuden, O Jesus, come quickly!
O Jesu, komm nur bald!

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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 destroyed by death!

Glory to you, Jesus, Saviour, your cross gives us life!

Behold the tree of life,
on which what was pure was corrupted,
that the corrupt might be made pure:

Glory to you, Jesus, Saviour!

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

Glory to you, Jesus, Saviour!

Behold the tree of life where
the blood of the new Adam
gathers all people into one Body:

Glory to you, Jesus, Saviour!

Behold the tree of life where
the Father's beloved opens
the gates of the kingdom:

Glory to you, Jesus, Saviour!

Behold the tree of life where
the Son of Man gives the Spirit
while breathing his last
within the Father's hands:

Glory to you, Jesus, Saviour!

Behold the tree of life where
the light of the world shines
in the darkness in order to accomplish
the Passover of the universe:

Glory to you, Jesus, Saviour!

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.

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

By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Prayers of the People

The Sending Forth of the People of God

Hymn 351 Lift high the cross

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.*

1. Come, people, follow where our captain trod,
our King victorious, Christ the Son of God:
Lift high the cross ...
2. All newborn servants of the Crucified
bear on their brow the seal of him who died:
Lift high the cross ...

3. From north and south, from east and west they raise
in growing unison their song of praise:

Lift high the cross ...

4. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
draw all to you, let all the nations see:

Lift high the cross ...

5. From farthest regions let them homage bring,
and on the cross adore their Saviour King:

Lift high the cross ...

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Benediction

There is no musical postlude

We depart quietly when ready

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