GOOD FRIDAY
Friday 2 April 2021
6pm Oxford Time
On this Good Friday, we remember with sorrow and solemnity the death of Jesus, by which salvation was won for the world.

In these holy days, from Maundy Thursday yesterday to Easter Day, the services form a single liturgical act spread across several days. Our liturgical commemoration of the death of Jesus began yesterday, on Maundy Thursday, when we celebrated the memorial of the Last Supper. This means that this service, and other services until we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus at the first Eucharist of Easter, has no formal beginning or end. We gather in stark silence, without organ music to accompany us, and without our usual ceremony.

In this service, you are invited to meditate on the suffering and death of Jesus through words and music. The Archdeacon of Oxford, Jonathan Chaffey, will preach on the final act of Good Friday: the taking down of the body of Jesus from the Cross. The Choir sings the *Four Penitential Motets* by Francis Poulenc (1899–1963), which set text associated with the crucifixion of Jesus.

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When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, ‘It is finished.’ And he bowed his head, and gave up his spirit.

Psalm 130

1 Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord:  
   Lord, hear my voice.

2 O let thine ears consider well:  
   the voice of my complaint.

3 If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss:  
   O Lord, who may abide it?

4 For there is mercy with thee:  
   therefore shalt thou be feared.

5 I look for the Lord; my soul doth wait for him:  
   in his word is my trust.

6 My soul fleeth unto the Lord:  
   before the morning watch, I say, before the morning watch.

7 O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy:  
   and with him is plenteous redemption.

8 And he shall redeem Israel:  
   from all his sins.

Sit comfortably to listen to God speaking through the Scriptures.
A reading from the Book of Lamentations.

The joy of our hearts has ceased;
our dancing has been turned to mourning.
The crown has fallen from our head;
woe to us, for we have sinned!
Because of this our hearts are sick,
because of these things our eyes have grown dim:
because of Mount Zion, which lies desolate;
jackals prowl over it.

But you, O Lord, reign for ever;
your throne endures to all generations.
Why have you forgotten us completely?
Why have you forsaken us these many days?
Restore us to yourself, O Lord, that we may be restored;
renew our days as of old—
unless you have utterly rejected us,
and are angry with us beyond measure.

Here ends the Reading.

**Motet**

Timor et tremor venerunt super me et caligo cecidit super me.
Miserere mei, Domine, miserere; quoniam in te confidit anima mea.
Exaudi, Deus, deprecationem meam, quia refugium meum es tu et
adiutor fortis. Domine, invocavi te, non confundar.

_Fear and trembling have come upon me and darkness has fallen upon me.
Have pity on me, Lord, have pity; because in thee my soul trusts. Hear, O God,
my prayer, because thou art my refuge and my strong helper. Lord, I have
called on thee, I will not be confounded._

**Words:** Psalm 54 and 30  
**Music:** Francis Poulenc (1899–1963)
A reading from the Gospel according to St Mark

When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.

Here ends the Reading.

Motet

Vinea mea electa, ego te plantavi: quomodo conversa es in amaritudinem, ut me crucifigeres et Barrabam dimitteres?

My chosen vineyard, I planted you: how have you turned into bitterness, so as to crucify me and free Barabbas?

Words: Responsory for the matins of Good Friday
Music: Francis Poulenc (1899–1963)
Archdeacon Let us pray.

God the Father,
All have mercy upon us.

God the Son,
All have mercy upon us.

God the Holy Spirit,
All have mercy upon us.

Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity,
All have mercy upon us.

From all evil and mischief;
from pride, vanity and hypocrisy;
from envy, hatred and malice;
and from all evil intent,
All good Lord, deliver us.

From sloth, worldliness and love of money;
from hardness of heart
and contempt for your word and your laws,
All good Lord, deliver us.

From sins of body and mind;
from the deceits of the world, the flesh and the devil,
All good Lord, deliver us.

From famine and disaster;
from violence, murder and dying unprepared,
All good Lord, deliver us.
In all times of sorrow;
in all times of joy;
in the hour of death,
and at the day of judgement,

*All*  **good Lord, deliver us.**

By the mystery of your holy incarnation;
by your birth, childhood and obedience;
by your baptism, fasting and temptation,

*All*  **good Lord, deliver us.**

By your ministry in word and work;
by your mighty acts of power;
and by your preaching of the kingdom,

*All*  **good Lord, deliver us.**

By your agony and trial;
by your cross and passion;
and by your precious death and burial,

*All*  **good Lord, deliver us.**

Help and comfort the lonely, the bereaved and the oppressed.

*All*  **Lord, have mercy.**

Keep in safety those who travel, and all who are in danger.

*All*  **Lord, have mercy.**

Heal the sick in body and mind,
and provide for the homeless, the hungry and the destitute.

*All*  **Lord, have mercy.**

Show your pity on prisoners and refugees,
and all who are in trouble.

*All*  **Lord, have mercy.**
Forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers, and turn their hearts.

All Lord, have mercy.

Hear us as we remember those who have died in the peace of Christ, both those who have confessed the faith and those whose faith is known to you alone, and grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom.

All Lord, have mercy.

Give us true repentance; forgive us our sins of negligence and ignorance and our deliberate sins; and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your holy word.

All Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal, have mercy upon us.

Collect

Almighty God, we beseech thee graciously to behold this thy family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed, and given up into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the cross, who now liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.
The Lord’s Prayer

Officiant  Standing at the foot of the cross,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

All  Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
Amen.

Motet

Tenebrae factae sunt dum crucifixissent Jesum Judaei;
et circa horam nonam exclamavit Jesus voce magna:
Deus meus ut quid me dereliquisti?
Et inclinato capite emisit spiritum.
Exclamans Jesus voce magna ait:
Pater in manus tuas commundo spiritum meum.
Et inclinato capite emisit spiritum.

Words: from the Response at Matins on Holy Saturday
Music: Francis Poulenc (1899–1963)
Address
The Archdeacon
The Deposition from the Cross

Motet

My soul is sorrowful even unto death. Remain here and watch with me. In a while you will see a mob surrounding me. Then you will take flight but I will go to give my life for you. Behold the time approaches when the Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of wicked men.

Words: from the Response at Matins
Music: Francis Poulenc (1899–1963)

Conclusion
Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ hast delivered and saved the world: grant, we beseech thee, that, being truly faithful to him who suffered on the cross, we may come at last to share in the triumph of his victory; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

There is no liturgical ending to this service. The Choir and Ministers depart in silence.
Holy Saturday Services, 3 April

2pm Ecumenical Service with Wesley Memorial Church, Online Only
8pm Easter Vigil, Ticketed

Easter Day Services, 4 April

8am BCP Holy Communion
10am Sung Eucharist, Ticketed
  
Preacher: The Bishop of Oxford
  
The Rt Revd Dr Steven Croft
12pm Choral Eucharist, Online Only
  
3pm Sung Eucharist, Ticketed
6pm Choral Evensong, Online Only

All services begin at Oxford Time

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