

ST HILDA'S ASHFORD



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Hymn

It is a thing most wonderful,
Almost too wonderful to be,
That God's own Son should come from heav'n,
And die to save a child like me.

And yet I know that it is true:
He chose a poor and humble lot,
And wept, and toiled, and mourned, and died
For love of those who loved him not.

But even could I see him die,
I could but see a little part
Of that great love, which, like a fire,
Is always burning in his heart.

It is most wonderful to know
His love for me so free and sure;
But 'tis more wonderful to see
My love for him so faint and poor.

And yet I want to love thee, Lord;
O light the flame within my heart,
And I will love thee more and more,
Until I see thee as thou art.

[W. Walsham How]

*The president enters in silence.
All may sit or kneel for a time of silent prayer.*

The Collect

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 for ever.

All Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 52 v 13–end of 53

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22

- 1 MY God, my God, look upon me; why hast thou forsaken me
and art so far from my health, and from the word of my
complaint?
- 2 O my God, I cry in the day-time, but thou hearest not; and in
the night season also I take no rest.
- 3 And thou continuest holy, O thou Worship of Israel.
- 4 Our fathers hoped in thee; they trusted in thee, and thou
didst deliver them.

- 5 They called upon thee, and were holpen; they put their trust in thee, and were not confounded.
- 6 But as for me, I am a worm, and no man; a very scorn of men, and the outcast of the people.
- 7 All they that see me laugh me to scorn; they shoot out their lips, and shake their heads, saying,
- 8 He trusted in God, that he would deliver him; let him deliver him, if he will have him.
- 9 But thou art he that took me out of my mother's womb; thou wast my hope, when I hanged yet upon my mother's breasts.
- 10 I have been left unto thee ever since I was born; thou art my God even from my mother's womb.
- 11 O go not from me; for trouble is hard at hand, and there is none to help me.
- 12 Many oxen are come about me; fat bulls of Basan close me in on every side.
- 13 They gape upon me with their mouths, as it were a ramping and a roaring lion.
- 14 I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart also in the midst of my body is even like melting wax.
- 15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue cleaveth to my gums, and thou shalt bring me into the dust of death.
- 16 For many dogs are come about me, and the council of the wicked layeth siege against me.
- 17 They pierced my hands and my feet: I may tell all my bones: they stand staring and looking upon me.
- 18 They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture.

- 19 But be not thou far from me, O LORD; thou art my succour, haste thee to help me.
- 20 Deliver my soul from the sword, my darling from the power of the dog.
- 21 Save me from the lion's mouth; thou hast heard me also from among the horns of the unicorns.
- 22 I will declare thy Name unto my brethren; in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.
- 23 O praise the LORD, ye that fear him: magnify him, all ye of the seed of Jacob; and fear him, all ye seed of Israel.
- 24 For he hath not despised nor abhorred the low estate of the poor; he hath not hid his face from him; but when he called unto him he heard him.
- 25 My praise is of thee in the great-congregation; my vows will I perform in the sight of them that fear him.
- 26 The poor shall eat, and be satisfied; they that seek after the LORD shall praise him: your heart shall live for ever.
- 27 All the ends of the world shall remember themselves, and be turned unto the LORD; and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before him.
- 28 For the kingdom is the LORD'S, and he is the Governor among the people.
- 29 All such as be fat upon earth have eaten, and worshipped.
- 30 All they that go down into the dust shall kneel before him; and no man hath quickened his own soul.
- 31 My seed shall serve him: they shall be counted unto the Lord for a generation.
- 32 They shall come, and the heavens shall declare his righteousness unto a people that shall be born, whom the Lord hath made.

New Testament Reading – Hebrews 10 vv 16-25

At the end the reader may say

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All Thanks be to God.

The Passion Reading – John 18 and 19

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

No response is made.

Silence is kept.

The Proclamation of the Cross

The Cross of Christ

**All The cross on which the Saviour of the world was hung.
Come, let us worship.**

ANTHEM

Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by?
Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow
which was brought upon me,
which the Lord inflicted on the day of his fierce anger.

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

O my people, O my Church,
what have I done to you,
or in what have I offended you?
Testify against me.

I led you forth from the land of Egypt,
and delivered you by the waters of baptism,
but you have prepared a cross for your Saviour.

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

I led you through the desert forty years,
and fed you with manna.
I brought you through tribulation and penitence,
and gave you my body, the bread of heaven,
but you prepared a cross for your Saviour.

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

What more could I have done for you
that I have not done?
I planted you, my chosen and fairest vineyard,
I made you the branches of my vine;
but when I was thirsty, you gave me vinegar to drink,
and pierced with a spear the side of your Saviour.

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

I went before you in a pillar of cloud,
and you have led me to the judgement hall of Pilate.
I scourged your enemies and brought you
to a land of freedom,
but you have scourged, mocked and beaten me.
I gave you the water of salvation from the rock,
but you have given me gall and left me to thirst.

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

I gave you a royal sceptre,
and bestowed the keys of the kingdom,
but you have given me a crown of thorns.
I raised you on high with great power,
but you have hanged me on the cross.

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

My peace I gave, which the world cannot give,
and washed your feet as a sign of my love,
but you draw the sword to strike in my name,
and seek high places in my kingdom.
I offered you my body and blood,
but you scatter and deny and abandon me.

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

I sent the Spirit of truth to guide you,
and you close your hearts to the Counsellor.
I pray that all may be one in the Father and me,
but you continue to quarrel and divide.
I call you to go and bring forth fruit,
but you cast lots for my clothing.

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

I came to you as the least of your brothers and sisters;
I was hungry and you gave me no food,
I was thirsty and you gave me no drink,
I was a stranger and you did not welcome me,
naked and you did not clothe me,
sick and in prison and you did not visit me.

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

Hymn

Glory be to Jesus,
Who, in bitter pains,
Poured for me the life-blood
From his sacred veins.

Grace and life eternal
In that blood I find;
Blessed be his compassion,
Infinitely kind.

Blest through endless ages
Be the precious stream,
Which from endless torment
Doth the world redeem.

Abel's blood for vengeance
Pleaded to the skies;
But the blood of Jesus
For our pardon cries.

Oft as it is sprinkled
On our guilty hearts,
Satan in confusion
Terror-struck departs.

Oft as earth exulting
Wafts its praise on high,
Hell with terror trembles,
Heaven is filled with joy.

Lift ye then you voices;
Swell the mighty flood;
Louder still and louder
Praise the precious Blood.

[Italian (author unknown) tr. Edward Caswall]

Acclamations

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

All because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

This is the wood of the cross,
on which hung the Saviour of the world.

All Come, let us worship.

O Saviour of the world,
who by your cross and precious blood have redeemed us,

All save us and help us, we humbly pray.

Prayers of Intercession

President

God sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the
world,
but that the world might be saved through him.
Therefore we pray to our heavenly Father
for people everywhere according to their needs.

Minister

Let us pray for the Church of God throughout the world:
for unity in faith, in witness and in service,
for bishops and other ministers, and those whom they
serve,
for Sara and Emma our bishops, and the people of this
diocese,
for all Christians in this place,
for those to be baptized,
for those who are mocked and persecuted for their faith,
that God will confirm his Church in faith,
increase it in love, and preserve it in peace.

Silence is kept

Lord, hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

President

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church
is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful
people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

All Amen.

Minister

Let us pray for the nations of the world and their leaders:
for Charles our King and the Parliaments of this land,
for those who administer the law and all who serve in
public office,
for all who strive for justice and reconciliation,
that by God's help the world may live in peace and
freedom.

Silence is kept

Lord, hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

President

Most gracious God and Father,
in whose will is our peace,
turn our hearts and the hearts of all to yourself,
that by the power of your Spirit
the peace which is founded on justice
may be established throughout the world;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Minister

Let us pray for God's ancient people, the Jews,
the first to hear his word:
for greater understanding between Christian and Jew,
for the removal of our blindness and bitterness of heart,
that God will grant us grace to be faithful to his covenant
and to grow in the love of his name.

Silence is kept

Lord, hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

President

Lord God of Abraham,
bless the children of your covenant, both Jew and
Christian;
take from us all blindness and bitterness of heart,
and hasten the coming of your kingdom,
when the Gentiles shall be gathered in,
all Israel shall be saved,
and we shall dwell together in mutual love and peace
under the one God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All Amen.

Minister

Let us pray for those who do not believe the gospel of
Christ:
for those who have not heard the message of salvation,
for all who have lost faith,
for the contemptuous and scornful,
for those who are enemies of Christ and persecute those
who follow him,

for all who deny the faith of Christ crucified,
that God will open their hearts to the truth
and lead them to faith and obedience.

Silence is kept

Lord, hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

President

Merciful God,
creator of all the people of the earth,
have compassion on all who do not know you,
and by the preaching of your gospel with grace and
power,
gather them into the one fold of the one Shepherd;
Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

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Minister

Let us pray for all those who suffer:
for those who are deprived and oppressed,
for all who are sick,
for those in darkness, in doubt and in despair, in
loneliness and in fear,
for prisoners, captives and refugees,
for the victims of false accusations and violence,
for all at the point of death and those who watch beside
them,
that God in his mercy will sustain them
with the knowledge of his love.

Silence is kept

Lord, hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

President

Almighty and everlasting God,
the comfort of the sad, the strength of those who suffer:
hear the prayers of your children who cry out of any
trouble,
and to every distressed soul grant mercy, relief and
refreshment,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Minister

Let us commend ourselves and all God's children to his
unfailing love,
and pray for the grace of a holy life,
that, with all who have died in the peace of Christ,
we may come to the fullness of eternal life
and the joy of the resurrection.

Silence is kept

Lord, hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

President

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light,
look favourably on your whole Church,
that wonderful and sacred mystery,
and by the tranquil operation of your perpetual
providence
carry out the work of our salvation:
and let the whole world feel and see
that things which were cast down are being raised up
and things which had grown old are being made new
and that all things are returning to perfection
through him from whom they took their origin,
even Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

Hymn

**Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
*O - sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble;
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?***

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

O - sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble;

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

[Negro Spiritual]

The Lord's Prayer

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

**All Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy 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.
And 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.**

The Conclusion

Anthem: Truly, this was the Son of God

[J. S. Bach]

Silence is kept

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross
we may triumph in the power of his victory;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All Amen

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