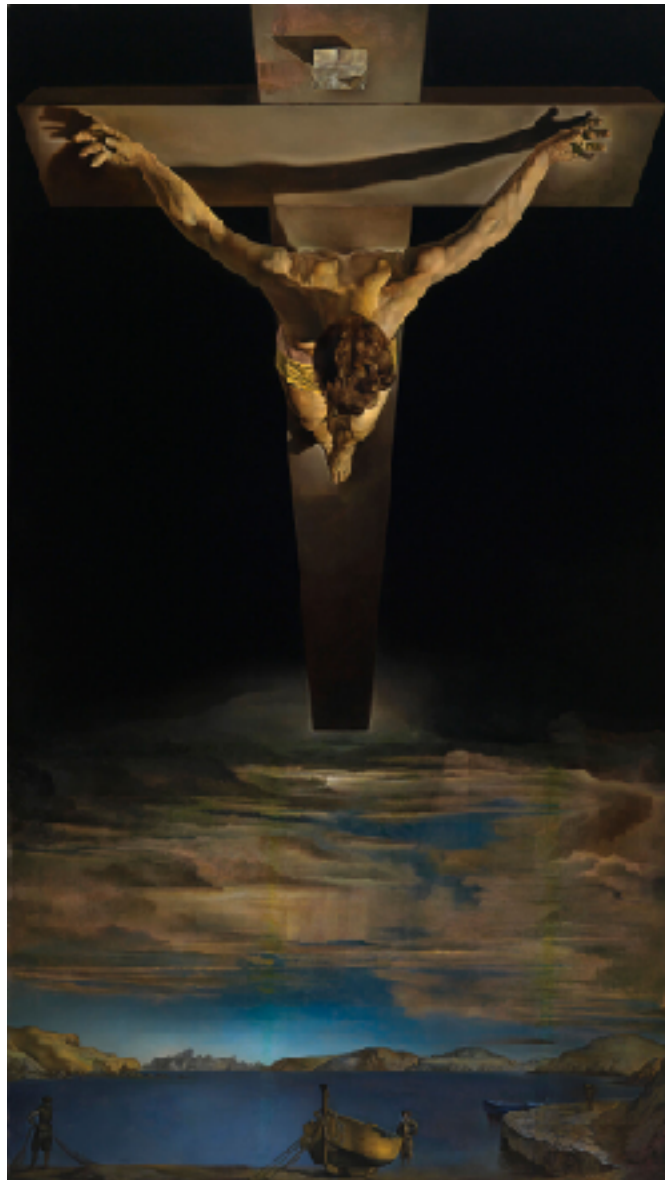


The United Benefice of
St Mary's Charlcombe and St Stephen's Lansdown

At the foot of the Cross

a service of meditation
on scripture and music



*Christ of Saint John of the Cross,
by Salvador Dalí, 1951*

Good Friday, 29th March 2024
St Mary's, Charlcombe

Welcome to St Mary's, Charlcombe

Welcome also to this service meditating on scripture and music that tells the story from Jesus's prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane to His final breath upon the Cross.

Our core intentions here are hospitality, generosity and inclusion. We want you to be at home and able to fully embrace the peace and possibilities of God's presence with us here today.

The service will be introduced and then flow between music, scripture and a short reflection without further announcement. The length of the pieces of music are given so that, knowing their duration, you may be better able to relax into reflective contemplation and prayer.

The candles will be extinguished during the final piece of music, symbolising the darkened sky over Jerusalem as Jesus died and was taken down from the Cross. The service will end with the silence that follows the final piece of music. Please stay in the peace of the church for as long as you wish. When you leave, please do so quietly whilst those remain continue in a state of prayerful contemplation.

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Order of Service

Music prior to the service: *Full Stretch* by Peter Gabriel

Introduction

Music: *Maranatha*, 2004, Lisa Gerrard & Patrick Cassidy, from the album *Immortal Memory*, 2004 (3:44).

First reading: Jesus prays in Gethsemane, is betrayed and arrested (Mark 14:32-50)

Music: *Mercy (Voiceless Mix)*, 2020, Max Richter with Mari Samuelson on violin, from the album *Voices* (5:29)

Second reading: Jesus is judged and condemned (Mark 14:53-65; 15:1-20)

Music: *Passion*, by Peter Gabriel, from the soundtrack to the film *The Last Temptation of Christ*, 1989 (7:39)

Reflection: *Darkness fell across the whole land*,
Rev'd Andrew Avramenko

Music: *Prayer*, 1998, Zbigniew Preisner from the album *Requiem for my friend* (3:16)

Third Reading: Jesus is crucified (Luke 23:26-43)

Music: *Sacrifice*, 1998 by Lisa Gerrard & Pieter Bourke, from the album *Duality* (7:47)

Fourth Reading: The death of Jesus
(Mark 15:33-39 and John 19:31-34)

Music: *The 15th Antiphon*, 2022, *A Glass Darkly*, 2022 (8:21)
You will find the words to this piece on the back page of this booklet.

The readings have been adapted from the New Living Translation. If you would like to listen to the music again, you will find it in a playlist on our YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/stmarysandststephensbath>

The 15th Antiphon by A Glass Darkly

a setting of an Orthodox Liturgical Chant for Good Friday



Today,
He who hung upon the earth upon the waters
is hung upon the tree.

The King of the angels
is decked with a crown of thorns.

He who wrapped the heavens with clouds,
is wrapped in the purple of mockery

He who freed Adam in the Jordan
is slapped in the face.

The Bridegroom of the Church
is affixed to the cross with nails.

The Son of the Virgin is pierced by a spear.

We worship Thy Passion, O Christ.
Show us Thy Glorious Resurrection.

Harmonium: Jon Egan
Cello: Lizzie Elliot
Vocal: Alison Sailer