



THE WELWYN TEAM MINISTRY

**GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY
2020**



BIBLE READING: *John 1: 1-14*

This candlelight is a symbol of Jesus the light of the world.
Jesus is the light of the world the hope of the world.
On this day this light died, was put out and hidden from our eyes.
On this day a terrifying darkness came upon the earth.
On this day a deep sorrowful silence has entered our hearts.

PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS

Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess we have failed you as did your disciples,
and we ask for your mercy and your help.
Our selfishness betrays you.
Lord, forgive,
Christ have mercy.

We fail to share the pain of your suffering;
Lord, forgive,
Christ have mercy.

We are afraid of being known to belong to you;
Lord, forgive,
Christ have mercy.

We who inflict wounds on each other:
Be merciful to us.
We who deny justice to others:
Be merciful to us.
We who seize wealth:
Be merciful to us.
We who are greedy:
Be merciful to us.
We who put others on trial:
Be merciful to us.
We who refuse to receive:
Be merciful to us.
We who are afraid of this world's torment:
Be merciful to us.

THE PRAYER OF THE KINGDOM

Giver of life, we wait with you to bear hope
to earth's darkest places.

Where love is denied:

Let love break through.

Where justice is destroyed:

Let righteousness rule.

Where hope is crucified:

Let faith persist.

Where peace is no more:

Let passion live on.

Where truth is denied:

Let the struggle continue.

Reach into this silent darkness with your love;

Deepen the terror of this moment into new hope;

Relieve the hideous cries with your quiet voice of peace;

That here we may know your salvation, your glory,

your future in Jesus Christ, the crucified Lord. Amen.

BIBLE READINGS

PSALM 22

¹ My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?

² O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer;

and by night, but find no rest.

³ Yet you are holy,

enthroned on the praises of Israel.

⁴ In you our ancestors trusted;

they trusted, and you delivered them.

⁵ To you they cried, and were saved;

in you they trusted, and were not put to shame.

⁶ But I am a worm, and not human;

scorned by others, and despised by the people.

⁷ All who see me mock at me;
they make mouths at me, they shake their heads;
⁸ 'Commit your cause to the LORD; let him deliver—
let him rescue the one in whom he delights!'

⁹ Yet it was you who took me from the womb;
you kept me safe on my mother's breast.
¹⁰ On you I was cast from my birth,
and since my mother bore me you have been my God.
¹¹ Do not be far from me,
for trouble is near
and there is no one to help.

¹² Many bulls encircle me,
strong bulls of Bashan surround me;
¹³ they open wide their mouths at me,
like a ravening and roaring lion.

¹⁴ I am poured out like water,
and all my bones are out of joint;
my heart is like wax;
it is melted within my breast;
¹⁵ my mouth is dried up like a potsherd,
and my tongue sticks to my jaws;
you lay me in the dust of death.

¹⁶ For dogs are all around me;
a company of evildoers encircles me.
My hands and feet have shrivelled;
¹⁷ I can count all my bones.
They stare and gloat over me;
¹⁸ they divide my clothes among themselves,
and for my clothing they cast lots.

- ¹⁹ But you, O LORD, do not be far away!
O my help, come quickly to my aid!
²⁰ Deliver my soul from the sword,
my life from the power of the dog!
²¹ Save me from the mouth of the lion!

From the horns of the wild oxen you have rescued me.

- ²² I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:
²³ You who fear the LORD, praise him!
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;
stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!
²⁴ For he did not despise or abhor
the affliction of the afflicted;
he did not hide his face from me,
but heard when I cried to him.

- ²⁵ From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.
²⁶ The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek him shall praise the LORD.
May your hearts live for ever!

- ²⁷ All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the LORD;
and all the families of the nations
shall worship before him.
²⁸ For dominion belongs to the LORD,
and he rules over the nations.

- ²⁹ To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,
and I shall live for him.
³⁰ Posterity will serve him;
future generations will be told about the Lord,

³¹ and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.

MATTHEW 27: 38-50

³⁸ Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁹ Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads ⁴⁰ and saying, 'You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.' ⁴¹ In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, ⁴² 'He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. ⁴³ He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, "I am God's Son." ' ⁴⁴ The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

⁴⁵ From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ⁴⁶ And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, 'Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?' that is, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' ⁴⁷ When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, 'This man is calling for Elijah.' ⁴⁸ At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. ⁴⁹ But the others said, 'Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.' ⁵⁰ Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.

THE HOMILY

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE CROSS

We hold a cross, or picture of a cross, or make the sign of the cross and we say,

Father, hear our prayer and forgive us.

Unstop our ears that we may receive the gospel of the Cross.

Lighten our eyes that we may see your glory in the face of your Son.

Penetrate our minds that your truth may make us whole.

Fill our hearts with your love that we may love one another as you love us

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

We thank you that on the Cross you were willing to forgive those who hated and condemned you to death.

We glory in your cross, O Lord,
and praise you for your mighty resurrection;

**For by virtue of your cross
joy has come into our world.**

We thank you that you showed compassion even from the cross.

We glory in your cross, O Lord,
and praise you for your mighty resurrection;

**For by virtue of your cross
joy has come into our world.**

We thank you that the penitent thief received your forgiveness as he acknowledged your Kingship.

We glory in your cross, O Lord,
and praise you for your mighty resurrection;

**For by virtue of your cross
joy has come into the world.**

We thank you that you were willing to be obedient, even to death on the cross.

We glory in your cross, O Lord,
and praise you for your mighty resurrection;

**For by virtue of your cross
joy has come into our world.**

We thank you that by your eternal death, you won for us eternal life.

We glory in your cross, O Lord,
and praise you for your mighty resurrection;

**For by virtue of your cross
joy has come into our world.**

As you have loved us, so may we receive your grace to love one another for the sake of him who died for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We now stand in our place of prayer in solidarity with the suffering Christ and all God's people in every place and say,

**The cross is the way of the lost.
The cross is the staff of the lame.**

**The cross is the guide of the blind
The cross is the strength of the weak.**

**The cross is the hope of the hopeless
The cross is the water of the seeds.**

**The cross is the source of those who seek water
The cross is the cloth of the naked.**

THE FINAL PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ,
Son of the living God,
we pray you to set your passion, cross, and death
between your judgement and our souls,
now and in the hour of our death.
Give mercy and grace to the living;
pardon and rest to the dead;
to your holy church peace and concord;
and to us sinners everlasting life and glory;
for with the Father and the Holy Spirit
you live and reign, one God, now and forever. Amen.

American Book of Common Prayer