



MOSMAN UNITING CHURCH

2nd April 2021

Good Friday

Words in bold are spoken by the congregation.

This service was devised and written, and hymns chosen, by Rev. Dr. William Ives (largely adapted from "Prayers for the Christian Year", Church of Scotland 1952). Led today by David Garrett. Bible readings from Cheryl.

ORGAN PRELUDE

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We honour the Elders past, present and emerging, of the Cammeraygal People, the traditional custodians of the land on which we stand.

EVENTS OF THE DAY

On this day our Lord was tried before the High Priest, then by Pilate,

thereafter by Herod and then by Pilate again.

He was scourged mocked and condemned to death.

He was led away to Calvary.

At nine o'clock he was crucified.

At intervals he spoke the first three words from the Cross.

From twelve o'clock till three he endured the darkness of dereliction.

At three o'clock, having uttered the other four words from the Cross,

he bowed his head and died.

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.

I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to me.

PRAYER

O Lord Jesus Christ, there was never sorrow like your sorrow: your soul was extremely sorrowful, even unto death.

The cruel soldiers scourged you;

they hit you, they spat upon your sacred face.

Over you in mockery they threw the purple robe,

and forced the crown of thorns upon your head,

you, who are King and Lord of all.

They led you out to the place of death, bearing your Cross.

They pierced your hands and your feet; they nailed you to the Tree.

You were lifted up between heaven and earth

as utterly unworthy, despised and rejected.

No one gave you love or pity, yet you were full of love and pity for all people.

O Lord, we look on your sufferings, and we mourn:
not for you, but for ourselves;
for you were wounded for our faults and pierced for our sins.
And, above all we mourn that we continue to do it.
We seem to consider your sacrifice of little concern.
We have forgotten that you have made us clean from our former sins.
Those who nailed you to the Cross did not know that they
crucified
the King of glory;
but we have known and by what we have done,
we have crucified you all over again.
Lord Jesus, do not withhold your mercy from us;
and as in your hour of agony you prayed for those who put you
to death,
we beg you to pray for us.
O Saviour of the world, who, by your Cross and precious blood
rescued us,
save us and help us we humbly pray, O Lord.

This day we wait before your Cross.
We adore you, the crucified one.
Draw us to yourself;
help us to be more like you;
give us your spirit of meekness and patience
that enabled you to go through what was done to you.
And now and throughout our lives help us to take up our Cross
and follow you to the end.
And to you, our Saviour with the Father and the Holy Spirit, be all
glory forever.
Amen

HYMN 347 TiS 'We sing the praise of Him who died'

BIBLE READINGS

The account of the suffering of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ as it is written in the Gospel according to Saint John beginning at Chapter 18.

John 18: 1-27

HYMN 10 'The Lord's my shepherd'

John 18: 28 – 40

HYMN 339 'O sacred head sore wounded' (Passion Chorale)

John 19: 1-24

HYMN 345 'Were you there when they crucified my Lord?'

John 19: 25 - 42

HYMN 350 'There is a green hill far away'

PRAYER

Christ became obedient even to his death...

Be merciful to me, O God, because of your constant love.

Because of your great mercy

Wipe away my sins!

Wash away all my evil

And make me clean from my sin!

Create a pure heart within me, O God,
and put a new and loyal spirit in me.

My sacrifice is a humble spirit, O God;
You will not reject a humble and repentant heart. Amen. (*Psalm 51*)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

HYMN 342 'When I survey the wondrous cross'

BENEDICTION

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
The love of God,
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
Be with us all. Amen.

We leave in silence