

# All Age Good Friday Service



## Greeting

By his wounds we were healed  
The Lord be with you  
**And also with you**

Eternal God,  
in the cross of Jesus  
we see the cost of our sin  
and the depth of your love:  
in humble hope and fear  
may we place at his feet  
all that we have and all that we are,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Reading John 12: 28-30

The next day the large crowd that had come to the Passover Festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, Hosanna! God bless him who comes in the name of the Lord!  
God bless the King of Israel!  
Jesus found a donkey and rode on it, just as the scripture says,  
Do not be afraid, city of Zion!  
Here comes your king, riding on a young donkey.  
His disciples did not understand this at the time; but when Jesus had been raised to glory, they remembered that the scripture said this about him and that they had done this for him.

## Song

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Lord we lift up your name,  
with hearts full of praise,  
be exalted, O Lord, my God,  
hosanna in the highest.

Glory, glory, glory to the King of kings.  
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Lord we lift up your name,  
with hearts full of praise,  
be exalted, O Lord, my God,  
glory to the King of kings.

### **Reading** John 19:28-30

Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, I am thirsty.

A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips.

When he had received the drink, Jesus said, It is finished. With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

### **Hymn**

When I survey the wondrous cross  
on which the Prince of Glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss,  
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
save in the cross of Christ, my God:  
all the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,  
sorrow and love flow mingled down!  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were an offering far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.

### **Reading** John 20:14-16

Mary turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

"Woman," he said, "why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?"

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him." Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher).

### **Talk**

Jesus brings us hope of new life and great joy. He comforts our sorrows and wipes away our tears. Let us light a candle to remember the hope of the resurrection

### **Song**

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
Light for the world to see.

Christ, be our light!  
Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church  
Gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your work alone has power to save us.  
Make us your living voice.

Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
Shared until all are feed.

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others,  
Walls made of living stone.

Many the gifts, many the people,  
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
Making your kingdom come.

### **Prayers**

This Easter time, as we celebrate the new life of the Resurrection, let us pray to the one true God.  
Lord God, we pray that your Church may proclaim with joy your message of hope for the world;  
Life-giving God:

**transform our lives**

Lord, may the kingdoms of this world soak up the values of your kingdom; may their leaders and their peoples uphold what is right and just, and establish a social order which is rooted in Godly love.

Life-giving God:

**transform our lives**

Lord, in all the heartaches and joys of human relationships, may we be governed by selfless love, faithful and forgiving like you, without limit.

Life-giving God:

**transform our lives**

Lord, draw alongside all who suffer that they may know the comfort of your presence and the healing power of your love.

Life-giving God:

**transform our lives**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, which 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 that 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

## Song

I danced in the morning when the world was begun  
And I danced in the moon, the stars and the sun  
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth  
At Bethlehem I had my birth

*Dance then wherever you may be  
'I am the Lord of the dance' said he  
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be  
And I'll lead you all in the dance*

I danced for the Scribe and the Pharisee  
They would not dance and they would not follow me  
I danced for the fishermen for James and John  
They came with me and the dance went on

*Dance then wherever you may be ....*

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame  
The holy people said it was a shame  
They whipped and stripped me and they hung me high,  
And they left me there on a cross to die  
*Dance then wherever you may be...*

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black  
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back  
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone  
But I am the dance and I still go on

*Dance then wherever you may be ...*

They cut me down and I leapt up high  
I am the dance that will never never die  
I'll live I you if you live in me  
I am the Lord of the dance said he.

*Dance then wherever you may be...*

## Final Prayer

Lord Jesus,  
you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant,  
and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation:

give us the courage to follow you  
and to proclaim you as Lord and King,  
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

### **Blessing**

May Jesus of the upper room,  
Jesus of the cross,  
Jesus of the tomb,  
Jesus the giver of new life,  
bless us and keep us always. **Amen.**

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord  
**In the name of Christ. Amen**