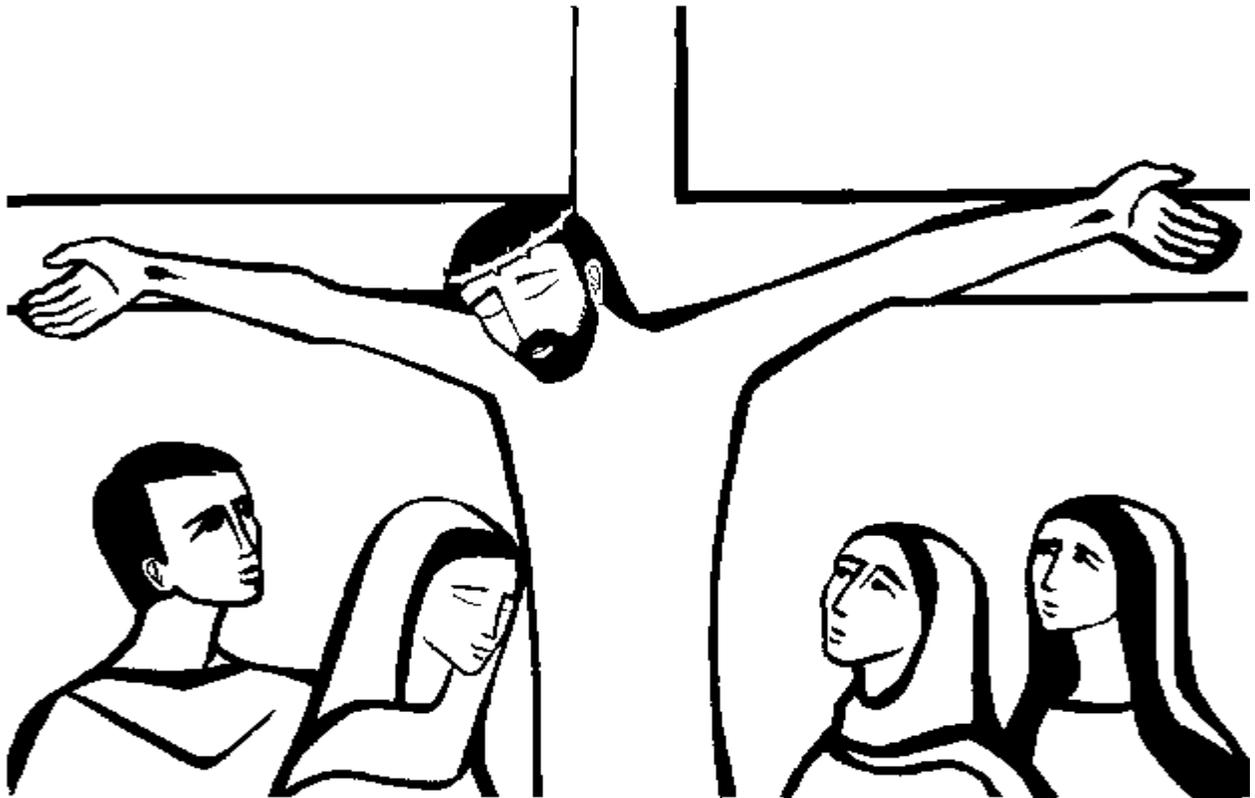




Good Friday

Evening Worship 2021



Welcome to Huddersfield Parish Church. Please take a seat in one of the marked seats in the side chapel. We keep silence as we prepare for worship.

Greeting

May your life be surrounded by the Grace of the Lord.

We are welcomed to worship.

We listen to our first piece of music sung by choir members:

Here is Love.

Prayers of Penitence

He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross that we might die to sin and live for righteousness. Therefore let us give to God all that we need to confess:

Lord God you love us so much that you sent your son to live among us and die for us. Yet we so easily forget to thank you.

Silence is kept

We are truly sorry. **Lord forgive us.**

Lord God, you love us so much that you pour out your grace on us every day. Yet we so easily forget to show gratitude.

Silence is kept

We are truly sorry. **Lord forgive us.**

Lord God you love us so much that you put others in our lives to love and nurture. Yet we so easily forget to share your love.

Silence is kept

We are truly sorry. **Lord forgive us.**

Lord God you love us so much that you give us good things to eat. Yet we so easily forget those who go hungry.

Silence is kept

We are truly sorry. **Lord forgive us.**

Lord God you love us so much that you give us the promise of eternal life. Yet we so easily forget that this life is to be lived to the full.

Silence is kept

We are truly sorry. **Lord forgive us.**

Lord God you love us so much that you gave us a beautiful world. Yet we so easily forget to care for it.

Silence is kept

We are truly sorry. **Lord forgive us.**

Absolution

May almighty God, who sent his Son into the world to save sinners, bring us pardon and peace, now and for ever.

First Reading

John 18: 28 - 40

Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate's headquarters. It was early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the headquarters, so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the Passover. So Pilate went out to them and said, 'What accusation do you bring against this man?' They answered, 'If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you.' Pilate said to them, 'Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law.' The Jews replied, 'We are not permitted to put anyone to death.' (This was to fulfil what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.)

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.' Pilate asked him, 'What is truth?'

After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them, 'I find no case against him. But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover.'

Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?’ They shouted in reply, ‘Not this man, but Barabbas!’ Now Barabbas was a bandit.

We listen to our second piece of music sung by choir members:

Were you there when they crucified the Lord.

Second Reading

John 19: 16—30

Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

So they took Jesus; and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, ‘Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.’ Many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, ‘Do not write, “The King of the Jews”, but, “This man said, I am King of the Jews.” ’ Pilate answered, ‘What I have written I have written.’ When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. So they said to one another, ‘Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it.’ This was to fulfil what the scripture says,

‘They divided my clothes among themselves,
and for my clothing they cast lots.’

And that is what the soldiers did.

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, ‘Woman, here is your son.’ Then he said to the disciple, ‘Here is your mother.’ And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfil the scripture), ‘I am thirsty.’ A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the wine, he said, ‘It is finished.’ Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Silence will be kept. A reflection on the cross will be shared. You are invited to hold your cross as you listen.

The time of reflection is brought to a close with the reading of the Collect.

Collect

Christ pierced for our transgressions;
and was crushed for our iniquities. *(Isaiah 53:5)*
O Lord God, Father of all mercy,
graciously look on your people and household
for whom your dear Son Jesus Christ
did not refuse to be betrayed into the hands of sinners,
and endured the shameful pain of the cross;
who lives and reigns with you,
true God, in the unity of the Holy Spirit forever.
Amen.

Lord's Prayer

In the shadow of the cross we pray as Jesus taught us:
**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.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

***We listen to our third piece of music sung by choir members:
When I survey the wondrous cross.***

Dismissal

Lord God, we rejoice in your greatness and power,
your gentleness and love, your mercy and justice.
Enable us by your Spirit to honour you in our thoughts,
and words and actions,
and to serve you in every aspect of our lives;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen

The service ends and we leave in silence.

We hope you will join us again to celebrate the great Easter Feast.

9am Easter Day BCP Holy Communion

10.30am Easter Day Parish Eucharist

