

**GOOD FRIDAY
ST. LAURENCE,
HAWKHURST**

3rd April 2026



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**9.30am Liturgy of Good
Friday with Veneration of the
Cross**

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**INTROIT
REPROACHES BY FORSTER**

THE GATHERING.

*The Priest and servers enter in
silence.*

*All kneel for a time of silent
prayer.*

COLLECT:

Let us pray:

(Silence is kept)

Almighty Father, look with
mercy on this your family for
which our Lord Jesus Christ
was content to be betrayed and
given up into the hands of
sinners and to suffer death
upon the cross; who is alive and
glorified with you and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and for
ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD.
(please sit)

Reading:
Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12

A reading from the book of the
prophet Isaiah

See, my servant shall
prosper; he shall be exalted and

lifted up, and shall be very high. Just as there were many who were astonished at him—so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of mortals—so he shall startle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which had not been told them they shall see, and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate.

Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account.

Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us

whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the LORD shall prosper. Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the

spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 22:1-21

Response: My God, my God,
why have you forsaken me?

The congregation repeats this response before the Choir leads us in the psalm.

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

Why are you so far from helping me,
from the words of my groaning?
O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer;
and by night, but find no rest.

Response

Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

In you our ancestors trusted;
they trusted,
and you delivered them.
To you they cried, and were saved;

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

Response

But I am a worm, and not human;
scorned by others, and despised by the people.
All who see me mock at me;
they make mouths at me, they shake their heads;

Response

Commit your cause to the Lord;
let him deliver -
let him rescue the one in whom he delights!
Yet it was you who took me from the womb;
you kept me safe on my mother's breast.

Response...

On you, I was cast from my birth,
and since my mother bore me you have been my God.
Do not be far from me,
for trouble is near and there is no one to help.

Response

Many bulls encircle me,
strong bulls of Bashan surround me;
they open wide their mouths at me,

like a ravening and roaring lion.

Response

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;
my mouth is dried up like a pot-
sherd,
and my tongue sticks to my
jaws;
you lay me in the dust of death.

Response

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

Response

But you, O Lord, do not be far
away!
O my help, come quickly to my
aid!
Deliver my soul from the
sword,
my life from the power of the
dog!

Save me from the mouth of the
lion!

Response

**THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JE-
SUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN**

Please sit.

*When the Passion is an-
nounced the people reply:*

Glory to you, O Lord.

*At the end of the Passion the
priest says:*

This is the Passion of Christ.

SERMON

HYMN

Were you there when they cru-
cified my Lord,
Were you there when they cru-
cified my Lord,
Were you there when they cru-
cified my Lord,
O, sometimes it causes me to
tremble, tremble, tremble,
Were you there when they cru-
cified my Lord?

Were you there when they
nailed him to a tree?...

Were you there when they
pierced him in the side?...

Were you there when they laid
him in the tomb?...

Were you there when he rose
to glorious life?...

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE CROSS

*A veiled cross is carried to the
altar. Facing the people, the
Priest uncovers the upper part
of it, elevates it and says:*

Lord, by your holy cross you
have redeemed the world.
**We adore you, Christ, and
we bless you.**

*The Priest then uncovers the
right arm, elevates the cross,
and the words are repeated.
Finally she uncovers the entire
cross, elevates it and the
words are again repeated.*

*The Priest and the congrega-
tion may make an act of rever-
ence before the cross, during
which we sing*

HYMN

Just as I am, without one plea
But that thy blood was shed for
me,
And that thou bidst me come to
thee,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed
about
With many a conflict, many a
doubt,
Fightings and fears within,
without,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched,
blind;
Sight, riches, healing of the
mind,
Yea, all I need, in thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse,
relieve:
Because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, thy love unknown
Has broken ev'ry barrier down,
Now to be thine, yea, thine
alone,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, of that free love
The breadth, length, depth and
height to prove,
Here for a season, then above,
O Lamb of God, I come.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION.

*The response to each petition
is:*
Lord, graciously hear us.

HYMN:

During which the blessed Sacrament is brought from the altar of repose to the High Altar.

On a hill far away stood
An old rugged cross,
The emblem of suff'ring and
shame;
And I loved that old cross
Where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was
slain.

O that old rugged cross,
So despised by the world,
Has a wondrous attraction for
me:
For the dear Lamb of God
Left his glory above
To bear it to dark Calvary.

In the old rugged cross,
Stained with blood so divine,
A wondrous beauty I see.
For 'twas on that old cross
Jesus suffered and died
To pardon and sanctify me.

To the old rugged cross
I will ever be true,
Its sham and reproach gladly
bear.
Then he'll call me some day
To my home far away;
There his glory for ever I'll
share.

The Ministry of the Sacrament.

Let us pray for the coming of
the kingdom in the words our
Saviour has taught us:

**Our Father, who 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 tres-
passes,
as we forgive those who
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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD.

*The Priest breaks the conse-
crated bread, saying:*

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are
one body,
because we all share in one
bread.
We say:
Lamb of God,**

you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.

GIVING OF COMMUNION.

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that

our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

After the distribution, silence is kept.

The service concludes with the following prayer:

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved mankind; grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross, we may triumph in the power of his victory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Priest and Servers depart in silence.

Please stay for hot cross buns and tea/coffee after the service.

You are very welcome to join in the procession to St Barnabas Church for our Ecumenical Service and walk of witness. We will walk in procession behind the cross.