



Grace Lutheran Church Redcliffe Service Order for 10th April, Good Friday



God's grace as you prepare for Worship. A Note about this Order.

First, there are a number of places that 'Link' to other websites that are in 'blue and underlined'. If you are reading this on-line, and click on these links, they should lead you to the Bible Readings and Songs.

Also, throughout this Service are various for Songs. You may choose a hymn, a song, or where they are listed a children's song.

May you experience God's blessings in your worship.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

May God's grace be with you as you Worship the LORD.

The following is a prayer you may wish to pray for Worship

Lord Jesus Christ, You have walked with us on our Lenten journey.

It is by your guidance and help that we have overcome so much.

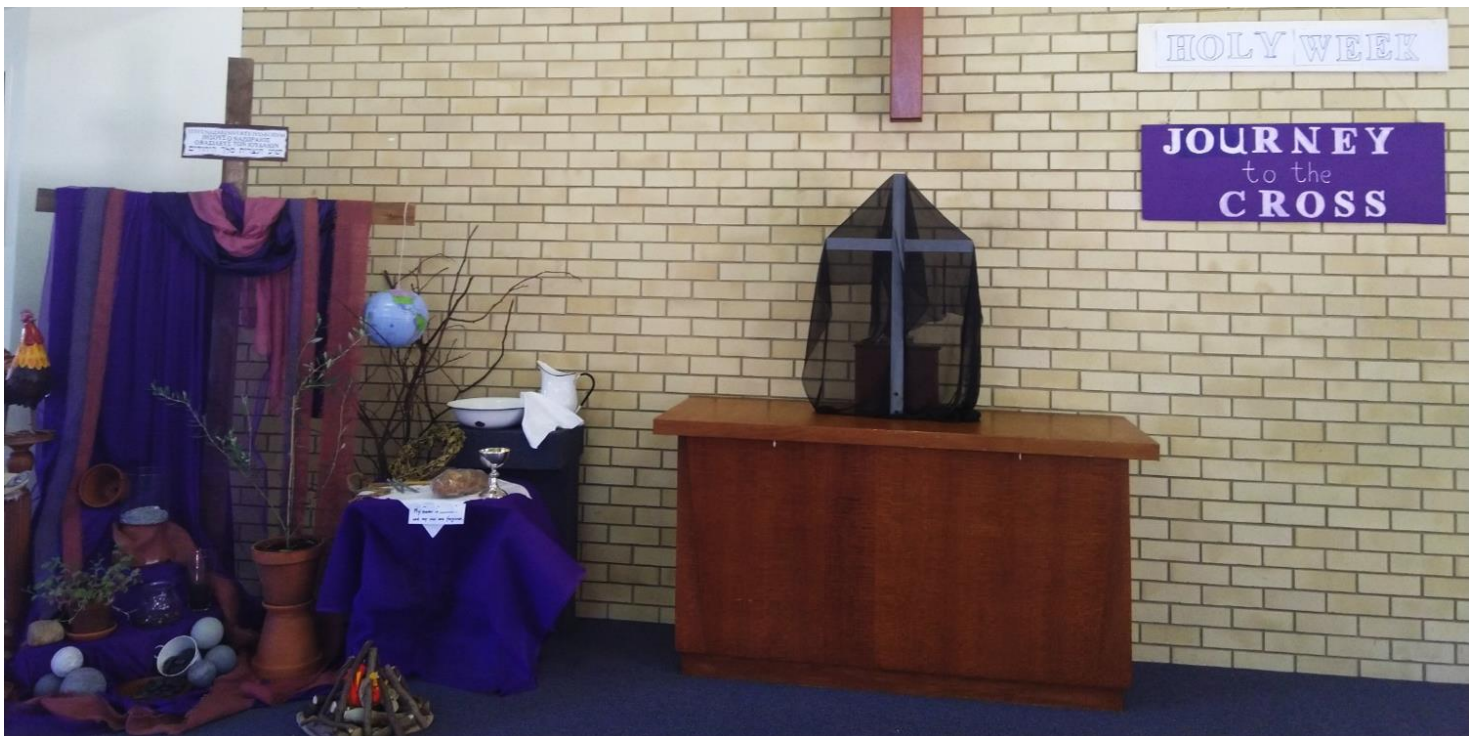
Nourish our souls and spirits by your love,

that we may be empowered and inspired by Your example, and may go into the world to serve, heal, and welcome all people in Your name. Amen.

JOURNEY TO THE CROSS

*In this Season of Lent our Congregation has been reflecting on 'The Journey to the Cross'
– reflecting on Jesus' journey to the Cross, and our journey to our Easter Celebrations.*

Today we remember Jesus' suffering and death on the Cross for us.



You may wish to begin with the song "Were you there when they crucified my Lord?" [CLICK HERE](#)

OPENING SENTENCES

(Galatians 6:14, Psalm 67:1)

You may wish to say the following aloud:

God forbid that I should boast of anything
but the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In Him is salvation, life, and resurrection from the dead;

by Him we are redeemed and set free.

May God be gracious to us and bless us,
and make His face shine upon us.

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and merciful God,
we thank You for bringing life and peace for us
through the shame, suffering, and death of Your Son.
Teach us to boast about nothing but the cross of Christ,
and be willing to suffer gladly for His sake.
For He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Amen.

SONG

You may wish to read Hymn such as Hymn 52: "O sacred head, now wounded"

If you have Internet Access you may wish to listen to the Hymn [CLICK HERE](#)

Or you may wish to listen to this as a Song: [CLICK HERE](#)

BIBLE READINGS

FIRST READING: [Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12](#) The Suffering Servant of God

PSALM: Psalm 22

You may wish to Read the entire Psalm (If so, [CLICK HERE](#))

Or you may wish to read a selection of the Psalm verses as on the following page.

¹ My God, my God, why have You forsaken me?
Why are You so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?

² My God, I cry out by day, but You do not answer,
by night, and am not silent.

³ Yet You are holy; enthroned on the praise of Israel.

⁴ In You our ancestors put their trust; they trusted and You delivered them.

⁷ All who see me mock me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads.

⁸ "He trusts in the LORD," they say, "let the LORD rescue him.
Let him deliver him, since he delights in Him."

⁹ Yet You brought me out of the womb;
You made me feel secure on my mother's breast.

¹⁰ From birth I was cast on You; from my mother's womb 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 surround me; strong bulls of Bashan encircle me.

¹⁷ All my bones are on display; people stare and gloat over me.

¹⁸ They divide my clothes among them and cast lots for my garment.

²¹ Rescue me from the mouth of the lions; save me from the horns of the wild oxen.

²² I will declare Your name to my people; in the assembly I will praise You.

SECOND READING: [Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9](#) Jesus, our great high priest

BIBLE VERSE

Revelation 5:9b

You may wish to say the following aloud:

You were killed, and by Your death You bought people for God,
from every tribe, language, nation and race.

GOSPEL

For a shorter Gospel Reading:

[John 18:28-40; 19:16-30](#) The passion according to St John

For the Full Gospel Reading:

[John 18:1 - 19:42](#) The passion according to St John

After the Gospel you may wish to pray this prayer

Thank You, Lord Jesus Christ, for completing our salvation on the cross.
Help us always to trust in Your atoning death. Amen.

REPROACHES

The following are traditional verses often spoken on Good Friday, and are based on the passage in Micah 6:3,4. They are poignant words that reflect on Christ's journey to the cross, calling all humanity to reflect on our love of cross, and how our sin saw Jesus go the way of the cross. You may wish to say them aloud, or if you are with some other people, have one person lead the parts that are italicized, with everyone reading the words in bold type.

Thus says the Lord:

What have I done to you, O My people? How have I burdened you?

Answer Me!

I led you out from the prison of death, but you led your Saviour to the cross.

I freed you from slavery to sin, but you handed Him over to be condemned.

O My people!

Thus says the Lord:

What have I done to you, O My people? How have I burdened you?

Answer Me!

I led you safely through the desert and brought you to a rich land,

but you led your Saviour to the cross.

I fed you with bread from heaven and refreshed you with living water,

but you have given Him gall and vinegar to drink.

O My people!

Thus says the Lord:

What more could I have done for you, O my people, than I have done?

Answer Me!

I planted you as My fairest vine, but you yielded only bitter fruit.

I sent my Son to gather your harvest, but you killed Him and threw Him out of the vineyard.

O My people!

Thus says the Lord:

What have I done to you, O My people? How have I burdened you?

Answer Me!

O Lord God most holy, O Lord most mighty, O holy and most merciful God,

have mercy on us, and do not condemn us to eternal death.

O Lord God most holy, O Lord most mighty, O holy and most merciful God,

have mercy on us, and lead us through death to eternal life.

O Lord God most holy, O Lord most mighty, O holy and most merciful Saviour,

have mercy on us, and never abandon us.

O Christ, the Saviour of the world,
we praise and adore You for the redemption of the world through Your holy cross.

Jesus, Son of the living God, draw us and all people to Yourself.

Amen.

SONG: How deep the Father's Love

You may wish to the following Song "How deep the Father's love"

If you have Internet Access you may wish to listen the Song [CLICK HERE](#)

**How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,
that He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away,
as wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.**

**Behold the man upon the cross, my sin upon His shoulders;
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;
His dying death has brought me life - I know that it is finished.**

**I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom;
but I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer,
but this I know with all my heart, His wounds have paid my ransom.**

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SERMON

At this point you may wish to Listen to Sermon, or Read and Discuss the Sermon

If you have Internet Access, you may view Pastor's Sermon Video [CLICK HERE](#)

If you wish to access written Sermon Notes [CLICK HERE](#)

CONFESSION OF FAITH:

APOSTLES' CREED and LUTHER'S EXPLANATION TO THE SECOND ARTICLE

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.**

**The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty,
from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

*As we remember Jesus' suffering and death,
what does this mean for us?*

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, Son of the Father from eternity,
and also a true human being, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord.

At great cost He has saved and redeemed me, a lost and condemned person.

He has freed me from sin, death, and the power of the devil;
not with gold or silver, but with His holy and precious blood and His innocent suffering and death.

All this He has done so that I may be His own, live under Him in His kingdom,
and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness,
just as He is risen from the dead, and lives and rules eternally.

This is most certainly true.

SONG

You may wish to read Hymn such as Hymn 67: "And Can It Be That I Should Gain?"

If you have Internet Access you may wish to listen to the Hymn [CLICK HERE](#)

Or you may wish to listen to this as a Song: [CLICK HERE](#)

Or may wish to listen to the Song "The stone is rolled to seal the grave" [CLICK HERE](#)

PRAYER

*On this most sacred day when our Lord, who has been lifted up to draw all people to Himself,
and has gone before us to the Father, we His body stand with Him before the Father
and intercede for His church and his world.*

You may wish to pray your own prayer, or pray the following prayer.

Note that this prayer is in the form of our Prayer today of a 'Bidding Prayer'.

*This means there will be a call for prayer in a particular area,
and then you may spend a time in silent prayer,
and then you continue with the brief petition, before the next prayer.*

Let us pray for all the needs of all people, that God will provide for them according to their needs.

(silent prayer)

Heavenly Father, heal those who are sick. Support those who are aged and dying. Comfort those who are hungry and lonely. Relieve those who are oppressed, and free those who are unjustly imprisoned.

Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Let us pray for those who serve us in public office,
that God may use them to curb what is evil and work for the wellbeing of our nation.

(silent prayer)

Heavenly Father, guide all the nations of the earth, so that they may promote international justice and peace. Bless our country and all who hold positions of responsibility, our Prime Minister, Scott Morrison, and Premier, Anastacia Palaszczuk. Direct the parliaments of our Commonwealth and State, so that we may enjoy good government, and live together in freedom and harmony.

Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the holy church of God throughout the world, that God the almighty Father will grant peace to his church, preserve it in unity, and protect it throughout the world.

(silent prayer)

Almighty Father, You have shown your glory to all nations in Christ your Son:
Guide the work of Your church; help it to persevere in faith, proclaim Your name,
and bring your salvation to people everywhere.

Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the Bishop of our church, Pastor John Henderson, and our District Bishop, Pastor Paul Smith, for all pastors and servants of the church, and for all the people of God.

(silent prayer)

Almighty Father, You guide the church and keep it holy. Help all of us to work faithfully for You.

Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Let us pray for those who are searching for faith in God or being prepared for baptism,
that God will wash them in the waters of new birth, and give them His Holy Spirit.

(silent prayer)

Almighty Father, You continually add new members to your church.
Increase the faith and understanding of those being prepared for baptism.
Give them new birth by water and the Spirit, and strengthen them by Your grace to life eternal.

Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Let us pray that God will gather us by His Spirit and keep us united in faith and love.

(silent prayer)

Almighty Father, You have made us Your holy people by faith in Christ.
Make us one in our confession of faith, increase our love for each other,
and help us to work together in Your mission to the people of the world.

Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Conclusion

Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask, saying:

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.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen.

PRAYER and BLESSING

Almighty God,
whose Son suffered death on the cross, before He was enthroned in glory:
Grant that as we walk with Him on the way of the cross,
we may find it to be the way of pardon and peace and life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You.

By Your holy cross You have redeemed the world.

The Lord bless us, and keep us from evil, and bring us to eternal life.

Amen.

SONG

You may wish to read Hymn such as Hymn 54: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

If you have Internet Access you may wish to listen to the Hymn [CLICK HERE](#)

Or you may wish to listen to this as a Song: [CLICK HERE](#)

Or for a Children's Version: [CLICK HERE](#)

*We pray that you experience God's presence in your worship as you meditate on His Word.
If you have any Prayer or Praise points, or any suggestions, please send an email to Pastor Mark
(mark.brinkmann@lca.org.au). May God's grace and blessing be with you.*
