



# CTDD Good Friday Service

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## Welcome & Opening Prayer

Lord Jesus, We have gathered together on this Good Friday to seek you. Open our eyes afresh to see what you went through for us. Melt our hearts with your love that we might love you more and be willing to lay down our lives for the sake of others. For the glory of your name. Amen.

## Songs

### Spirit of the Living God

Fall afresh, fall afresh, fall afresh on me x2

Spirit of the Living God fall afresh on me

Spirit of the Living God fall afresh on me

Break me melt me mould me fill me

Spirit of the Living God,

fall afresh, fall afresh, fall afresh on me

Spirit of the living God move among us all;

Make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love,

Humble, caring, selfless, sharing.

Spirit of the living God,

fill our lives, fill our lives, fill our lives with love.

# **There is a Green Hill**

1 There is a green hill far away,  
outside a city wall,  
where the dear Lord was crucified,  
who died to save us all.

2 We may not know, we cannot tell  
what pains He had to bear,  
but we believe it was for us  
He hung and suffered there.

3 He died that we might be forgiv'n,  
He died to make us good,  
that we might go at last to heav'n,  
saved by His precious blood.

4 There was no other good enough  
to pay the price of sin;  
He only could unlock the gate  
of heav'n, and let us in.

5 O dearly, dearly has He loved,  
and we must love Him too,  
and trust in His redeeming blood,  
and try His works to do.

*Cecil Frances Alexander 1848*

## **Readings 1 – Togetherness and Betrayal**

**Matthew 26:1-16 Jesus anointed; Judas agrees to betray Jesus [dramatic reading]**

**Matthew 26:17-30 Passover Meal**

I am going to celebrate the Passover with my disciples at your house... When evening came, Jesus was reclining at the table with the Twelve... While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Take and eat; this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, 'Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.'

## **Matthew 26:36-46 Gethsemane**

Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, 'Sit here while I go over there and pray.' He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then he said to them, 'My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me.' Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, 'My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.' Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. 'Couldn't you men keep watch with me for one hour?' he asked Peter. 'Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.' ... Look, the hour has come, and the Son of Man is delivered into the hands of sinners. Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!

## **Matthew 26:47-54 Betrayal**

While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived. With him was a large crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: 'The one I kiss is the man; arrest him.' Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, 'Greetings, Rabbi!' and kissed him. Jesus replied, 'Do what you came for, friend.' Then the men stepped forward, seized Jesus and arrested him. With that, one of Jesus' companions reached for his sword, drew it out and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear. 'Put your sword back in its place,' Jesus said to him, 'for all who draw the sword will die by the sword. Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen in this way?'

# Song – For God so Loved the World

For God so loved the world  
For God so loved the world  
He gave His only son  
That whoever believes in Him  
Shall not die but have eternal life

L is for the love that he has for me  
I am the reason he died on the tree  
F is for forgiveness and now I am free  
E is to enjoy being in his company...

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## Readings 2 – Facing injustice and suffering alone

### Matthew 26:69-75 Peter disowns Jesus [dramatic reading]

### Matthew 27:11-26 Jesus before Pilate

Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' 'You have said so,' Jesus replied. When he was accused by the chief priests and the elders, he gave no answer. Then Pilate asked him, 'Don't you hear the testimony they are bringing against you?' But Jesus made no reply, not even to a single charge—to the great amazement of the governor. Now it was the governor's custom at the festival to release a prisoner chosen by the crowd. At that time they had a well-known prisoner whose name was Jesus Barabbas. So when the crowd had gathered, Pilate asked them, 'Which one do you want me to release to you: Jesus Barabbas, or Jesus who is called the Messiah?' For he knew it was out of self-interest that they had handed Jesus over to him... 'Barabbas,' they answered. 'What shall I do, then, with Jesus who is called the Messiah?' Pilate asked. They all answered, 'Crucify him!' ... When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but that instead an uproar was

starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd. 'I am innocent of this man's blood,' he said. 'It is your responsibility!' ... Then he released Barabbas to them. But he had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified.

## **Matthew 27:32-44 Crucifixion**

As they were going out, they met a man from Cyrene, named Simon, and they forced him to carry the cross. They came to a place called Golgotha (which means 'the place of the skull')... When they had crucified him, they divided up his clothes by casting lots. And sitting down, they kept watch over him there. Above his head they placed the written charge against him: this is Jesus, the king of the Jews. Two rebels were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads and saying, 'You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!' ... 'He saved others,' they said, 'but he can't save himself! He's the king of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, "I am the Son of God."

## **Song – Meekness and Majesty**

Meekness and majesty, manhood and deity  
In perfect harmony the Man who is God  
Lord of eternity dwells in humanity  
Kneels in humility and washes our feet

*Oh what a mystery*

*Meekness and majesty*

*Bow down and worship*

*For this is your God*

*This is your God*

Father's pure radiance perfect in innocence  
Yet learns obedience to death on a cross  
Suffering to give us life, conquering through sacrifice  
And as they crucify, prays "Father forgive"

Wisdom unsearchable God the invisible  
Love indestructible in frailty appears  
Lord of infinity stooping so tenderly  
Lifts our humanity to the heights of His throne

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## **Readings -3 – Feeling and Facing loss**

### **Matthew 27:45-54 Death of Jesus**

From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land. About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, 'Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?' (which means 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?')... And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split and the tombs broke open. The bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. They came out of the tombs after Jesus' resurrection and went into the holy city and appeared to many people. When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, 'Surely he was the Son of God!'

### **Matthew 27:57-61 Burial**

As evening approached, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who had himself become a disciple of Jesus. Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus' body, and Pilate ordered that it be given to him. Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and placed it in his own new tomb that he had cut out of the rock. He rolled a big stone in front of the entrance to the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were sitting there opposite the tomb.

## **Action Prayers**

## **Children's art**

# Songs

## Just as I am

1 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, 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, I come.

*Jesus take all of me  
I run to You, I run to You  
I lay everything at Your feet  
Let my life be Yours.*

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

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## Washed

*I've been washed in the water washed in the blood  
I'm as good as new Oh hallelujah  
I've been washed in the water washed in the blood  
All because of You  
Oh hallelujah! (let's go) x2*

And I'm clean, sin was stained on me  
And shame was running deep

Your love was spilled on Calvary, Oh hallelujah!

I'm clean, and God, how can it be?

I'm ransomed and redeemed I'm standing in Your victory

Oh hallelujah

*I've been washed in the water... x2*

I'm clean, it's not what I have done

But what You've done for me

You paid it all upon that tree Oh hallelujah!

I'm clean, Your love has overcome

And Your mercy is supreme

I'm dancing in Your victory Oh hallelujah!

*I've been washed in the water... x2*

'Cause You took away my shame, and You nailed it to the cross,

You got me running out the grave, Oh hallelujah, here I come! X2

*Cause I've been washed in the water.... x2*

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## **Talk**

Andy

## **Song – Living, Breathing Saviour**

Why not take a walk

with a living breathing Saviour?

Rabbi, healer, prophet, friend.

He draws alongside the road that we're travelling  
Calling us to trust in Him.

*He is here, He is real, and His heartbeat is love;  
Good and true, reaching out through all time.  
Come and see, come and hear His rich gifts for you:  
Jesus the Prince of Peace.*

Why not fall in step  
with a living breathing Saviour  
Learn to listen day by day.  
When we are grieving, sad or fearful  
His words help us find the way.

Why not journey on  
with a living breathing Saviour  
Welcome Jesus in our lives  
He knows our weakness and longs to empower us:  
Filled with reverence we will serve.

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## **Prayer**

Lord Jesus as we leave this place, keep our hearts burning with gratitude and love, for all that you have given to us. Enable us to walk in humble obedience with you. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among us and remain with us always. Amen.

## **Final Song – What a Friend we have in Jesus**

1 What a friend we have in Jesus,  
all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
everything to God in prayer!

O what peace we often forfeit,  
O what needless pain we bear,  
all because we do not carry  
everything to God in prayer!

2 Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged;  
take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness;  
take it to the Lord in prayer!

3 Are we weak and heavy laden,  
cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Saviour, still our refuge—  
take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Do your friends despise, forsake you?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In his arms he'll take and shield you;  
you will find a solace there.

*Joseph Medlicott Scriven 1855 as sung by Jonathan Viera*

## **Blessing**

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