



# Welcome

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**9:30am Good Friday 2026**



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## ONLINE SERVICE

Revd Tony Miles

Matt 26:36-50; 27:15-31; 27:33-50

### LIVE-STREAM WELCOME

VIDEO CALL TO WORSHIP – Good Friday Prayer  
Rype TV

### VIDEO SONG – King of Kings Majesty

King of kings, majesty,  
God of heaven living in me.  
Gentle Saviour, closest Friend,  
Strong Deliverer, Beginning and End,  
all within me falls at your throne.

*Your majesty, I can but bow;  
I lay my all before you now.  
In royal robes I don't deserve,  
I live to serve your majesty.*

Earth and heaven worship you,  
God eternal, faithful and true,  
who bought the nations, ransomed souls,  
brought this sinner near to your throne;  
all within me cries out in praise.

*Your majesty, I can but bow;  
I lay my all before you now.  
In royal robes I don't deserve,  
I live to serve your majesty.*

*Your majesty, I can but bow;  
I lay my all before you now.  
In royal robes I don't deserve,  
I live to serve your majesty.*

**Silence**

### THE 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.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

**VIDEO SONG – My Song is Love Unknown**

My song is love unknown,  
my Saviour's love to me,  
love to the loveless shown,  
that they might lovely be.  
O who am I,  
that for my sake  
my Lord should take  
frail flesh and die?

He came from his blest throne,  
salvation to bestow;  
but they made strange, and none  
the longed-for Christ would know.  
But O my Friend,  
my friend indeed,  
who at my need  
his life did spend!

Sometimes they strew his way,  
and his sweet praises sing;  
resounding all the day  
hosannas to their King.  
Then 'Crucify!'  
is all their breath,  
and for his death  
they thirst and cry.

Why, what has my Lord done?  
What makes this rage and spite?  
He made the lame to run,  
he gave the blind their sight.  
Sweet injuries!  
Yet they at these  
themselves displease,  
and 'gainst him rise.

They rise, and needs will have  
my dear Lord made away;  
a murderer they save,

the Prince of Life they slay.  
Yet cheerful he  
to suffering goes,  
that he his foes  
from thence might free.

In life no house, no home,  
my Lord on earth might have;  
in death, no friendly tomb  
but what a stranger gave.  
What may I say?  
Heaven was his home;  
but mine the tomb  
wherein he lay.

Here might I stay and sing,  
no story so divine:  
never was love, dear King,  
never was grief like thine!  
This is my Friend,  
in whose sweet praise  
I all my days  
could gladly spend.

*Samuel Crossman (c.1624-1683)*

## **LESSON Matthew 26:26-50**

### **Read by Frances Miles**

<sup>26</sup> 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.'

<sup>27</sup> Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, 'Drink from it, all of you. <sup>28</sup> This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>29</sup> 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.'

<sup>30</sup> When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

<sup>31</sup> Then Jesus told them, 'This very night you will all fall away on account of me, for it is written:

"I will strike the shepherd,  
and the sheep of the flock will be scattered."

<sup>32</sup> But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee.'

<sup>33</sup> Peter replied, 'Even if all fall away on account of you, I never will.'

<sup>34</sup> 'Truly I tell you,' Jesus answered, 'this very night, before the cock crows, you will disown me three times.'

<sup>35</sup> But Peter declared, 'Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you.' And all the other disciples said the same.

<sup>36</sup> 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.' <sup>37</sup> He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and

troubled. <sup>38</sup> Then he said to them, 'My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me.'

<sup>39</sup> 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.'

<sup>40</sup> Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. 'Couldn't you men keep watch with me for one hour?' he asked Peter. <sup>41</sup> 'Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.'

<sup>42</sup> He went away a second time and prayed, 'My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done.'

<sup>43</sup> When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. <sup>44</sup> So he left them and went away once more and prayed the third time, saying the same thing.

<sup>45</sup> Then he returned to the disciples and said to them, 'Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour has come, and the Son of Man is delivered into the hands of sinners. <sup>46</sup> Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!'

<sup>47</sup> 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. <sup>48</sup> Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: 'The one I kiss is the man; arrest him.' <sup>49</sup> Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, 'Greetings, Rabbi!' and kissed him.

<sup>50</sup> Jesus replied, 'Do what you came for, friend.'

Then the men stepped forward, seized Jesus and arrested him.

## **Silence**

### **VIDEO PRAYERS**

**Deacon Ali McMillan**

### **VIDEO ANTHEM – Lead Me Lord**

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness,  
make thy way plain before  
my face.

For it is thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

Words from Psalm 5:8, 4:9

### **LESSON Matthew 27:15-31**

**Read by Mick Clarke (CEO of The Passage)**

<sup>15</sup> Now it was the governor's custom at the festival to release a prisoner chosen by the crowd. <sup>16</sup> At that time they had a well-known prisoner whose name was Jesus Barabbas. <sup>17</sup> 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?' <sup>18</sup> For he knew it was out of self-interest that they had handed Jesus over to him.

<sup>19</sup> While Pilate was sitting on the judge's seat, his wife sent him this message: 'Don't have anything to do with that innocent man, for I have suffered a great deal today in a dream because of him.'

<sup>20</sup> But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus executed.

21 'Which of the two do you want me to release to you?' asked the governor.

'Barabbas,' they answered.

22 'What shall I do, then, with Jesus who is called the Messiah?' Pilate asked.

They all answered, 'Crucify him!'

23 'Why? What crime has he committed?' asked Pilate.

But they shouted all the louder, 'Crucify him!'

24 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!'

25 All the people answered, 'His blood is on us and on our children!'

26 Then he released Barabbas to them. But he had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified.

27 Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers round him. 28 They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, 29 and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand. Then they knelt in front of him and mocked him. 'Hail, king of the Jews!' they said. 30 They spat on him, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again. 31 After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

## **Silence**

### **VIDEO REFLECTION – Man of Sorrows**

Rype.TV

### **VIDEO SONG – Amazing Love**

My Lord, what love is this

that pays so dearly,

that I, the guilty one,

may go free!

*Amazing love, O what sacrifice,  
the Son of God given for me.*

*My debt He pays, and my death He dies,  
that I might live, that I might live.*

And so, they watched Him die

despised, rejected:

but Oh, the blood He shed

flowed for me!

*Chorus*

And now this love of Christ

shall flow like rivers;

come wash your guilt away,

live again!

*Chorus*

Graham Kendrick (born 1950)

## OFFERING

Revd Tony Miles

### VIDEO SONG – The Old Rugged Cross

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,  
The emblem of suffering and shame,  
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best  
For a world of lost sinners was slain.

*So I'll cherish the old rugged cross  
Till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross  
And exchange it some day for a crown.*

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.

#### *Refrain*

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.

#### *Refrain*

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

#### *Refrain*

George Bennard (1873-1958)

## OFFERING PRAYER

Revd Tony Miles

### LESSON Matthew 27:33-50

Read by The Right Revd Patricia Hillas Bishop of Sodor and Man

<sup>33</sup>They came to a place called Golgotha (which means 'the place of the skull'). <sup>34</sup>There they offered Jesus wine to drink, mixed with gall; but after tasting it, he refused to drink it. <sup>35</sup>When they had crucified him, they divided up his clothes by casting lots. <sup>36</sup>And sitting down, they kept watch over him there. <sup>37</sup>Above his head they placed the written charge against him: this is Jesus, the King of the Jews.

<sup>38</sup> Two rebels were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>39</sup> Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads <sup>40</sup> 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!' <sup>41</sup> In the same way the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders mocked him. <sup>42</sup> '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. <sup>43</sup> He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, "I am the Son of God."' <sup>44</sup> In the same way the rebels who were crucified with him also heaped insults on him.

<sup>45</sup> From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land. <sup>46</sup> 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?').

<sup>47</sup> When some of those standing there heard this, they said, 'He's calling Elijah.'

<sup>48</sup> Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled it with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink. <sup>49</sup> The rest said, 'Now leave him alone. Let's see if Elijah comes to save him.'

<sup>50</sup> And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit.

## **Silence**

### **VIDEO SONG – Were You There?**

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble,

tremble, tremble;

were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble,

tremble, tremble;

were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble,

tremble, tremble;

were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

*African American traditional song*

## **REFLECTION**

**Rev. Tony Miles**

### **VIDEO SONG – When I survey the wondrous cross**

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;  
the very 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?

His dying crimson, like a robe,  
spreads o'er his body on the tree;  
then am I dead to all the globe,  
and all the globe is dead to me.

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.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

## **VIDEO REFLECTION**

**Ft John Scott**

### **VIDEO HYMN – What can wash away my sin**

What can wash away my sin?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
What can make me whole again?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Oh! precious is the flow  
That makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Nothing can for sin atone  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus!  
Naught of good that I have done,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus!

Oh! precious is the flow  
That makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my hope and peace—  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus!

This is all my righteousness—  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus!

Oh! precious is the flow  
That makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

What can wash away my sins?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus!  
What can make me whole again?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus!

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Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Robert Lowery

**FINAL PRAYERS**  
**Revd Tony Miles**

**VIDEO OUTRO ORGAN**  
At The Cross (Love Ran Red)

Bach O Mensch bewein played at The Queen's College Oxford - Gerard Brooks

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