



Hour at the Cross

The ministers enter in silence.

The Service begins in silence.

Please sit or kneel for a time of silent prayer.

All stand and the president says the Collect

P 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.

All Amen.

Hymn: How deep the Father's love for us

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The Liturgy of the Word

Please sit

Isaiah 52.13– 53.12

The reader may say.

R This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Silence is kept.

Meditation

All Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.

Silence is kept.

Hymn: o sacred head surrounded

Hebrews 4.14-16; 5.7-9

At the end of each reading the reader may say.

R This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Silence is kept.

Meditation

All Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.

Silence is kept.

Hymn: My song is love unknown

John 18.1 – 19.42

Silence is kept.

Meditation

All Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.

Silence is kept.

M My people, what wrong have I done to you?
What good have I not done for you? Listen to me.

I am your Creator, Lord of the universe;
I have entrusted this world to you,
but you have created the means to destroy it.

My people, what wrong have I done to you?
What good have I not done for you? Listen to me.

I made you in my image,
but you have degraded body and spirit
and marred the image of your God.

You have deserted me and turned your backs on me.
My people, what wrong have I done to you?
What good have I not done for you? Listen to me.

I filled the earth with all that you need,
so that you might serve and care for one another,
as I have cared for you;
but you have cared only to serve your own wealth and power.

All Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.

M My people, what wrong have I done to you?
What good have I not done for you? Listen to me.

I made my children of one blood
to live in families rejoicing in one another;
but you have embittered the races and divided the nations.

My people, what wrong have I done to you?
What good have I not done for you? Listen to me.

I commanded you to love your neighbour as yourself,
to love and forgive even your enemies;
but you have made vengeance your rule and hate your guide.

My people, what wrong have I done to you?
What good have I not done for you? Listen to me.

In the fullness of time I sent you my Son,
that in him you might know me,
and through him find life and peace;
but you put him to death on the cross.

All Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.

M My people, what wrong have I done to you?
What good have I not done for you? Listen to me.

Through the living Christ, I called you into my Church
to be my servants to the world,
but you have grasped at privilege and forgotten my will.

My people, what wrong have I done to you?
What good have I not done for you? Listen to me.

I have given you a heavenly gift and a share in the Holy Spirit;
I have given you the spiritual energies of the age to come;
but you have turned away
and crucified the Son of God afresh.

My people, what wrong have I done to you?
What good have I not done for you? Listen to me.

I have consecrated you in the truth;
I have made you to be one
in the unity of the Father and the Son,
by the power of the Spirit;
but you have divided my Church and shrouded my truth.

All **Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.**

M Turn again, my people, listen to me.
Let your bearing to one another arise out of your life in Christ Jesus.
He humbled himself
and in obedience accepted the death of the cross.

But I have bestowed on him the name that is above every name,
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.
Turn again, my people, listen to me.

All Father, hear our prayer and forgive us.
Unstop our ears,
that we may receive the gospel of the cross.
Lighten our eyes,
that we may see your glory in the face of your Son.
Penetrate our minds,
that your truth may make us whole.
Irradiate our hearts with your love,
that we may love one another for Christ's sake.
Father, forgive us.

The Prayers of Intercession

P God sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world,
but that the world might be saved through him.
Therefore we pray to our heavenly Father
for people everywhere according to their needs.

Lord, hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

The Lord's Prayer

M Lord Jesus, remember us in your kingdom
and teach us to pray.

All 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 trespasses,
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.

The Conclusion

Hymn: When I survey the wondrous cross

P O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God,
set your passion, cross and death
between your judgement and our souls,
now and in the hour of our death.
Grant mercy and grace to the living, rest to the departed,
to your Church peace and concord and to us sinners forgiveness,
and everlasting life and glory;
for, with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
you are alive and reign, God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

The ministers and people depart.