

**Christ Church
New Mill**

GOOD FRIDAY

**March 25th 2005
7.30pm**



***Meditations on the Cross
in Music and Words***

**Welcome to Christ Church, New Mill, for the annual Good
Friday service of music and words.**

God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3: 16*

*During the service, please join in the items printed in **bold type**.
The service ends with the singing of the ancient monastic office
of Compline. This will be in semi-darkness, so the words are not
printed in this booklet. Please join us for coffee after the service
in the gallery room.*

EASTER DAY, March 27th: FESTIVAL CHORAL EVENSONG 7pm

Please stand at the sound of the bell. The choir sings:

Christ became obedient for us unto death, even death of the cross.

Hymn

**Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle,
Sing the last, the dread affray;
O'er the Cross, the victor's trophy,
Sound the high triumphal lay,
How, the pains of death enduring,
Earth's redeemer won the day.**

**Now the thirty years are ended
Which on earth he willed to see,
Willingly he meets his Passion,
Born to set his people free;
On the cross the Lamb is lifted,
There the sacrifice to be.**

**Faithful Cross, above all other,
One and only noble tree!
None in foliage, none in blossom,
None in fruit thy peer may be;
Sweetest wood and sweetest iron,
Sweetest weight is hung on thee!**

**There the nails and spear he suffers,
Vinegar and gall and reed;
From his sacred body piercèd
Blood and water both proceed:
Precious flood, which all creation
From the stain of sin hath freed.**

Venantius Fortunatus (ca 530-609) trans. J.M. Neale (1818-1866) et al.

Please kneel or sit.

Prayer.

Reading: Jesus - the suffering servant: Isaiah 52:12 – 53:end

Please stand to sing the hymn:.

From heaven you came, helpless babe,

Graham Kendrick. Copyright © 1983 Kingsway's Thankyou Music.

Please sit.

Reading: Jesus predicts his death; Christ obedient to death.

Luke 18: 31-34; Philippians 2: 6 - 11

The choir sings Christus factus est (Music by Anton Bruckner, 1824-96)

Christus factus est pro nobis, obediens usque ad mortem, mortem autem crucis.

Propter quod et Deus exaltavit illum et dedit illi nomen, quod est super omne nomen.

(Christ for us became obedient unto death, even death on the cross.

Wherefore God exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name.)

Reading: Gethsemane. Matthew. 26: 36-46 *during which the choir sings the Taizé chant Stay with me.*

Please stand to sing the hymn:

Jesus, in dark Gethsemane,

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Please sit.

Reading: The Crucifixion. Luke 23: 33-43

Prayer.

The choir sings Miserere. (Music by W.A. Mozart 1756-91) Words from Psalm 51.

Miserere mei, Deus, secundum magnam misericordiam tuam.
Et secundum multitudinem miserationum tuarum, dele iniquitatem meam.

(Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgression).

Amplius lava me ab iniquitate mea: et a peccato meo munda me.
(Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin).

Quoniam iniquitatem meam ego cognosco: et peccatum meum contra me est semper.

(For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me).

Tibi soli peccavi, et malum coram te feci: ut justificeris in sermonibus tuis, et vincas cum judicaris.

(Against you only have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge).

Ecce enim in iniquitatibus conceptus sum: et in peccatis concepit me mater mea.

(For behold I was sinful at birth, and in sin my mother conceived me).

Ecce enim veritatem dilexisti: incerta et occulta sapientiae tuae

manifestasti mihi.

(For behold you desire truth in the inner parts, you teach me wisdom in the inmost place).

Averte faciem tuam a peccatis meis: et omnes iniquitates meas dele.

(Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity).

Cor mundum crea in me, Deus: et spiritum rectum innova in visceribus meis.

(Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me).

Please kneel or sit for the prayers.

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, Jesus Christ is Lord.

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.

You are worthy, O Christ, for you were slain; for by your blood you ransomed men for God: from every race and language, from every people and nation, to make them a kingdom of priests to stand and serve before our God.

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

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his
blood, and made us a kingdom of priests to stand and serve be-
fore our God;

**To him who sits upon the throne and to the Lamb
be praise and honour, glory and might,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Please stand to sing the hymn:

**As now the sun's declining rays
At eventide descend,
So life's brief day is sinking down
To its appointed end.**

**Lord, on the Cross thine arms were stretched
To draw thy people nigh:
O grant us then that Cross to love,
And in those arms to die.**

**All glory to the Father be,
All glory to the Son,
All glory, Holy Ghost, to thee,
While endless ages run.**

Charles Coffin (1676-1749) trans. J. Chandler (1806-76)

Please sit while the choir sings the office of Compline.