

9am Prayer Vigil - Good Friday

Bell x 3

Opening Prayer

Creator God,

As we gather together today, we remember the supreme sacrifice of our Brother and Friend, Jesus. Led like a lamb to the slaughter, clothed in humility and grace, Jesus willingly offered himself to death so that we might have life. We are truly thankful for the extent of his self-offering love, stretched out on a cruel wooden cross. Today, we dwell on the pain he bore and are truly grateful for the forgiveness and grace that He offers. As we worship and praise now, help us to live in the wonder of this goodness and marvel at his endless love.

Amen.

Song:

At the Cross her vigil Keeping (Share screen of video)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y-lka01PQFg>

Psalm (chanted): Psalm 22

Daily reflection: Katherine Britain

Gospel Acclamation:

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

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Oh, Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Gospel Reading: John 13:1-17, 31-35b

Bell x1, silent reflection

Sharing

Intercessory Prayers

Wrapping up all these prayers, spoken and unspoken, we pray in the manner in which Jesus - our loving Brother and Friend - taught us to pray...

Our Father....

Benediction:

Jesus, we wait here by your tomb

carrying our grief;

the grief of the betrayer,

the grief of the denier,

the grief of the crucifiers.

We carry the grief of the lost,

the heartbroken, the bereft.

Upon you was laid the grief of us all.

It is finished.

God of endings, God of darkness,

God of the tomb, God of dark days and great loss,

be with us now as we wait with Jesus.

Amen.

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