



FRIDAY 10 APRIL 2020

GOOD FRIDAY

WELCOME

Rev Helen Jacobi, Vicar

MATTHEW 26-27

HYMN

**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 was the very one salvation to bestow:
but all 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.**

**They rise and needs will have
the dear Christ made away;
a murderer they save; the Love of Life they slay.
Yet cheerful he to suffering goes
that he his foes from hence 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? Heav’n was his home;
but mine the tomb wherein he lay.**

**Here might I stay and sing the 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.**

REFLECTION

SILENCE

ANTHEM

God so loved the world

John Stainer

PRAYERS

We thank you, O God,
for your company in the deathly graves of our life,
the vivid courage of your journey down into all our realities,
the bleeding of your life
which mingles with the bleeding of our life
and the echoing down the centuries of this love
beyond all other love.

Gather all of our prayers
into the loving, healing and costly carrying of pain
which lies within your own Body, Jesus Christ.

**We thank you, O God, for the saving power
which lies within your greatest vulnerability
and which is offered to us if we will stay in this moment
and wait for truth and grace.**

In the silence,
we honour all that you have done for us and for all people:

SILENCE

**Give us faith, O God.
Give us faith to believe in a love as great as yours,
Jesus Christ.
Wrap our lives in the cherishing shroud of your grace.
Amen.**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Fantasia in C minor BWV 537(i),

J. S. Bach