

Welcome to The Box River Benefice



The Liturgy of Good Friday



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*Boxford, Edwardstone, Groton,
Little Waldingfield and Newton*

The Gathering

The ministers enter in silence.

A wooden cross may be brought into the church and placed in the sight of the people.

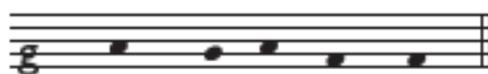
As the cross is carried in, the procession may stop three times and one of the following versicles and responses may be said or sung



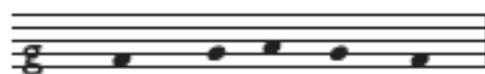
er This is the wood of the cross,



on which hung the Sa-viour of the world.



All Come, let us wor-ship. (or)



Come, let us wor-ship.

All may kneel for a time of silent prayer.

The Collect

The Collect is said.

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.

The Liturgy of the Word

Readings

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 52.13-53.12

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 22

New Testament Reading

Hebrews 10.16-25

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

The Passion Reading

John 18.1-19.42

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

At the end

This is the Passion of the Lord.

No response is made.

Hymn - O Sacred Head

The ministers and congregation moves through to the Crucifix

The Proclamation of the Cross.

Appropriate devotions will follow

During the reading of this anthem you may wish to move forward touch or kiss the foot of the cross.

Anthem

Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by?
 Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow
 which was brought upon me,
 which the Lord inflicted on the day of his fierce anger.

All

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

O my people, O my Church,
 what have I done to you,
 or in what have I offended you?
 Testify against me.
 I led you forth from the land of Egypt,

and delivered you by the waters of baptism,
but you have prepared a cross for your Saviour.

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

I led you through the desert forty years,
and fed you with manna.
I brought you through tribulation and penitence,
and gave you my body, the bread of heaven,
but you prepared a cross for your Saviour.

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

What more could I have done for you
that I have not done?
I planted you, my chosen and fairest vineyard,
I made you the branches of my vine;
but when I was thirsty, you gave me vinegar to drink,
and pierced with a spear the side of your Saviour.

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

I went before you in a pillar of cloud,
and you have led me to the judgement hall of Pilate.
I scourged your enemies and brought you
to a land of freedom,
but you have scourged, mocked and beaten me.
I gave you the water of salvation from the rock,
but you have given me gall and left me to thirst.

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

I gave you a royal sceptre,
and bestowed the keys of the kingdom,
but you have given me a crown of thorns.
I raised you on high with great power,
but you have hanged me on the cross.

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

My peace I gave, which the world cannot give,
and washed your feet as a sign of my love,
but you draw the sword to strike in my name,
and seek high places in my kingdom.
I offered you my body and blood,
but you scatter and deny and abandon me.

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

I sent the Spirit of truth to guide you,
and you close your hearts to the Counsellor.
I pray that all may be one in the Father and me,
but you continue to quarrel and divide.
I call you to go and bring forth fruit,
but you cast lots for my clothing.

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

I came to you as the least of your brothers and sisters;
I was hungry and you gave me no food,
I was thirsty and you gave me no drink,
I was a stranger and you did not welcome me,
naked and you did not clothe me,
sick and in prison and you did not visit me.

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

Acclamations

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

This is the wood of the cross,
on which hung the Saviour of the world.

All **Come, let us worship.**

O Saviour of the world,
 who by your cross and precious blood have redeemed us,
All **save us and help us, we humbly pray.**

The ministers and congregation move through to the Chancel.

The Prayers of Intercession

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.

A minister continues with these biddings, the president saying the Collect at the end of each section.

Minister Let us pray for the Church of God throughout the world:
 for unity in faith, in witness and in service,
 for bishops and other ministers, and those whom they serve,
 for N, our bishop, and the people of this diocese,
 for all Christians in this place,
 for those to be baptized,
 for those who are mocked and persecuted for their faith,
 that God will confirm his Church in faith,
 increase it in love, and preserve it in peace.

Silence is kept.

Lord, hear us.
All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

President Almighty and everlasting God,
 by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church
 is governed and sanctified:
 hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,
 that in their vocation and ministry
 they may serve you in holiness and truth
 to the glory of your name;
 through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

All **Amen.**

Minister Let us pray for the nations of the world and their leaders:
 for Elizabeth our Queen and the Parliaments of this land,
 for those who administer the law and all who serve in public office,
 for all who strive for justice and reconciliation,

that by God's help the world may live in peace and freedom.

Silence is kept.

Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

President Most gracious God and Father,
in whose will is our peace,
turn our hearts and the hearts of all to yourself,
that by the power of your Spirit
the peace which is founded on justice
may be established throughout the world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Minister Let us pray for God's ancient people, the Jews,
the first to hear his word:
for greater understanding between Christian and Jew,
for the removal of our blindness and bitterness of heart,
that God will grant us grace to be faithful to his covenant
and to grow in the love of his name.

Silence is kept.

Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

President Lord God of Abraham,
bless the children of your covenant, both Jew and Christian;
take from us all blindness and bitterness of heart,
and hasten the coming of your kingdom,
when the Gentiles shall be gathered in,
all Israel shall be saved,
and we shall dwell together in mutual love and peace
under the one God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All **Amen.**

Minister Let us pray for those who do not believe the gospel of Christ:
for those who have not heard the message of salvation,
for all who have lost faith,
for the contemptuous and scornful,
for those who are enemies of Christ and persecute those who follow him,
for all who deny the faith of Christ crucified,
that God will open their hearts to the truth
and lead them to faith and obedience.

Silence is kept.

Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

President Merciful God,
creator of all the people of the earth,
have compassion on all who do not know you,
and by the preaching of your gospel with grace and power,
gather them into the one fold of the one Shepherd;
Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Minister Let us pray for all those who suffer:
for those who are deprived and oppressed,
for all who are sick,
for those in darkness, in doubt and in despair, in loneliness and in fear,
for prisoners, captives and refugees,
for the victims of false accusations and violence,
for all at the point of death and those who watch beside them,
that God in his mercy will sustain them
with the knowledge of his love.

Silence is kept.

Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

President Almighty and everlasting God,
the comfort of the sad, the strength of those who suffer:
hear the prayers of your children who cry out of any trouble,
and to every distressed soul grant mercy, relief and refreshment,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Minister Let us commend ourselves and all God's children to his unfailing love,
and pray for the grace of a holy life,
that, with all who have died in the peace of Christ,
we may come to the fullness of eternal life
and the joy of the resurrection.

Silence is kept.

Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

President O God of unchangeable power and eternal light,
 look favourably on your whole Church,
 that wonderful and sacred mystery,
 and by the tranquil operation of your perpetual providence
 carry out the work of our salvation:
 and let the whole world feel and see
 that things which were cast down are being raised up
 and things which had grown old are being made new
 and that all things are returning to perfection
 through him from whom they took their origin,
 even Jesus Christ our Lord,
 who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Lord's Prayer

Standing at the foot of the cross,
 as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All **Our Father who art in heaven,..**

Giving of Communion

The president says the invitation to communion

Draw near with faith.
 Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
 which he gave for you,
 and his blood which he shed for you.
 Eat and drink
 in remembrance that he died for you,
 and feed on him in your hearts
 by faith with thanksgiving.

The president and people receive communion.

The body of Christ, broken for you.
 The blood of Christ, shed for you.

During the distribution hymns and anthems may be sung.

Any consecrated bread and wine which is not required for purposes of communion is consumed at the end of the distribution.

The Conclusion

Silence is kept.

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.

All depart in silence!

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