



A Good Friday Pilgrimage

Churches Together in Billericay

Starting at Emmanuel Church at 11.30

Friday 7 April 2023

Our walk this morning will continue unannounced. We encourage you to walk in silence and use the time as an opportunity to think about, and reflect on, all that our Heavenly Father might be saying to you about what took place on that first Good Friday.

OPENING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we gather in this place this morning in sorrow and in shame. We look for forgiveness, strength and mercy - though we know we deserve none. We gather to remember how it was the day that our Saviour died. We gather together to mourn, and to try to understand what happened on that terrible day. The day that Jesus showed the depth of his love for us by suffering and dying in our place. **AMEN.**

For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.

Hebrews 4:14

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathise with our weaknesses, but we have One who has been tempted in every way just as we are – yet without sin.

Hebrews 4:15

Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in our time of need.

Hebrews 4:16

LIGHT OF THE WORLD,

You stepped down into darkness,
Opened my eyes, let me see
Beauty that made
this heart adore You,
Hope of a life spent with You.



*So here I am to worship,
Here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that You're my God;
And You're altogether lovely,
Altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.*

King of all days,
Oh so highly exalted,
Glorious in heaven above;
Humbly You came
To the earth You created,
All for love's sake became poor.

And I'll never know
How much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross.
(Repeat)

We walk in silence to the
Billerica Community Garden

John 18:1-14
The Arrest In The Garden

Silence

IN CHRIST ALONE my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest
drought and storm.
What heights of love,
What depths of peace,
When fears are stilled,
When strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! - who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save:

Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied –
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again! And
as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine –
Bought with the precious
Blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

A PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord Jesus, loving and suffering with
us and for us, we are ashamed of our
unfaithfulness, yet we look to You,
forgive us, we beseech you.**

God made you alive with Christ.
He forgave us all our sins, having
cancelled the written code, with its
regulations, that was against us;
He took it away, nailing it to the Cross.

We walk in silence to the
Entrance To Sun Corner

John 19:17-29
The Crucifixion

Silence

Mark 15:33-39

Jesus Dies On The Cross

WHEN I SURVEY

THE WONDROUS CROSS

On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God:
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down:
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of Nature mine,
That were an offering far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all!

We walk in silence to the Beacon On Sun Corner

John 19:31-42

The Burial of Jesus

Silence

A LITANY FOR GOOD FRIDAY

Is it nothing to you,
all you that pass by?

**Look and see if there is any sorrow
like my sorrow.**

The Lord says. My people, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me! I led you from slavery to freedom, but you led your saviour to the Cross. I brought you out of Egypt, but you handed me over to the high priests.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal one; have mercy on us.

My people, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me! I led you on your way in a pillar of cloud, but you led me to Pilate's court. I bore you up with manna in the desert, but you struck me down and scourged me.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal one; have mercy on us.

My people, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me! I gave you a royal scepter, but you gave me a crown of thorns. I raised you to the height of majesty, but you raised Me high on a cross.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal one; have mercy on us.

My people, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me! I gave you saving water from the rock, but you gave Me gall and vinegar to drink. For you I struck down the kings of Canaan, but you pierced your Saviour with a lance.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal one; have mercy on us.

We adore You, O Christ,
and we bless you.

**By Your holy cross You have
redeemed the world.**

If we have died with Him,
we shall also live with Him.

**If we endure, we shall also
reign with Him.**

We adore You, O Christ,
and we bless You.

**By your holy cross You have
redeemed the world.**

We walk in silence to
Emmanuel Church

CONCLUDING PRAYER

**Most merciful God, who by the death
and resurrection of Your Son Jesus
Christ delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in Him, who
suffered on the cross, we may
triumph in the power of His victory;
through Jesus Christ Your Son our
Lord, who is alive and reigns with
You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. AMEN.**

FROM HEAVEN YOU CAME,

Helpless babe,
Entered our world, Your glory veiled;
Not to be served but to serve,
And give Your life that we might live.

*This is our God, the Servant King,
He calls us now to follow Him,
To bring our lives as a daily offering
Of worship to the Servant King.*

There in the garden of tears,
My heavy load he chose to bear;
His heart with sorrow was torn,
'Yet not My will but Yours,' He said.

Come see His hands and His feet,
The scars that speak of sacrifice;
Hands that flung stars into space
To cruel nails surrendered.

So let us learn how to serve,
And in our lives enthrone Him;
Each other's needs to prefer,
For it is Christ we're serving.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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. Forgive us our trespass-
es, 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, forever and forever.
AMEN.**

*Refreshments will now be served (Tea /
Coffee and Hot Cross Buns). Everyone
is invited to stay behind and continue
our fellowship together.*

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