

March Station 4

Opening Prayer

Christ became obedient unto death for us, **Even death upon a cross.**
He was pierced for our sins, **Bruised for no fault but our own.**
His punishment has brought us peace. **By his wounds we are healed.**

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, strength and honour, glory and praise. Amen.

Reading: Mark 15:33-39

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

Hymn

**O sacred head, once wounded,
With grief and pain weighed down,
How scornfully surrounded
With thorns, Thine only crown!
How pale art Thou with anguish,
With sore abuse and scorn!
How does that visage languish,
Which once was bright as morn!**

**O Lord of life and glory,
What bliss till now was Thine!
I read the wondrous story,
I joy to call Thee mine.
Thy grief and Thy compassion
Were all for sinners' gain;
Mine, mine was the transgression,
But Thine the deadly pain.**

**What language shall I borrow
To praise Thee, heavenly Friend,
For this, Thy dying sorrow,
Thy pity without end?
Lord, make me Thine for ever,
Nor let me faithless prove;
O let me never, never
Abuse such dying love!**

**Be near me, Lord, when dying;
O show Thyself to me;
And for my succour flying,
Come, Lord, to set me free:
These eyes, new faith receiving,
From Jesus shall not move;
For he who dies believing,
Dies safely through Thy love.**

Closing Prayer

Lord God, you hold both heaven and earth in a single peace. Let the design of your great love shine on the waste of our anger and sorrow, and give peace to your Church, peace among nations, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



CHRISTIANS TOGETHER IN CHELMSFORD 15 APRIL 2022 GOOD FRIDAY MARCH OF WITNESS

March Station 1

Opening Prayer

God in Christ has revealed his glory. **Come let us worship.**
From the rising of the sun to its setting **The Lord's name is greatly to be praised.**
Give him praise, you servants of the Lord. **O praise the name of the Lord!**

Reading: Mark 8:34-38

Jesus called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Hymn

**There is a green hill far away,
Outside a city wall,
Where the dear Lord was crucified,
Who died to save us all.**

**We may not know, we cannot tell,
What pains He had to bear;
But we believe it was for us
He hung and suffered there.**

**He died that we might be forgiven,
He died to make us good,
That we might go at last to heaven,
Saved by His precious blood.**

**There was no other good enough
To pay the price of sin;
He only could unlock the gate
Of heaven, and let us in.**

**O dearly, dearly has He loved!
And we must love Him too,
And trust in His redeeming blood,
And try His works to do.**

Closing Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the courage to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father. Amen

March Station 2

Opening Prayer

Let everything be said and done in the name of the Lord Jesus,

giving thanks to God through Jesus Christ.

Sing psalms, hymns and sacred songs:

let us sing to God with thankful hearts.

Open our lips, Lord:

and we shall praise your name.

Reading Mark 9:30-35

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all."

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 came from his blest throne salvation to bestow,
But men 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 strong praises sing,
Resounding all the day hosannas to their King.
Then "Crucify!" is all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry.**

**Here might I stay and sing, no 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.**

Closing Prayer

Jesus, Son of God, our true and only Saviour: you died like a criminal on a cross; but you are God who forgives. Once broken, helpless and in pain, you are God in whom there is hope. You have shown us a love beyond words: give us your forgiveness, hope and love. Amen

March Station 3

Opening Prayer:

We meet in the presence of God

who knows our needs,

hears our cries,

feels our pain,

and heals our wounds.

Reading – Mark 10:42-45

So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

Hymn

**Meekness and Majesty, Manhood and Deity,
In perfect harmony, the Man who is God.
Lord of eternity dwells in humanity,
Kneels in humility and washes our feet.**

*O what a mystery, Meekness and majesty.
Bow down and worship
For this is your God, This is your God.*

**Father's pure radiance, perfect in innocence,
Yet learns obedience to death on a cross.
Suffering to give us life, conquering through sacrifice,
And as they crucify prays: 'Father forgive.'**

**Wisdom unsearchable, God the invisible,
Love indestructible in frailty appears.
Lord of infinity, stooping so tenderly,
Lifts our humanity to the heights of His throne.**

Closing Prayer

Great God, you are one God, and you bring together what is scattered and mend what is broken. Unite us with the scattered peoples of the earth that we may be one family of your children. Bind up all our wounds and heal us in spirit, that we may be renewed as disciples of Jesus Christ, our Master and Saviour. Amen