

March Station Four

Christ carried our punishment for us on a cruel cross,
Let us pick up our cross and follow Him.
He took all of our shame and our sins,
Thank you for making us whole.

Reading: John 19:28-30:

Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips. When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Song: How Deep the Father's Love for Us

How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss -
The Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon the cross,
My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life -
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer;
But this I know with all my heart -
His wounds have paid my ransom.

Prayer: Dear Lord, as we approach the city centre where crowds will be gathered, for worship and for commerce, we pray your love would extend to all. We pray that everyone will hear the call to pick up their cross and follow you. **Amen.**

March of Witness Good Friday, 18th April 2025



March Station One

Let us give thanks this day for His love for us,
He loved us before we knew Him.
Let us sing praise to God this day for the forgiveness of sins,
Our sins are forgiven through Jesus' death.
Let us hold onto the hope that we have in Christ,
And hope does not disappoint us. Amen.

Reading: Matthew 26:36-40:

Then Jesus said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me." Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will."

Song: There is a Redeemer

There is a Redeemer,
Jesus, God's own Son,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Holy One.

*Thank you, O my father,
For giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit,
Till the work on Earth is done.*

Jesus, my Redeemer,
Name above all names,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
O for sinners slain.

When I stand in Glory,
I will see His face,
And there I'll serve my King forever,
In that Holy Place.

Prayer: As we walk in the footsteps of Christ may our lives reflect your mercy and your majesty. May we who are called Christians radiate Christ to those around us. **Amen.**

March Station Two

He was betrayed by one of His friends,

Help us to be faithful to you Lord.

He was punished for our sins,

We thank you for the forgiveness we now enjoy.

He died so we might have eternal life,

let us love our lives to the full for your glory. Amen.

Reading: Matthew 26:48-50:

Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: "The one I kiss is the man; arrest him." Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed him. Jesus replied, "Friend, do what you came for." Then the men stepped forward, seized Jesus and arrested him.

Song: Meekness and Majesty

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.

Prayer: In our fast paced life we ask for your Spirit to help us pause, to reflect on your love, to thank you for the death of Christ who died for our sins. We ask for your Lordship in our city. **Amen.**

March Station Three

His death represents the greatest sacrifice ever known,

Help us to live sacrificially.

His love is the greatest love ever known,

May your love shine through us.

His forgiveness is freely given to all who love Him,

We forgive as you have forgiven us. Amen.

Reading: Luke 23:33-34:

When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified him, along with the criminals – one on his right, the other on his left. Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

Song: Majesty

Majesty, worship His Majesty
Unto Jesus be glory,
Honour and praise
Majesty, Kingdom authority
Flow from His throne,
Unto his own, His anthem raise.

So exalt, lift up on high
The Name of Jesus
Magnify, come glorify,
Christ Jesus the King
Majesty, worship His Majesty
Jesus who died, now glorified,
King of all Kings.

Prayer: In our city today we ask for the reality of the cross to become real to all, for your Kingdom to come in Chelmsford. We seek you to bless our city, its traders and all those who call it home, for your goodness to be known to all. **Amen.**