

I went before you in a pillar of cloud,
but you have led me to the judgment hall of Pilate.
I brought you to a land of freedom and prosperity,
but you have scourged, mocked, and beaten me. **Refrain**

I gave you a royal scepter, and bestowed the keys to 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. **Refrain**

My peace I gave, which the world cannot give,
and washed your feet as a servant,
but you draw the sword to strike in my name
and seek high places in my kingdom. **Refrain**

I accepted the cup of suffering and death for your sakes,
but you scatter and deny and abandon me.
I sent the Spirit of truth to lead you,
but you close your hearts to guidance. **Refrain**

I called you to go and bring forth fruit,
but you cast lots for my clothing.
I prayed that you all may be one,
but you continue to quarrel and divide. **Refrain**

I grafted you into the tree of my chosen people Israel,
but you turned on them with persecution and mass murder.
I made you joint heirs with them of my covenants,
but you made them scapegoats for your own guilt. **Refrain**

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

A brief silence

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

Brief Announcement

Offering

PRAYER

BENEDICTION

Barbican Baptist Church

THE FRIENDLY CHURCH

Good Friday Divine Worship Service

March 29, 2024

9:00 A.M.

Theme – Lament in the Shadows



LEADER:	Deacon Jennifer Griffith
SPEAKER:	Reverend Trevor Edwards
PASTOR:	Reverend Trevor Edwards <i>Barbican/ Golden Spring Circuit of Baptist Churches</i>

At the beginning of the service each congregant will be given a stone – this stone is symbolic. It represents our sins, our failure to love God as we ought, and our failure to love our neighbours; it also represents the weight of our sins, which weigh us down and which is a heavy burden to bear. During the service think of what sins you want God to remove from your life; what sins you are willing to let go of. At the end of the service, leave them on the tables provided at the door.

Gathering Words

One: All you who pass this way

Many: Look and see, the shadow of sin

One: All you who pass this way

Many: Look and see the weight of the world

One: All you who pass this way

Many: Look and see how much your sin has cost him

One: All you who pass this way

Many: Look and see, the suffering of our Savior.

One: All you who pass this way

Many: Look and see, the sorrow of Jesus Christ

One: Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.

(based on Lamentations 1:12)

Gathering Hymn

Go to Dark Gethsemane

Go to dark Gethsemane,

You who feel the tempter's power;
Your Redeemer's conflict see;
Watch with Him one bitter hour;
Turn not from His griefs away;
Learn of Jesus Christ to pray.

Follow to the judgment hall;
View the Lord of life arraigned;
O the wormwood and the gall!
O the pangs His soul sustained!
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss;
Learn of Him to bear the cross.

Calvary's mournful mountain climb
There' adoring at His feet,
Mark the miracle of time,
God's own sacrifice complete:
"It is finished!" Hear the cry;
Learn of Jesus Christ to die.

Early hasten to the tomb
Where they laid his breathless clay;
All is solitude and gloom;
Who hath taken Him away?
Christ is risen! He meets our eyes:
Savior, teach us so to rise.
James Montgomery

Prayer Chorus Search me O God

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Responsive Reading **Psalm 22**

Leader: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?

People: O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night, but find no rest.

Leader: Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

People: In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.

Leader: To you they cried, and were saved; in you they trusted, and were not put to shame.

People: But I am a worm, and not human; scorned by others, and despised by the people.

Leader: All who see me mock at me; they make mouths at me, they shake their heads;

People: "Commit your cause to the LORD; let him deliver-- let him rescue the one in whom he delights!"

Leader: Yet it was you who took me from the womb; you kept me safe on my mother's breast.

People: On you I was cast from my birth, and since my mother bore me you have been my God.

Leader: Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help.

People: Many bulls encircle me, strong bulls of Bashan surround me;

Leader: they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion.

People: I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast;

Leader: my mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death.

People: For dogs are all around me; a company of evildoers encircles me. My hands and feet have shriveled;

Leader: I can count all my bones. They stare and gloat over me;

People: they divide my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots.

Leader: But you, O LORD, do not be far away! O my help, come quickly to my aid!

People: Deliver my soul from the sword, my life from the power of the dog!

Leader: Save me from the mouth of the lion! From the horns of the wild oxen you have rescued me.

People: I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:

Leader: You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

People: For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him.

Leader: From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

People: The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD. May your hearts live forever!

Leader: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

People: For dominion belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.

Leader: To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.

People: Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord, All: and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.

Hymn

#220
(Baptist P&W)
All you that pass by

All you that pass by, to Jesus draw nigh:
To you is it nothing that Jesus should die?
Your ransom and peace, your surety He is:
Come, see if there ever was sorrow like His.

He dies to atone for sins not His own;
Your debt He has paid, and your work He has done.

You all may receive the peace He did leave,
Who made intercession, My Father, forgive!

For you and for me He prayed on the tree:
The prayer is accepted, the sinner is free.
The sinner am I, who on Jesus rely,
And come for the pardon God cannot deny.

His death is my plea; my advocate see,
And hear the blood speak that has answered for me.
My ransom He was when He bled on the cross;
And losing His life He has carried my cause.

Selection **Senior Choir**

Beginning of Sorrow -

Reading 1: Genesis 3: 14-19

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