## St. Luke's Church Maidenhead



# Responses to Jesus' Passion

Good Friday 2024

1.00 pm Meditations and Music at the Cross

Please take this order of service away with you to use in private prayer

Silence is kept . We remain seated.

The choir sings, please feel free to join in:

Keep watch with me, pray with me, and do not be afraid.

Rizza

#### The Crowd

Choir: Were you there? *Skellern*Matthew 27. 20-23
Reflection
Silence, prayer

Please stand to sing

Praise to the Holiest in the height, and in the depth be praise; in all his words most wonderful, most sure in all his ways!

O loving wisdom of our God! When all was sin and shame, a second Adam to the fight and to the rescue came.

O wisest love! that flesh and blood, which did in Adam fail, should strive afresh against the foe, should strive, and should prevail;

and that a higher gift than grace should flesh and blood refine: God's presence and his very self, and essence all-divine.

O generous love! that he who smote in man for man the foe, the double agony in Man for man should undergo.

And in the garden secretly, and on the cross on high, should teach his brethren, and inspire to suffer and to die.

Praise to the Holiest in the height, and in the depth be praise; in all his words most wonderful, most sure in all his ways!

### The Religious Authorities

Choir: O my people, *Lundy / Kelly*Matthew 27. 41-44
Reflection
Silence, prayer

Please stand to sing

There is a green hill far away, without 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.

Cecil Frances Alexander

#### **Ourselves**

Choir: O Dearest Lord, Thy sacred head,

Words H.E. Hardy, Music F.V. Novello

Matthew 27. 54-55

Reflection
Silence, prayer

Please stand to sing

All for Jesus, all for Jesus, this our song shall ever be; for we have no hope, nor Saviour, if we have not hope in thee.

Contd...

All for Jesus--thou wilt give us strength to serve thee, hour by hour, none can move us from thy presence, while we trust thy love and power.

All for Jesus--at thine altar thou wilt give us sweet content; there, dear Lord, we shall receive thee in the solemn sacrament.

All for Jesus, thou hast loved us; all for Jesus, thou hast died; all for Jesus, thou art with us; all for Jesus crucified.

All for Jesus, all for Jesus, this the Church's song must be; till, at last, we all are gathered one in love and one in thee.

W J Sparrow-Simpson

There will be a short time of silence

There will be a short pause as members of the choir join the congregation for the second part of the service. If you are leaving at this point, please do so in silence.

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