

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN THE DITTONS

ACT OF COMMON WORSHIP & WITNESS - GOOD FRIDAY, 2021

We gather in silence wherever we are, as the Body of Christ, our Crucified Lord, here in Hinchley Wood and the Dittons.

Peter : Words of welcome.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you. **(Judith) And also with you.**

Peter Who has believed what we have heard?

And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

Judith **Surely he has borne our infirmities
and carried our diseases;
yet we account him stricken,
struck down by God and afflicted.**

Peter But he was wounded for our transgressions,
crushed for our iniquities;

upon him was the punishment that made us whole,

Judith **and by his bruises we are healed.**

Hymn : ***O sacred head surrounded***

Peter: Let us pray:

On this day when Jesus died,

on this day when his friends all scattered in fear,

on this day when we are held at home by love and care and
cannot meet,

in this time of anxious todays and uncertain tomorrows,

Gather us into your love, Lord God,

draw us together as one in faith and hope,

give us, all together, new life.

Through Christ, your Son, Our Lord. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Psalm 22 (Read by Linda and Stella)

Linda: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

You are far from my plea and the cry of my distress.

O my God, I call by day and you give no reply;

I call by night and I find no peace.

Stella: **Yet you, O God, are holy,**

***Enthroned on the praises of Israel.
In you our fathers put their trust;
They trusted and you set them free.
When they cried to you, they escaped.
In you they trusted and never in vain.***

Linda But I am a worm and no man,
the butt of men, laughing-stock of the people.
All who see me deride me.
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.

Stella ***Yes it was you who took me from the womb,
entrusted me to my mother's breast.
To you I was committed from my birth,
From my mother's womb you have been my God.
Do not leave me alone in my distress;
come close, there is none else to help.***

Linda Many bulls have surrounded me,
Fierce bulls of Bashan close me in.
Against me they open wide their jaws,
like lions, rending and roaring.

Stella ***Like water I am poured out,
disjointed are all my bones.
My heart has become like wax,
It is melted within my breast.***

Linda Parched as burnt clay is my throat,
My tongue cleaves to my jaws.

Stella ***Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet
And lay me in the dust of death.***

Linda I can count every one of my bones.
These people stare at me and gloat;
they divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.

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Hymn: ***Drop slow tears***

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(Read by Jane and Cathy)

Jane: ***O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me!***

***Rescue my soul from the sword,
my life from the grip of these dogs.
Save my life from the jaws of these lions,
my poor soul from the horns of these oxen.***

Cathy: I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.
'You who fear the lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons.

Jane ***For he has never despised
nor scorned the poverty of the poor.
From him he has not hidden his face,
but he heard the poor man when he cried.'***

Cathy You are my praise in the great assembly.
My vows I will pay before those who fear him.
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.
May their hearts live for ever and ever!

Jane ***All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,
all families of the nations worship before him
For the kingdom is the Lord's; he is ruler of the nations.
They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;
before him shall bow down all who go down to the dust.***

Cathy: And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.
They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,
Declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn;
'These things the Lord has done'

Jane: ***GLORY BE TO THE FATHER AND TO THE SON
AND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT
AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING
IS NOW AND EVER SHALL BE, WORLD WITHOUT END. AMEN.***

Sarb: Reading John 19:16b-22

The Crucifixion of Jesus

So they took Jesus; 17 and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. 18 There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. 19 Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, 'Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.' 20 Many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it

was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. 21 Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, 'Do not write, "The King of the Jews", but, "This man said, I am King of the Jews."' 22 Pilate answered, 'What I have written I have written.'

The Word of the Lord. (Judith) **Thanks be to God.**

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Caroline: *to offer a **SHORT REFLECTION** on the Word of God*

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THE PROCLAMATION OF THE CROSS

Linda: We glory in your cross, O Lord,

Judith: ***and praise you for your mighty resurrection;
for by virtue of your cross joy has come into our world.***

Stella We despised him and rejected him;
he endured suffering and pain.

Judith ***He endured the suffering that should have been ours,
the pain that we should have borne.***

Jane God be gracious to us and bless us:
and make his face shine upon us,

Judith ***Let your ways be made known on earth:
your liberating power among all nations.***

Cathy Let the peoples praise you O God:
Let all the peoples praise you.

Judith ***We glory in your cross, O Lord,
and praise you for your mighty resurrection;
for by virtue of your cross joy has come into our world.***

Rob: **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

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All our prayers are gathered in The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us,
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.
Amen.

Peter:

FINAL PRAYER

Lord God,
On this day when we honour the strange victory of your Son,
who was broken on the Cross to bring healing to the world
and who died to bring forth his risen life,
grant that we, who have watched with him at the foot of the
Cross
may always be faithful to that Cross,
through which you give your people strength in their weakness,
pardon in their frailty,
joy in their sorrow
and hope in the face of adversity.
This we ask through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Peter:

Let us pray together the grace:

***The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ,
the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all evermore. Amen.***

Hymn:

My song is love unknown