

> Holy Week 2018

Good Friday



Worship on **Good Friday, 30th March**, was shaped by **'The Seven Words from the Cross'**. Ian explained that the four gospels record Jesus saying seven things while on the cross. Each word was accompanied by a soundscape (using the recordings from our Lent listening) and projections onto a moving curtain with Kirsty reading the relevant verses. With each reading Ian asked 'What do you hear? What do you see? ...' We sang in response.



First Word - **The Word of Forgiveness**. Luke 23:34 – Father, forgive them. They do not know what they are doing.
Followed by 'O Christ Lamb of God'



Second Word - **The Word of Salvation**. Luke 23:43 – Today you will be with me in paradise.
Followed by 'Jesus remember me'



Third Word - **The Word of Relationship**. John 19:26–27: Woman, here is your son... Here is your mother.
Followed by Prayers of the People with 'Our God who weeps'



Fourth Word - **The Word of Abandonment**. Mark 15:34: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Followed by the Reproach of the Cross with 'O my people what have I done'.



Fifth Word - **The Word of Distress.** John 19:28 – I am thirsty



Sixth Word - **The Word of Triumph.** John 19:30 – It is finished
Followed by the Veneration of the Cross with 'Were you there?'



Seventh Word - **The Word of Reunion.** Luke 23:46 – Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.
Followed by 'My song is love unknown'.



Ian concluded *'With the women who followed him, let us continue listening and watching. What will we hear? What will we see? Watch and listen as our worship continues prayerfully in our hearts for the rest of today and tomorrow. This is not the end of this service, it comes to fulfilment in the great celebration here on Easter morning at Dawn 6:30 and then our 9:30 am Holy Communion service.'*

He invited us to exchange a silent sign of peace and solidarity saying *'Go in peace. As Christ has loved you, love one another.'*

You can read our [Good Friday Prayers](#) on our website.