

**Final Prayers**

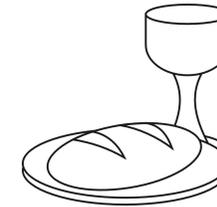
In Your cross, O Christ, we see Your incredible love;

in Your death, O Lord, we discover Your irrepressible life;

in Your suffering, O Saviour, we find that we are saved.

***Thank You for leading us out of darkness and into Your marvellous Light;***

***Now, lead us into the world, as agents of Love, Light and Salvation. Amen.***



A Communion Liturgy for  
**Good Friday**

**Gathering**

It's a dark day to be gathered here, Jesus;

it's a barren place this – filled with shadows and death.

***But we are here because we need to be here;***

***the shadows of this day are our shadows, the death is our death;***

Now, as we worship, your cross becomes for us a mirror,

reflecting back to us our own brokenness, sinfulness and darkness.

***And as we reflect on Your love-inspired sacrifice,***

***we discover an open doorway to life.***

***We gather at the foot of Your cross,***

***because we desperately need to be here.***

***Amen.***

**Praise and Confession**

It seems impossible that anyone would give what you did

to save men and women like us;

***But, you gave yourself freely for our sakes.***

It seems unimaginable that anyone could love the way you did,

including outcasts, rebels, and even your persecutors,

and refusing to strike back;

***But, you loved so much that you laid down your life for our sakes.***

It seems inconceivable that anyone would offer the forgiveness that you did

even as nails pierced your flesh, and the cross was stained

with your blood;

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*But, you did not hold our sin against us,  
and took on yourself the suffering that should have been ours.  
Forgive us that we have allowed greed and violence,  
pride and deceit,  
bitterness and coldness,  
to have a place in our hearts;  
And fill us again with Your immeasurable grace,  
Your inexhaustible love,  
and Your unconquerable life,  
That we may be changed,  
and may express our love and devotion through lives of worship.  
Amen.*

*The Lord's Prayer is said or sung together.*

#### Requests

If the cross tells us anything, O Lord,  
it is that You know and share our suffering:  
You are with us, and all those who are victims of disease,  
of the violence or abuse of others,  
of our own ignorance, foolishness or sin.  
*Help us and restore us, O Lord, we pray.*  
You are with us, and all those who inflict pain on others and on our world,  
through our selfishness or greed,  
through our brokenness or anger,  
through our rigidity or need to be right.  
*Help us and restore us, O Lord, we pray.*  
You are with us, and all those who are fearful of threats  
to this world we call home,  
to our safety and survival,  
to our sense of community and togetherness as people.  
*Help us and restore us, O Lord, we pray.*

*Silent personal prayers may be offered here.*

*Christ of the Cross,  
See our need of Your grace,  
Hear our prayer for Your mercy,  
And come to us again, to help and restore,  
because we cannot heal ourselves.  
Amen.*

#### The Sacrament

Jesus came into the world, not to judge it, but to save it.  
*We are so grateful for God's infinite love,  
and we celebrate with all of creation, the saving work,  
of our Suffering Saviour.*

On the night before he was nailed to the merciless cross,  
Jesus shared His last meal with His friends.  
He took the bread, He broke it, and He gave thanks,  
and then He passed it among them saying,  
*This is my body which is broken for you. Eat it and remember Me.*  
He took the wine, and He gave thanks,  
and then He passed it among them saying,  
*This is my blood which is shed for you. Drink it and remember Me.*  
And so, we take, we eat and drink, and we remember:  
There is no greater love,  
than this sacrifice which You, Jesus, made for us;

*When we come to this meal, O Lord,  
we are reminded that it is the death and darkness in us,  
that drove You to the cross;  
And so we come with no pride, no sense of entitlement;  
we come humbly and with deep gratitude;  
For it is You alone that has made a place for us  
at Your table.  
Amen.*

As you awaken us to your presence by your Spirit,  
may we know this bread and wine,  
to be your body and blood;  
As you embrace us now, by your Spirit,  
may we be changed, so that together we become  
the embodiment of your love, of your life  
to the world.  
*Amen.*

*The sacrament is shared*