

**"MAN OF SORROWS"**

**CHRIST RECRUCIFIED IN TODAY'S WORLD**

**THE FIRST HOUR: Betrayal, Injustice, Abandonment**  
**Introduction and Prayer**

- 12.00 Hymn 63 My Song is Love Unknown vs 1,3,4,5,7  
Reading: John 13: 21-22, 25-30  
Meditation: **Betrayal**
- 12.20 Hymn: 137 There is a green hill far away  
Reading: Mark 14: 55-64  
Meditation: **Injustice**
- 12.40 Hymn 71 O Dearest Lord, thy sacred head  
Reading: Mark 14: 66-72  
Meditation: **Abandonment**



**THE SECOND HOUR: Prejudice, Mockery, Anger**

- 1.00 Hymn 67 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross  
Reading: Luke 10: 25-37  
Meditation: **Prejudice and Discrimination**
- 1.20 Hymn 68 O Sacred Head, surrounded  
Reading Luke 22: 63-71  
Meditation : **Mockery**
- 1.40 Solo: "He was despised" : Handel's Messiah  
Reading: Genesis 4: 2-14  
Meditation: **Anger**

**THE THIRD HOUR: Violence, Suffering, Sorrow**

- 2.00 Choir: 'Surely he hath borne our griefs' : Handel's Messiah  
Reading: Isaiah 53: 1-6  
Meditation : **Violence**
- 2.20 Hymn

How deep the Father's love for us, How vast beyond all measure,  
That He should give His only Son To make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss – The Father turns His face away,  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross, My sin upon His shoulders;  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice Call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there Until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life – I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, No gifts, no power, no wisdom;  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer;  
But this I know with all my heart – His wounds have paid my ransom.

Reading: Mark 15: 12-20

Meditation : **Suffering**

2.30

The Veneration of the Cross

*Priest: This is the wood of the Cross on which hung the Saviour of the World*

**All: Come let us worship**

*We adore you, oh Christ, and we bless you*

**All: Because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world.**

*Each of us is invited to come and venerate the Cross while the choir sing:*

The Reproaches - Palestrina

Faithful Cross - King John IV of Portugal

2.40

The Lord's Prayer and Distribution of Communion

*We stand around the Cross to receive Communion in one kind  
from the Reserved Sacrament.*

2.50

Reading: Isaiah 53: 7-9, 11-12:

Meditation: **Man of Sorrows**

Hymn 117: Praise to the Holiest in the Height

3 PM

Most merciful God,  
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ  
delivered and saved the world:  
Grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross  
we may triumph in the power of his victory:  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

**All: Holy God, Holy and Strong,  
Holy and Immortal,  
Have mercy on us.**

*We leave in silence*