

Good Friday Worship

Step into the picture

Walking with Jesus to the cross

Welcome

There will be four sections to our worship at different places around the building.

Beginning in the front of the church, we will move to....., then into the, and then to the back of the church before returning to the chancel area.

At each stage of our journey there will be a picture, an activity, the reading told as story, with a reflection to help us step into the picture.

Opening words on this day of days.

First hymn/song

(suggestion: 'There is a green hill far away')

1. The Upper Room

The water bowl

Jesus washes the disciples' feet

Unless I wash you, you have no part with me (John 13:8, NIV).

A detail from one of the Giotto frescos in the Scrovegni Chapel, Padua c.1305

Second hymn/song

(suggestion: 'From heaven you came, helpless babe')

2. The Midnight Garden

The bitter cup

Jesus says 'yes' to God's way

'Put your sword away; shall I not drink the cup which the Father has given me?' (John 18:11, NIV).

The Betrayal by Ugolino di Nerio c.1320

Third hymn/song

(suggestion: 'Abba Father, let me be')

3. The Hostile Courtroom

The night light

Jesus looks beyond the suffering

You will see the Son of man... coming on the clouds of heaven (Matthew 26:64, NIV).

Christ before the High Priest by Gerrit van Honthorst c.1620

Fourth hymn/song

(suggestion: 'My song is love unknown')

4. The Lonely Hillside

The strange throne

Jesus takes our place

It is finished (John 19:30, NIV).

Christ on the cross by Delacroix c.1830

Fifth hymn/song

(suggestion: 'When I survey the wondrous cross')

A final reflection, prayers and the blessing

Further hymn/song suggestions:

'Jesus Christ, I think upon the your sacrifice'

'I'm special, because God has loved me'

'Thank You for the cross, the price You paid for us'