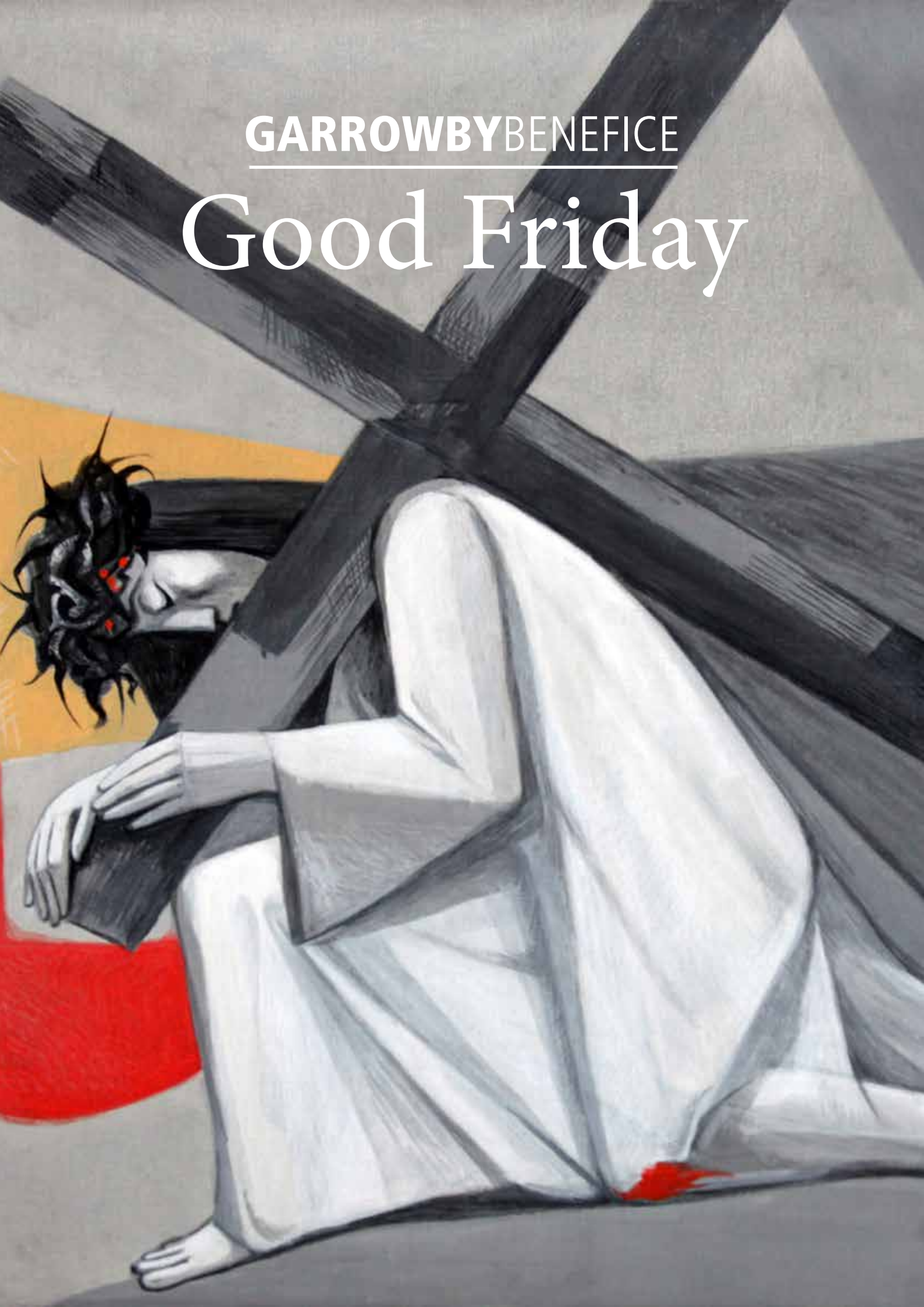


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# Good Friday



Opening Music: *God so loved the world* by John Stainer

## Welcome and Introduction

“God showed his love for us that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us”

## Reading: Matthew 27 32-54

### The crucifixion of Jesus

As they were going out, they met a man from Cyrene, named Simon, and they forced him to carry the cross. They came to a place called Golgotha (*which means ‘the place of the skull’*). There they offered Jesus wine to drink, mixed with gall; but after tasting it, he refused to drink it. When they had crucified him, they divided up his clothes by casting lots. And sitting down, they kept watch over him there. Above his head they placed the written charge against him: this is Jesus, the king of the Jews.

Two rebels were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads and saying, ‘You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!’ In the same way the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders mocked him. ‘He saved others,’ they said, ‘but he can’t save himself! He’s the king of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, “I am the Son of God.”’ In the same way the rebels who were crucified with him also heaped insults on him.

### The death of Jesus

From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land. About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, ‘Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?’ (which means ‘My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?’).

When some of those standing there heard this, they said, ‘He’s calling Elijah.’

Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled it with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink. The rest said, ‘Now leave him alone. Let’s see if Elijah comes to save him.’

And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit.

At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split and the tombs broke open. The bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. They came out of the tombs after Jesus' resurrection and went into the holy city and appeared to many people.

When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, 'Surely he was the Son of God!'

## **First Meditation and Reflection: Jesus is condemned**

Priest: We adore you O Christ and we bless you

**All: Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world**



***Music: There is a green hill***

## **Second Meditation and Reflection: Jesus meets his Mother**

Priest: We adore you O Christ and we bless you

**All: Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world**



***Music: My song is love unknown***

## Third Meditation and Reflection: Jesus Falls

Priest: We adore you O Christ and we bless you

**All: Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world**



***Music: When I survey***

## **Fourth Meditation and Reflection: Jesus dies and is laid in the arms of his mother**

Priest: We adore you O Christ and we bless you

**All: Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world**



### **Prayers of intercession – the response**

Priest: O crucified Christ, have mercy on your Sisters and Brothers

**All: O God of the cross, deliver us from all evil**

***Music: Were you there when they crucified my Lord***

Final prayer