

## Hymn: Love Divine

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven, to earth come down;  
fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown:  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
pure unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation,  
enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,  
let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return and never,  
never more thy temples leave:  
thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation,  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation,  
perfectly restored in thee:  
changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love and praise.

## The Blessing

### Distribution of Palm Crosses

*Please leave in silence*

*At the conclusion of this service all are  
welcome to share hot cross buns with tea  
and coffee in the Holy Trinity Hall,  
High Street*

*A Good Friday service will be held this  
afternoon at the Hospital in the Jessie  
Bowe lounge at 2.00pm*

Thank you to:

- Maldon Easter Fair Committee
- Maldon Brass Band
- Greg Ginger - Outlook Communications
- The churches who have planned and worked to bring the service together
- Women of Tarrengower Prison for the palm crosses
- Refreshments by members of the churches

# Good Friday Service

## Maldon 2014



*Open air combined church service  
held at the Beehive chimney site*

*Friday 18th April*



## Hymn: In the cross of Christ I glory

In the cross of Christ I glory,  
towering o'er the wrecks of time;  
all the light of sacred story  
gathers round it head sublime.

Through the cross, Christ's love empowers  
us worldliness and self deny;  
by his Spirit it inspires us  
him, through love, to glorify.

When the woes of life o'ertake us,  
hopes deceive and fears annoy,  
never shall the cross forsake us,  
from it shines our peace and joy.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,  
by the cross are sanctified;  
peace is there that knows no measure,  
joys that through all time abide.

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## Welcome and opening prayer

*Item: The Old Rugged Cross*

## A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah chapter 53

### Psalm 22

*The sung response is*

**My God, my God:**

**Why have you abandoned me?**

Dramatic Reading of The Passion of our Lord Jesus  
Christ according to St Mark

Hospitality

Watch of Care?

Betrayal

All Deserted Him

Power

Denial of a Friend

*Response: Crucify him!!*

Scapegoat

Bullying

Jesus breathes his last.

*silence*

## Hymn: O Sacred Head

O sacred head sore wounded,  
with grief and shame weighed down;  
O kingly head surrounded  
with thorns your only crown;  
death's shadows rise before you,  
the glow of life decays;  
yet hosts of heaven adore you  
and tremble as they gaze.

What language shall I borrow  
to praise you, heavenly friend,  
for this your dying sorrow,  
your mercy without end?  
Such agony and dying!  
Such love to sinners free!  
O Christ, all grace supplying,  
turn now your face on me.

In this your bitter Passion,  
good Shepherd, think of me,  
look on me with compassion,  
unworthy though I be:  
beneath your cross abiding  
for ever would I rest,  
in your dear love confiding,  
and with your presence  
blessed.



Lord, be my consolation,  
my shield when death is near;  
remind me of your Passion,  
be with me when I fear.  
My eyes shall then behold you,  
upon your cross shall dwell,  
my heart by faith enfold you;  
and who dies thus, dies well.

## The Passion continues

Prayers for the world and God's people.

...For your love and goodness,

**We give you thanks, O God.**

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are  
yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**