



THE CHURCH OF SAINT JAMES THE GREATER  
LEICESTER



GOOD FRIDAY 2013

# HOUR BEFORE THE CROSS

Led by the Vicar, Canon Glynn Richerby

HYMN 138 **We sing the praise of him who died ...**

REFLECTION ON 'GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD'

*Continued silent reflection on:*

*The fact that God so loved the world*

*Sharing the silence of Jesus*

*The cross as "the still point of the turning world" (T S Eliot)*

HYMN 67 **When I survey the wondrous cross ...**

REFLECTION ON 'MY GOD, WHY HAST THOU FORSAKEN ME?'

*Continued silent reflection on:*

*God as Our Father*

*Situations in which God seems absent*

*Nothing can ultimately separate us from the love of God*

HYMN 63 **My song is love unknown ...**

REFLECTION ON 'IT IS FINISHED'

*Prayer said together:*

Thanks be to thee, O Lord Jesus Christ,  
for all the benefits thou hast won for us,  
for all the pains and insults thou hast borne for us.

O merciful redeemer, friend and brother,

may we see thee more clearly,

love thee more dearly

and follow thee more nearly day by day. Amen

*Continued silent reflection on this prayer*

DISMISSAL

*Please leave the church quietly*