

Good Friday 2021
St Swithin's, Walcot
12 Noon



A Garden of Tears

Welcome and Introduction

Rev Tim Gleghorn

Opening Prayer

Reflection – “The Garden of Eden”

Nicola Stuffins

Prayer

**Lord God, King of Creation,
open our eyes to see your presence,
our souls to sense your presence,
and our hearts to love your presence,
ever here in your creation,
and ever beyond it in eternity.**

Amen.

Reflection – “Gardens and Rivers”

Valerie Winning Hart

Prayer

**Jesus, the DaySpring and Fountain of Life.
As you thirst, increase our thirst for You and for your righteousness.
May we allow your life-giving waters to flow through us
bringing refreshment, healing and cleansing to those who thirst,
in a scorched and barren land.
May your living waters flow from our lives to others so that they too
may come to see, to drink and to know You for themselves.**

Amen

Kari Jobe – “The Garden”

Reflection – “Tears in the Garden”

Janet Cornish

Prayer

**Lord, forgive me when I ignore your plea for help.
When you ask me to do something
and I take no notice and go my own way,
I’m sorry. I truly am.
Give me a watchful, waiting heart
and the desire to hear your voice and respond to your call**

Amen

Bible Reading – Mark 15. 21-26, 33-39

The Crucifixion

Hymn

When I survey the wondrous cross

On which the Prince of glory died
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride

Forbid it Lord that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ my God
All the vain things that charm me most
I sacrifice them to His blood

See from His head His hands His feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down
Did ever such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown

His dying crimson like a robe
Spreads o'er His body on the tree
Then I am dead to all the globe
And all the globe is dead to me

Were the whole realm of nature mine
That were an offering far too small
Love so amazing so divine
Demands my soul my life my all

Reflection – “A Garden of hope”

Mary Godfrey

Prayer

**Father; Today we pause to remember your sacrificial love;
That shone light into the darkness;
That brought life from such emptiness;
That brought hope from devastation;
That spoke truth from false accusations;
That released freedom from arrest;
And brought us forgiveness instead of punishment.
Thank you that we can now walk in the light of your life.**

Amen

Song

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer

There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Saviour he will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed

To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me