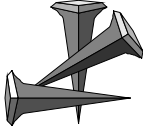


## GOOD FRIDAY – THE NAILS

**(If we can, let's say this liturgy together as a Church at 10.00am on Friday morning)**

Sometimes everything we want to say is in the reading and the hymn. This is the liturgy for Good Friday. Imagine you are at church and the bare cross is before you. You were given a nail as you entered and you are invited to leave it at the foot of the cross. Someone hammers the nails into the cross and you stop and think,

<p>Read</p> <p><i>The nails are hammered into the Cross</i></p>	<p>Matthew 27 : 15 - 50</p> 	<p>Our cross at church is in the doorway. It is bare. It waits in the darkness</p>
<p>Hymn</p>	<p>Meekness and Majesty, Manhood and Deity, In perfect harmony, The Man who is God. Lord of eternity Dwells in humanity, Kneels in humility And washes our feet.</p> <p>O what a mystery, Meekness and majesty. Bow down and worship For this is your God, This is your God.</p> <p>Father's pure radiance, Perfect in innocence, Yet learns obedience To death on a cross Suffering to give us life, Conquering through sacrifice, And as they crucify Prays: 'Father forgive.'</p> <p>Wisdom unsearchable, God the invisible, Love indestructible In frailty appears. Lord of infinity, Stooping so tenderly Lifts our humanity To the heights of His throne</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Graham Kendrick</i></p> <p>Lord, in our prayers today we ask for forgiveness for all that we have done or not done that is displeasing in your sight</p>	<p>Let us Pray</p> <p>As you stagger on your lonely journey time slips worlds reel Forgive us that we turn away embarrassed uncaring despairing Help us to stay with you through the dark night to watch and to wait to know the depths of your anguish and to realise that You carry us forgive (even) us love us Forgive us that we get on with our work unthinking that we gamble unknowing with precious things Cross-carrying Jesus nailed to the tree of life forgive us and grant us your salvation</p>
<p>All</p>	<p>In the name of Christ, Amen</p>	