

Hymn: "The Day of Crucifixion," as a reading.

Jesus is not my scapegoat / for any wrong I've done
It isn't fair to place on him / what he had never done
My God is fair and just and wise / and bids me to believe
I'm responsible for my own acts / and of all that I conceive.

No violence can save me / no shedding of one's blood
But my redemption is complete / when love my soul does flood.
When peace does reign within my heart / and like Christ I do
forgive
Then I his spirit do possess / and live the way he lived.

When I stand up for justice / and serve a world in need
When I defend the poor and shamed / and for their case I plead;
Then I go forth to do God's will, / consider not the cost;
Is this not what Christ really meant / saying, "Carry your own
cross."
Words: Rev. Bret Stuart Myers

Prayers for others

We sing TiS 242 Lord of the dance

Parting words

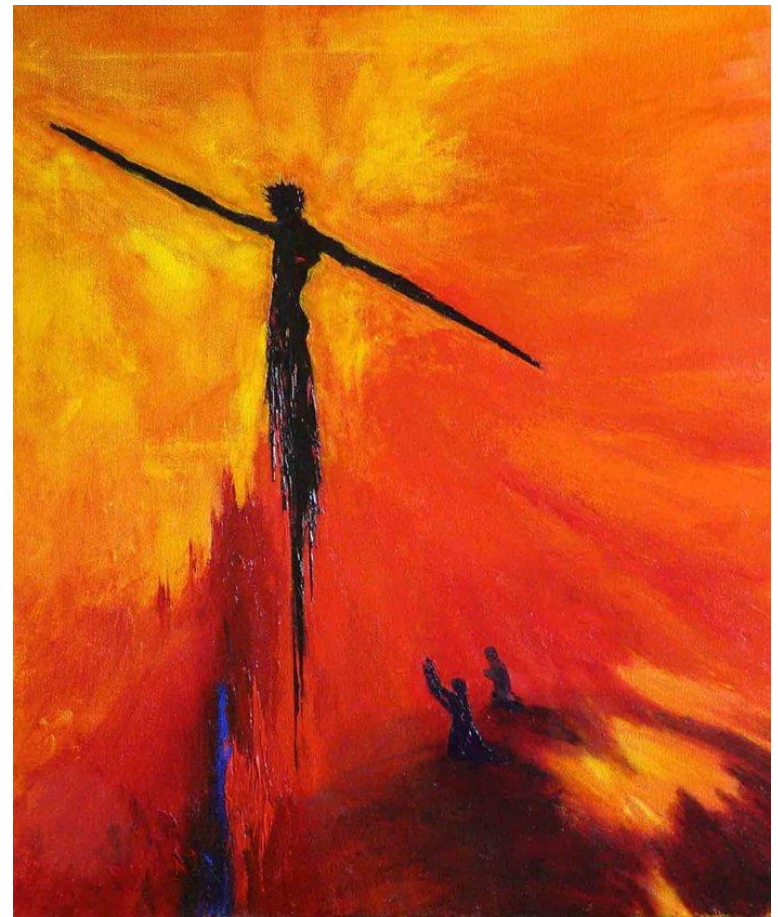
One: He came singing love;
All: **He lived singing love;**
One: He died singing love;
All: **He arose in silence.**
One: If the song is to continue
All: **we must do the singing.**



Notices

Progressive Christianity Service

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Welcome

Call to worship

You turn my mourning into dancing,
my sadness into laughter,
and my sorrow into joy.
Hallelujah! Psalm 30:11

Lighting the Christ Candle

If ever there were a time for a candle in the darkness,
this would be it.

We use a spark of hope,
to kindle the flame of love,
ignite the light of peace,
and feed the flame of justice.



Acknowledgement of country

Acknowledgement of diversity

We recognise our diversity and, in terms of the
Uniting Church's Safe Church Policy, we recognise
that this is a safe place in which all people can
worship, regardless of race, creed, age, ability,
sexuality, cultural background, or any other
distinguishing feature.

We sing TiS 342 When I survey the wondrous cross

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Readings

(1) Bible reading

Mark 15: 21 –32 Jesus is crucified **Margaret**

Mark 15: 33 – 39 The death of Jesus

(2) Contemporary reading from the book description of *Death of Jesus for Progressive Christians* by Donald Schmidt.

“An unbelieved truth can hurt a person much more
than a lie. It takes great courage to back truth
unacceptable to our times. There's a punishment for
it, and it's usually crucifixion.” — John Steinbeck,
East of Eden. ...

While exploring the Biblical stories about the death of
Jesus, it is good to ask the larger question hanging in
the background of all this drama: Why did Jesus die?”

Retrieved on 14 April, 2022 from

<https://www.mewsie.org/textbook/death-of-jesus-for-progressive-christians/>

Introduction

of Rev Dr Greg Elsdon

Presentation

*The death of Jesus —
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Discussion

moderated by Wendy Young

Hymn TiS 349

In the cross of Christ I glory