

# The Church in Westbury Park.



Online Services for  
Holy Week and Easter 2021

# **Palm Sunday**

## 28th March. 10.15am

The main act of Worship on Palm Sunday has two distinct parts. The first – the celebration of Christ’s triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Then the mood changes dramatically – highlighted by the dramatic reading of the Passion Gospel – this year from Mark. All of our worship from this morning to Easter Day is of one piece – telling the story of Christ’s Passion\*, death and resurrection – it is important that we see it as such and that if at all possible observe each of the momentous days of Holy Week, so we can walk with Christ as he travels the path to the cross.

### **Greeting**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you  
**and also with you.**

*The Service is introduced with the following words*

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing by works of love and self-sacrifice for the celebration of our Lord’s death and resurrection. Today we come together to begin this solemn celebration in union with the Church throughout the world. Christ enters his own city to complete his work as our Saviour, to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us go with him in faith and love, so that, united with him in his sufferings, we may share his risen life.

*\*We talk of ‘The Passion’ from the original meaning of the word in Latin, where it means something a bit like ‘undergoing suffering’. It’s a time of year for us to*

*remember Jesus' suffering as he comes to Jerusalem, tells his Disciples that he will soon die, Prays in the Garden, is betrayed, put on trial and then executed. The people hold up palms to be blessed.*

God our Saviour, whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as Messiah to suffer and to die;  
let these palms be for us signs of his victory  
and grant that we who bear them in his name  
may ever hail him as our King,  
and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life;  
who is alive and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **The Palm Gospel: Mark 11:1-11**

*When the Gospel is announced the reader says*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Mark.

**Glory to you O lord**

*At the end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you O Christ**

### **Commitment and Praise.**

Let us go forth in our lives in love and in service,  
praising Jesus our Messiah. Saying together

***All Glory, laud and honour  
To thee redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet Hosannas ring.***

### **Confession**

Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross  
So that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness;  
By his wounds we have been healed.

Let us confess our sins.

**Almighty God,  
Long suffering and of great goodness  
We confess with our whole heart  
Our neglect and forgetfulness of your  
commandments,  
Our wrong doing, thinking and speaking;  
The hurts we have done to others,  
And the good we have left undone.  
O God, forgive us,  
for we have sinned against you;  
And raise us to newness of life;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Absolution**

The almighty and most merciful God  
grant you pardon, forgiveness of all your sins,  
time for true repentance and amendment of life,  
and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

### **The Collect**

True and humble king,  
hailed by the crowd as Messiah.  
grant us the faith to know you and love you,  
that we may be found beside you  
on the way of the cross,  
which is the path of glory. **Amen.**

### **Reading : Isaiah 50 4-9a**

*At the end the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **The Passion Gospel: Mark 14:1 - 15:47**

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory.

Christ humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and given him the name that is above every name.

**Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory.**

*When the Passion is announced the reader says*

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark  
*No response is made.*

*After the words*

Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

*Silence is kept*

*At the end*

This is the Passion of the Lord.

*No response is made.*

*A time of silence is kept*

## **Affirmation of Faith**

Let us declare our faith in God.

We believe in God the Father,

**from whom every family  
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

**Amen.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

*The prayers of the people, for ourselves, the world and those in need*

*The response to the words:*

Lord in your mercy is

**Hear our Prayer**

## **The Peace**

Once we were far off, but now in union with Christ Jesus we have been brought near through the shedding of Christ's blood, for he is our peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**and also with you.**

*We offer one another a sign of peace*

## **Taking of the Bread and Wine**

*At the preparation of the table this prayer is said.*

Jesus, true vine and bread of life,

ever giving yourself that the world might live,

let us share your death and passion.

make us perfect in your love. **Amen.**

## **The Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord is here

**His Spirit is with us**

Lift up your hearts

**We lift them to the lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**It is right to give him thanks and praise**

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. For as the time of his passion and resurrection draw near the whole world is called to acknowledge his hidden majesty.

The power of the life-giving cross reveals the judgement that has come upon the world and the triumph of Christ crucified.

He is the victim who dies no more,  
the Lamb once slain, who lives for ever,  
our advocate in heaven to plead our cause,  
exalting us there to join with angels and archangels,  
for ever praising you and saying

**Holy Holy Holy Lord  
God of Power and might  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory  
Hosanna in the highest  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord  
Hosanna in the highest**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and as we obey his command,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
that broken bread and wine outpoured  
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died  
he had supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he praised you.  
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.  
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,  
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice  
made once for all upon the cross.  
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection  
until he comes in glory.

**Lord, by your cross and resurrection**

**You have set us free.**

**You are the Saviour of the world.**

Lord of all life,  
help us to work together for that day  
when your kingdom comes  
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.  
Look with favour on your people,  
gather us in your loving arms  
and bring us with St Alban and all the saints  
to feast at your table in heaven.  
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,  
for ever and ever. **Amen**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**All 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.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

## **Breaking of the Bread**

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup.

**We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

*Because of the new ways we are currently called to be church we are not able to meet together and receive the bread and wine. The president will receive it on behalf of all of us and we each receive the sacrament spiritually - in a practice known as spiritual reception which has been practiced by those who for many reasons are unable to be at church for hundreds of years.*

## **Act of Spiritual Reception**

**In union, dear Father, with Christian people throughout the world and across the centuries gathered to make Eucharist, hearing your holy Word and receiving the Precious Body and Blood, I offer you praise and thanksgiving.**

**Even though I am exiled from tasting the Bread of Heaven and drinking the Cup of Life I pray that you will unite me with all the baptised and with your Son who gave his life for us.**

**Come Lord Jesus, dwell in me and send your Holy Spirit that I may be filled with your presence.**

## **Prayer after Communion**

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation. give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

**Faithful God, may we who share this banquet glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, our salvation, life and hope, who reigns as Lord now and for ever. Amen.**

## **The Blessing**

May the Father, who so loved the world that he gave his only Son, bring you by faith to his eternal life. **Amen.**

May Christ, who accepted the cup of sacrifice in obedience to the Father's will, keep you steadfast as you walk with him the way of his cross. **Amen.**

May the Spirit, who strengthens us to suffer with Christ that we may share his glory, set your minds on life and peace.

**Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you now and remain with you always. **Amen**

### **The Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the Name of Christ, Amen**

# **Holy Week Meal**

Tuesday 30th March 7.30pm

**Please make sure you let Abigail know that you're planning to join in our Holy Week Meal because if we know you're coming we can make sure that we deliver you some cake to eat as part of our shared meal.**

You'll need to prepare some other food and drink as well - this can be your evening meal or some snacks - whatever works best for you and your household.

## **The Love Feast**

This evening's meal is based on the Methodist tradition of the Love Feast instituted by John Wesley himself after experiencing it as part of Moravian worship on his visit to America in 1737.

A Love Feast is also known as an 'Agape' which is the word in the Greek New Testament which is often translated as 'self-giving love'. It's important to remember that an Agape or Love Feast is not the same as a communion service nor is it a poor substitute. It is simply a different way to share in fellowship and to participate together not just in the continuation of a traditional Methodist practise but also to recall those informal meals and times of togetherness and sharing which remind us of all those times that Jesus shared with his friends and the unity that his Spirit continues to give us.

## Welcome and Introduction

### Opening Prayer

How wonderful it is, how pleasant, for God's people to live together in harmony! This is the place and this is the time: Here and now, God waits to break into our experience.

Voice1 To change our minds.

Voice2 To change our hearts.

Voice3 To change our ways.

To make us see the world and the whole of life in a new light. To fill us with hope, joy and certainty for the future. Here and now – let us praise God.

### Confession

Let us examine ourselves as we seek to live in Christian. community, as a sign and symbol of God's peace for the world:

We confess our failings in Community:

**Our lack of understanding,**

**Our lack of forgiveness,**

**Our lack of openness,**

**Our lack of sensitivity.**

We confess the times:

When we are too eager to be better than others,

**When we are too rushed to care,**

**When we are too tired to bother,**

**When we are too lazy to really listen,**

**When we are too quick to act from motives other than love.**

We forgive ourselves  
**We forgive one another**  
We know that God forgives us

**Reading: Matthew 26**

On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, 'Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?' He said, 'Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, "The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples."' So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal. While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, 'Take, eat; this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, 'Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.'

Blessings at the table are part of our Judeo-Christian heritage. Indeed, Jesus adapted his Jewish ritual blessing spoken before and after meals. He asked us to remember him whenever we break bread and raise a cup in thanksgiving.

This is why we call our communion prayers the "Great Thanksgiving." In this feast of love, we can call to mind things for which we are deeply grateful. I invite you to speak aloud a couple of things that you are grateful for in this moment.

And so I invite you to raise a plate of “something” on your table, or a glass of whatever you are drinking, and let us bless it in this way, repeating after me there at home:

Holy Comforter  
We gather in your name  
invited by Jesus...  
bound together with your Spirit...  
in union with each other...

Feed our bodies and our spirits...  
with your comforting presence...  
so that we might be your comfort to others...

Bless this food...  
and break open our hearts...  
Bless this drink...  
and pour out your love...

**Amen**

### **The Main Course**

As we eat, you are invited to talk about what extravagant self giving love looks like as you reach across the social distance to those who are here tonight, to loved ones, to friends, and to acquaintances and strangers.

### **Pudding**

*Before we eat our Love Feast cake we say or sing*

Be present at our table, Lord;  
be here and everywhere adored;  
thy creatures bless, and grant that we  
may feast in paradise with thee. (Tune LM)

## **Prayers of Intercession**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.

### **Leader**

The meal is ended. Christ goes before us  
into the night and the week ahead.

**Let us go in peace,  
To love and serve one another**

# **Maundy Thursday**

## **1st April 7.30pm**

Maundy Thursday marks a new beginning, the beginning of the end. From this point on, our worship is a continuum through to Easter morning. The Jewish beginning of the day (in the evening) unites the events of Maundy Thursday with the death of Christ the next afternoon. This evening, our emphasis is on the institution of the Lord's Supper. But 'Maundy' means commandment and tonight we celebrate not only the commandment to 'do this in remembrance of me' but also 'to love one another' and to wash one another's feet as Christ did for his disciples. At the end of this celebration, however, the mood changes as the church is stripped and the lights are turned out and we follow Christ into the Garden of Gethsemane to watch with him for a short time, before his arrest, trial and crucifixion.

The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you

**All And also with you**

### **Prayers of Penitence**

Our Lord Jesus Christ says:

'If you love me, keep my commandments'

'Unless I wash you, you have no part in me.'

Let us confess to almighty God our sins  
against his love,

And ask him to cleanse us.

*Silence is kept*

Have mercy on us, O God, In your great goodness;

According to the abundance of your compassion

Blot out our offences

Lord have mercy

**Lord have mercy**

Against you only have we sinned  
And done what is evil in your sight.

Christ have mercy

**Christ have mercy**

Purge us from our sin and we shall be clean

Wash us and we shall be whiter than snow.

Lord have mercy

**Lord have mercy**

### **Absolution**

May the Father forgive us by the death of his Son

And strengthen us to

Live in the power of the Spirit all our days

**All Amen**

### **The Gloria**

**Glory to God in the highest  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**O Lord, heavenly King,**

**almighty God and Father,**

**we worship you, we give you thanks,**

**we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,**

**Lord God, Lamb of God,**

**you take away the sin of the world:**

**have mercy on us; you are seated at the**

**right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One**

**you alone are the Lord,**

**you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,**

**with the Holy Spirit,**

**in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## **The Collect**

Let us pray

*Silence is kept*

God our Father,  
you have invited us to share in the supper  
which your Son gave to his Church  
to proclaim his death until he comes:  
may he nourish us by his presence,  
and unite us in his love;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **The lighting of the Tenebrae candles**

**Luke 22 10:12** *is read*

<sup>10</sup> 'Listen,' he said to them, 'when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him into the house he enters <sup>11</sup> and say to the owner of the house, "The teacher asks you, "Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?"' <sup>12</sup> He will show you a large room upstairs, already furnished. Make preparations for us there.'

*We light our individual candles to symbolise our presence with Christ and with each other.*

**Reading: I Corinthians 11.23-26,**

**Gospel John 13.1-17,31b-35**

*Before the Gospel the reader says*

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
according to John

*And we all respond*

**Glory to you O Lord**

*at the end the reader says*

*This is the gospel of the Lord*

*We all respond*

**Praise to you O Christ**

## **Sermon**

*After the sermon silence is kept*

## **Prayers of Intercession**

In the power of the Spirit let us pray to the Father  
Through Christ the saviour of the world.

Father, on this, the night he was betrayed, your son Jesus  
Christ washed his disciples feet. We commit ourselves to  
follow his example of love and service (silence)

Lord, hear us

**And humble us**

On this night, he prayed for his disciples to be one.  
We pray for the unity of your Church (silence)

Lord, hear us

**And unite us**

On this night, he prayed for those who were to  
believe through his disciples' message  
We pray for the mission of your Church. (silence)

Lord, hear us

**And renew our zeal**

On this night, he commanded his disciples to love,  
but suffered rejection himself.  
We pray for the rejected and unloved. (silence)

Lord hear us

**And fill us with your love.**

On this night, he reminded his disciples that if the world hated them it hated him first. We pray for those who are persecuted for their faith (silence)

Lord hear us

**And give us your peace.**

On this night, he accepted the cup of death and looked forward to the new wine of the kingdom. We remember those who have died in the peace of Christ (silence)

Lord hear us

**And welcome all your children into paradise**

## **The Peace**

Jesus says : Peace I leave with you;

my peace I give to you.

Do not let your hearts be troubled,  
neither let them be afraid.'

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**and also with you**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace

## **Preparation of the Table**

*The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.*

At the eucharist we are with our crucified and risen Lord.

We know that it was not only our ancestors,  
but we who were redeemed

and brought forth from bondage to freedom,  
from mourning to feasting.

We know that as he was with them in the upper room  
so our Lord is here with us now.

**Until the kingdom of God comes**

**let us celebrate this feast.**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of the universe,  
you bring forth bread from the earth.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of the universe,  
you create the fruit of the vine.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

### **The Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

Lift up your hearts

**We lift them to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right to give you thanks,  
Father most holy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
For on this night he girded himself with a towel  
and, taking the form of a servant,  
washed the feet of his disciples.

He gave us a new commandment  
that we should love one another as he has loved us.  
Knowing that his hour had come,  
in his great love he gave this supper to his disciples  
to be a memorial of his passion,  
so that we might proclaim his death  
until he comes again,  
and feast with him in his kingdom.

Therefore earth unites with heaven  
to sing a new song of praise;  
we too join with angels and archangels  
as they proclaim your glory without end:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord  
God of power and might  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory  
Hosanna in the highest**

**Blessed is he who comes  
In the name of the Lord  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood  
of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup  
and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

**Christ is the bread of life:  
When we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,  
until you come in glory.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once  
for the sins of the whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.  
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.  
Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of all the saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;  
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours,  
almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*All are invited to say the Lord's Prayer*

**All 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.  
And forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power  
and the glory, are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

## **Breaking of the Bread**

*The priest breaks the consecrated bread*

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ

**All    Though we are many, we are one body  
because we all share in one bread.**

## **Giving of Communion**

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**All    Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word,  
and I shall be healed.**

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## **Act of Spiritual Reception**

**In union, dear Father, with Christian people throughout the world and across the centuries gathered to make Eucharist, hearing your holy Word and receiving the Precious Body and Blood, I offer you praise and thanksgiving. Even though I am exiled from tasting the Bread of Heaven and drinking the Cup of Life I pray that you will unite me with all the baptised and with your Son who gave his life for us. Come Lord Jesus, dwell in me and send your Holy Spirit that I may be filled with your presence. Amen**

## **The Sending Out**

*Following Communion silence is kept.*

### **Prayer after Communion**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
We thank you that in this wonderful sacrament  
You have given us the memorial of your passion:  
Grant us so to reverence the sacred mysteries  
of your body and blood  
that we may know within ourselves  
And show forth in our lives  
the fruit of your redemption,  
For you are alive and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **The Gospel of the Watch**

*Gospel of the Watch. **Matthew 26:30-end** is read*

*Our candles are extinguished*

*The service ends in silence*

# **The Liturgy of Good Friday**

## **2nd April 2pm.**

*Today's service is the most solemn of the church's year. It begins and ends in silence. Please respect the solemnity of this time if you possibly can.*

### **The Gathering**

*The service begins in silence. All kneel for a time of silent prayer.*

### **The Collect**

*All stand and the Collect is said*

Eternal God, in the cross of Jesus we see the cost of our sin and the depth of your love: in humble hope and fear may we place at his feet all that we have and all that we are, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### **Old Testament Reading Isaiah 52.13 - 53.12**

*At the end the reader may say*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 22**

1. My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?  
Why are you so far from helping me, from the words  
of my groaning?
2. O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer;  
and by night, but find no rest.
3. Yet you are holy,  
enthroned on the praises of Israel.
4. In you our ancestors trusted;  
they trusted, and you delivered them.

5 To you they cried, and were saved;  
in you they trusted, and were not put to shame.  
6 But I am a worm, and not human;  
scorned by others, and despised by the people.  
7 All who see me mock at me;  
they make mouths at me, they shake their heads;  
8 “Commit your cause to the Lord; let him deliver—  
let him rescue the one in whom he delights!”  
9 Yet it was you who took me from the womb;  
you kept me safe on my mother’s breast.  
10 On you I was cast from my birth,  
and since my mother bore me you have been my God.  
11 Do not be far from me,  
for trouble is near, and there is no one to help.  
12 Many bulls encircle me,  
strong bulls of Bashan surround me;  
13 they open wide their mouths at me,  
like a ravening and roaring lion.  
14 I am poured out like water,  
and all my bones are out of joint;  
my heart is like wax;  
it is melted within my breast;  
15 my mouth is dried up like a potsherd,  
and my tongue sticks to my jaws;  
you lay me in the dust of death.  
16 For dogs are all around me;  
a company of evildoers encircles me.  
My hands and feet have shrivelled;  
17 I can count all my bones.  
They stare and gloat over me;  
18 they divide my clothes among themselves,  
and for my clothing they cast lots.  
19 But you, O Lord, do not be far away!  
O my help, come quickly to my aid!

20 Deliver my soul from the sword,  
my life from the power of the dog!

21 Save me from the mouth of the lion!  
From the horns of the wild oxen you have rescued me.

22 I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters:  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:

23 You who fear the Lord, praise him!  
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;  
stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

24 For he did not despise or abhor  
the affliction of the afflicted;  
he did not hide his face from me,  
but heard when I cried to him.

25 From you comes my praise in the great congregation;  
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

26 The poor shall eat and be satisfied;  
those who seek him shall praise the Lord.  
May your hearts live forever!

27 All the ends of the earth shall remember  
and turn to the Lord;  
and all the families of the nations  
shall worship before him.

28 For dominion belongs to the Lord,  
and he rules over the nations.

29 To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth  
bow down;  
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,  
and I shall live for him.

30 Posterity will serve him;  
future generations will be told about the Lord,  
and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,  
saying that he has done it.

## **The Passion Gospel John 18.1 - 19:37**

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*At the end*

This is the Passion of the Lord.

*No response is made.*

## **Prayers of Intercession**

*The response to the bidding*

Lord, hear us.

*is Lord, graciously hear us*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Standing at the foot of the cross,  
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**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.**

**Lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.**

**Amen.**

## **The Conclusion**

*Silence is kept.*

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God,  
set your passion, cross and death  
between your judgement and our souls,  
now and in the hour of our death.  
Grant mercy and grace to the living,  
rest to the departed,  
to your Church peace and concord  
and to us sinners forgiveness,  
and everlasting life and glory;  
for, with the Father and the Holy Spirit,  
you are alive and reign,  
God, now and for ever. Amen.

## **The Gospel of the Burial of Christ (John 19.38-42)**

*The service ends in silence*

# **Easter Day**

## **4th April 10.15am**

### **Lighting of the Paschal Candle**

*The unlit Easter Candle is marked with the following words*

Christ yesterday and today,  
the beginning and the end,  
Alpha and Omega,  
all time belongs to him,  
and all ages;  
to him be glory and power,  
through every age and for ever.

**Amen.**

*The Easter Candle is lit*

May the light of Christ, rising in glory,  
banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

### **Greeting**

Alleluia, Christ is risen

**He is risen indeed, Alleluia.**

### **Welcome and Notices**

### **The Prayer of Preparation**

*We prepare ourselves to meet God by saying*

**Heavenly Father, all hearts are open to you.**

**No secrets are hidden from you.**

**Purify us with the fire of your Holy Spirit  
that we may love and worship you faithfully,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **We Say Sorry to God**

Like Mary at the empty tomb,  
We fail to grasp the wonder of your presence  
Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy**

Like the disciples behind locked doors,  
We are afraid to be seen as your followers.  
Christ have mercy. **Christ have mercy**

Like Thomas in the upper room  
We are slow to believe.  
Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy**

## **God Forgives us**

God who is both power and love,  
forgive you and free you  
from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,  
and raise you to new life in Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The Gloria**

**Glory to God in the highest  
and peace to his people on earth.  
O Lord, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the  
right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### **The Collect**

*We remain standing to listen to the special prayer of the day.*

God of glory, by the raising of your Son  
you have broken the chains of death:  
fill your Church with faith and hope;  
for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands  
open in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

*We remain standing for the*

### **Easter Gospel Reading: John 20.1 - 18**

*Before the Gospel the reader says*

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
according to John

*And we all respond*

**Glory to you O Lord**

*at the end the reader says*

*This is the gospel of the Lord*

*We all respond*

**Praise to you O Christ**

*We sit to listen to* **The Talk**

## **The Creed**

*Standing we say what we believe.*

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,  
source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,  
who took our human nature,  
died for us and rose again?

**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
who gives life to the people of God  
and makes Christ known in the world?

**We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

*We kneel or sit for our* **Prayers of Intercession**

*At the end of each prayer the leader says*

Lord in your mercy

*And we all reply:*

**Hear our prayer.**

*And when the prayers finish:*

Merciful Father,

**Accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
Our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## **The Peace**

*We stand to share God's love with one another*

Alleluia. Christ has been raised from the dead.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*we reply:*

**And also with you. Alleluia**

*We offer one another a sign of peace*

*We remain standing for*

## **The Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

Lift up your hearts

**We lift them to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Father, you made the world and love your creation.

You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour. His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death. and so we gladly thank you, with saints and angels praising you, and saying

**Holy, holy, holy Lord**

**God of power and might**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory**

**Hosanna in the highest**

**Blessed is he who comes**

**In the name of the Lord**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and as we obey his command,  
send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread  
and wine outpoured may be for us the body  
and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his  
friends and, taking bread, he praised you.  
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.  
When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.  
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:  
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood  
of the new covenant, which is shed for you  
and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

**Christ has died, Christ is risen  
Christ will come again.**

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,  
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice  
made once for all upon the cross.  
Bringing before you the bread of life  
and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and  
resurrection until he comes in glory  
Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day  
when your kingdom comes  
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,  
gather us in your loving arms  
and bring us with Mary Magdalene,  
Peter and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.  
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,  
for ever and ever. **Amen**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**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.  
Lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

*The Priest says*

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*Because of the new ways we are currently called to be church we are not able to meet together and receive the bread and wine. The president will receive it on behalf of all of us and we each receive the sacrament spiritually - in a practice known as spiritual reception which has been practiced by those who for many reasons are unable to be at church for hundreds of years.*

### **Act of Spiritual Reception**

**In union, dear Father, with Christian people throughout the world and across the centuries gathered to make Eucharist, hearing your holy Word and receiving the Precious Body and Blood, I offer you praise and thanksgiving. Even though I am exiled from tasting the Bread of Heaven and drinking the Cup of Life I pray that you will unite me with all the baptised and with your Son who gave his life for us. Come Lord Jesus, dwell in me and send your Holy Spirit that I may be filled with your presence. Amen**

*After Communion we pray together:*

**God of our Salvation, we thank you for our communion with the risen Christ and with all who love him in earth and heaven. We pray that, strengthened by his grace, We may serve you faithfully all our days; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

## **The Blessing**

*The priest prays for God's blessing on us*

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead  
our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep,  
Through the blood of the eternal covenant,  
Make you perfect in every good work to do his will,  
Working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight;  
And the blessing of God Almighty  
The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among you  
and remain with you always. **Amen**

## **Sending Out**

Go in peace to love and  
serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia  
**In the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!**