



Welcome

The Fifth Sunday of Lent Passiontide

17 March



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St. Paul's Covent Garden



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Large Print versions of the Order of Service are available.

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We stand as the Altar Party enters and sing the hymn

**Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
for we have no help but thee;
yet possessing every blessing,
if our God our Father be.**

**2 Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er
us:
all our weakness thou dost know;
thou didst tread this earth before us,
thou didst feel its keenest woe;
lone and dreary, faint and weary,
through the desert thou didst go.**

**3 Spirit of our God, descending,
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
love with every passion blending,
pleasure that can never cloy:
thus provided, pardoned, guided,
nothing can our peace destroy.**

The Priest goes to the lectern and says:

Priest In the name of the Father, and of
the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

Priest The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

*The priest introduces the service and then leads
the congregation in prayer:*

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are
hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy
name; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

*The priest invites the congregation to seek God's
mercy and grace. We say together:*

**Lord God,
we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your
love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and
cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore to us the joy of your
salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

*We sing the Kyrie, which you will find on
the separate music sheet.*

*The Priest announces the **Absolution** to which
all reply: **Amen**.*

*The prayer of the day – the **Collect** – is said.*

Most merciful God, who by the death and
resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world: grant that
by faith in him who suffered on the cross
we may triumph in the power of his
victory; through Jesus Christ your Son our
Lord, who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

*We sit for the **first** and **second readings**.*

First Reading

Jeremiah 31.31-34 read by James

³¹The days are surely coming, says the
LORD, when I will make a new covenant
with the house of Israel and the house of
Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant
that I made with their ancestors when I
took them by the hand to bring them out
of the land of Egypt – a covenant that they
broke, though I was their husband, says

the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the LORD', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

At the end:

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

Second Reading

Hebrews 5.5-10, read by Tom

⁵Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

'You are my Son,
today I have begotten you';

⁶as he says also in another place,
'You are a priest for ever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.'

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.

⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

At the end:

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

*We stand to sing the **hymn***

**Come, let us join our cheerful songs
with angels round the throne;
ten thousand thousand are their
tongues,
but all their joys are one.**

**2 'Worthy the lamb that died,' they
cry,
'To be exalted thus;'
'Worthy the lamb,' our lips reply,
'For he was slain for us.'**

**3 Jesus is worthy to receive
honour and power divine;
and blessings, more than we can
give,
be, Lord, for ever thine,**

**4 Let all creation join in one
to bless the sacred name
of him that sits upon the throne,
and to adore the lamb.**

*All remain standing as the **Gospel** is read*

Priest The Lord be with you
All **And also with you**

Priest Hear the Gospel of our Lord
Jesus Christ according to John
(12, 20-33)

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁰Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and

where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

²⁷‘Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say – “Father, save me from this hour”? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name.’ Then a voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’ ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, ‘An angel has spoken to him.’ ³⁰Jesus answered, ‘This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.’ ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

At the end:

Priest	This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All	Praise to you, O Christ.

*We sit for the **Sermon**
We stand to say the **Creed***

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen
We believe in One Lord Jesus Christ
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and
the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the
dead, and the life of the world to
come. Amen.**

*The **Prayers of Intercession** follow*

At the end:

Priest	Merciful Father,
All	accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ, Amen.

*The Priest introduces the **Peace**:*

Priest:	The peace of the Lord be with you always
All	And also with you

*We sing a **hymn** as the Altar is prepared for
the **Eucharistic Prayer**. A **collection** is taken
during the **hymn**, but you may prefer to make a
contactless payment, at the back of church.*

**Rejoice! the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore;
mortals, give thanks and sing;
and triumph evermore:
lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.**

**2 Jesus, the Saviour, reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above:
Lift up your heart, etc.**

**3 His kingdom cannot fail;
he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus given:
Lift up your heart, etc.**

**4 He sits at God's right hand
till all his foes submit,
and bow to his command,
and fall beneath his feet:
Lift up your heart, etc.**

Priest Blessed are you Lord God of
all creation. Through your
goodness we have this bread
to offer, which earth has given
and human hands have made.
It will become for us the
bread of life.

All Blessed be God for ever
Priest Blessed are you Lord God of
all creation. Through your
goodness we have this wine
to offer. Fruit of the vine and
work of human hands, it will
become our spiritual drink

All Blessed be God for ever
Priest Pray my sisters and brothers
that our sacrifice may be
acceptable to God the
Almighty Father

**All May the Lord accept the
sacrifice at your hand, for
the praise and glory of his
name, for our good and
the good of all his Church.**

*The Priest adds the prayer over the gifts to which
we reply **Amen***

Priest The Lord be with you

All And also with you.

Priest Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord
our God.

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

*The Eucharistic Prayer continues until we sing
the **Sanctus** and **Benedictus** from the
music sheet. The **Eucharistic Prayer**
continues until...*

Priest: Great is the mystery of faith

**All: Dying you destroyed our
death**

**Rising you restored our
life**

Lord Jesus come in glory.

The Eucharistic Prayer continues until

Priest ...for ever and ever

All: Amen

The Priest introduces the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven
hallowed be thy name
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven
Give us this day our daily bread
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass
against us
And lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil
For thine is the kingdom
the power and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen**

Priest 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**

*We sing the **Agnus Dei from the music
sheet.***

Priest 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.**

*The congregation approaches the altar to receive
Communion.*

*All those who are in good standing with their
own Church are invited to receive Communion.*

*Those who prefer to ask for a Blessing are
invited to bow their heads at the Altar rail, or
bring this booklet as a sign to the Priest.*

**If you do not wish to receive the
Sacrament in wine, please return to
your seat after receiving the Host.**

**Please receive Communion in your
hand ONLY.**

**Please keep absolute silence during
Communion**

Post Communion Prayers:

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us
that what we do for the least of our
brothers and sisters we do also for you:
give us the will to be the servant of others
as you were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for us,
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.
Amen

We say together:

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son
Jesus Christ.**

**Through him we offer you our souls
and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.**

**Send us out
in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

Any Banns of marriage and notices are given.

Priest The Lord be with you

All **And also with you**

*The **Blessing** is given to which all reply: **Amen**
We sing the **hymn** and turn to face the West
End for the **dismissal***

**My song is love unknown,
my Saviour's love to me,
love to the loveless shown,
that they might lovely be.**

**O, who am I
that for my sake
my Lord should take
frail flesh, and die.**

**2 Sometimes they strew his way,
and his sweet praises sing;
resounding all the day
hosannas to their King.
Then 'Crucify!'
is all their breath,
and for his death
they thirst and cry.**

**3 Why, what hath my Lord done?
What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run,
he gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries!
Yet they at these
themselves displease,
and 'gainst him rise.**

4 In life, no house, no home,
my Lord on earth might have;
in death, no friendly tomb,
but what a stranger gave.
What may I say?
Heav'n was his home;
but mine the tomb
wherein he lay.

5 Here might I stay and sing,
no story so divine;
never was love, dear King,
never was grief like thine!
This is my friend,
in whose sweet praise
I all my days
could gladly spend.

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve
 the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

‘What’s On’ this week

Wednesday 20 March

12.00 Sandwich Lunch in Church, *all welcome*

1.10pm Holy Eucharist

Thursday 21 March

1pm Lunchtime Concert

Friday 22 March

11am Baby Broadway

Sunday 24 March

PALM SUNDAY

The beginning of Holy Week.

11.00 Parish Sung Eucharist

7.30pm West End celebrates Alan Menken

Electoral Roll

The Electoral Roll (effectively the membership roll of the church) has to be revised annually. The roll is currently on display in the Narthex. If you wish to remain on the roll, you need do nothing. If you wish to be added to the roll (which allows you to vote at the AGM) please ask Carol or Simon for a form.

***Tickets for all paid events may be booked at www.actorschurch.org*