



Welcome

The Fifth Sunday of Lent Passiontide

6 April



actorschurch



St. Paul's Covent Garden

Please switch off all mobile phones.

BEWARE: *We do occasionally suffer from theft: take care of your belongings*

Accessibility

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

Isaiah 43.16-21, read by Rob

¹⁶Thus says the LORD,
who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
¹⁷who brings out chariot and horse,
army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a
wick:

¹⁸Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.

¹⁹I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive
it?

I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.

²⁰The wild animals will honour me,
the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,

to give drink to my chosen people,

²¹the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

At the end:

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Philippians 3.4b-14, read by Gary

⁴If anyone else has reason to be confident
in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on
the eighth day, a member of the people of
Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew
born of Hebrews; as to the law, a
Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the
church; as to righteousness under the law,
blameless.

⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have
come to regard as loss because of Christ.

⁸More than that, I regard everything as
loss because of the surpassing value of
knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his
sake I have suffered the loss of all things,
and I regard them as rubbish, in order that
I may gain Christ and be found in him, ⁹not
having a righteousness of my own that
comes from the law, but one that comes
through faith in Christ, the righteousness
from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know
Christ and the power of his resurrection
and the sharing of his sufferings by
becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if
somehow I may attain the resurrection
from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or
have already reached the goal; but I press
on to make it my own, because Christ
Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I
do not consider that I have made it my
own; but this one thing I do: forgetting
what lies behind and straining forward to
what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on towards the
goal for the prize of the heavenly call of
God in Christ Jesus.

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, 1-8)

All Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' ⁶(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

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***

Priest Do you believe and trust in
God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?
**All We believe and trust in
him.**

Priest Do you believe and trust in
God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?
**All We believe and trust in
him.**

Priest 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?

**All We believe and trust in
him.**

Priest This is the faith of the Church.
**All This is our faith.
We believe and trust in
one God, Father, Son and
Holy Spirit.
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.*

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

The Holy Week Services

*Please make every effort to attend the
solemn services of Holy Week.*

Palm Sunday 13 April

11am Sung Eucharist
4pm Choral Evensong

Monday 14 April

1.10pm Holy Eucharist

Tuesday 15 April

1.10pm Holy Eucharist

Wednesday 16 April

1.10pm Holy Eucharist
7.30pm Tenebrae,
with the choir of St. Paul's

Maundy Thursday 17 April

7pm Mass of the Last Supper

Good Friday 18 April

2pm The Liturgy of Good Friday

Easter Sunday 20 April

11am Sung Eucharist

‘What’s On’ this week

Wednesday 9 April

1.10pm Holy Eucharist

7pm PCC Meeting in the Vestry

Thursday 10 April

6.30pm & 8.30pm Musicals by Candlelight **

Friday 11 April

1pm Lunchtime Concert

6.30pm & 8.30pm Musicals by Candlelight **

Saturday 12 April

Church and grounds closed all day.

Sunday 13 April

PALM SUNDAY

The beginning of Holy Week.

11.00 Parish Sung Eucharist, for Palm Sunday

4pm Choral Evensong, for Palm Sunday, with the choir of St. Paul’s

Electoral Roll

The Electoral Roll (effectively the membership roll of the church) has to be renewed this year. 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, or email

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