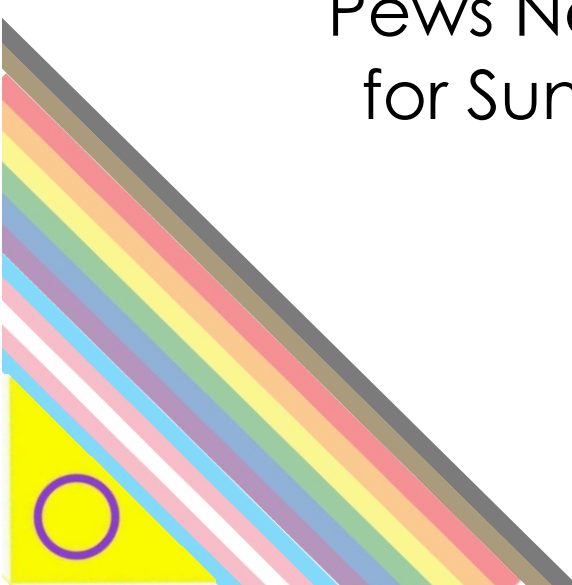


St John's, Pevensey Road



Pews News & Service Sheet
for Sunday 2nd April 2023

Palm Sunday



Welcome to today's Mass at St John's. *This is Holy Week:*



Holy Week and Easter Services 2023

Palm Sunday, 2nd April, 8 a.m. - **Said Mass**

10:30 a.m. - **Parish Mass**

Monday 3rd April, 6 p.m. - **Said Mass**

Tuesday 4th April, 6 p.m. - **Said Mass**

Wednesday 5th April, 10 a.m. - **Said Mass**

Maundy Thursday, 6th April, 6 p.m. - **Sung Mass**

with washing of feet

Good Friday, 7th April, 12 noon - **Stations of the Cross**

2 p.m. - **Veneration of the Cross**

with Administration of the Sacrament

Holy Saturday, 8th April, 8 p.m. - **The First Mass of Easter**

Easter Day, Sunday 9th April, 8 a.m. - **Said Mass**

10:30 a.m. - **Easter Sung Mass**

Please note there's no Friday Coffee in church this week, as it's Good Friday

There will be a silent soup lunch in church on Good Friday, after the Stations of The Cross

Revision of the Church Electoral Roll takes place in April. If you are already named on the Roll you don't need to do anything. If you would like to join the Roll please take a form from the welcome desk and return it to Clare Cooper. Your participation enables you to vote at the annual church meeting in May and adds your name to our monthly cycle of parish prayers. CC

Join us for Morning Prayer, in Saint Peter's Chapel, 09:00 on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

Our prayers are asked for:

Andrew N, Holly H, Andy, Jackie N, Marie N, John T, Nigel & Carrie, Geraldine, Della, Tim, Kathryn & Ian, Lesley, Amber, and Peter.

Please pray also for...

the repose of the souls of the departed, especially those whose Years Minds fall around this time: Fr Willie Scanlan, and Sophie Taylor,

... and all who mourn.

Fancy getting a bit more stuck-in this Holy Week?

We need:

- 6 people willing to have a foot washed during Maundy Thursday Mass (don't worry, the water is warm)!
- 3 people to carry in the new Oils.
- If you would like to get involved, please do add your name to the sign-up sheet at the back of church. Thank you - *Gabby, Sacristan*

LAST CALL for purchasing **Easter Lilies** in memory of loved ones: forms are available at the back of church.

Saturday, 15th April - 7 p.m.

Christ Church, St Leonards,
**Hastings Philharmonic Choir
and Orchestra**

**The 'Great' Mass in C minor,
Mozart**

Te Deum, Haydn

Bassoon Concerto, Mozart

Tickets from

www.hastingsphilchoir.org.uk

or The Bookkeeper, Kings Road,
St Leonards,

or via 01424 437554

Opening Hymn

*All glory, laud, and honour,
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.*

Thou art the King of Israel,
thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest,
the King and Blessed One.
All glory, laud and honour...

The company of angels
are praising thee on high,
and mortal men and all things
created make reply.
All glory, laud and honour...

The people of the Hebrews
with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before thee we present.
All glory, laud and honour...

To thee, before thy passion,
they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted,
our melody we raise.
All glory, laud and honour...

Thou didst accept their praises;
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King.
All glory, laud and honour...
St Theodulph of Orleans (d.821) tr.J.M Neale (1818-66)

The Greeting

Hosanna to the Son of David,
the King of Israel.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of
the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

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

Introduction

The Priest introduces the celebration

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.

The Priest blesses the palm crosses, saying this dedication prayer:

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 lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever.

All Amen.

The Palm Gospel

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
All Glory to you, O Lord

Matthew 21. 1-11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them." And he will send them immediately.' This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

'Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, 'Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!
When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?' The crowds were saying, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

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

The Collect

Let us pray for a closer union with Christ in his suffering and in his glory:

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.

All Amen.

Gradual Hymn

My God, I love Thee; not because
I hope for heaven thereby,
nor yet because who love thee not
Are lost eternally.

Thou, O my Jesus, thou didst me
upon the Cross embrace;
for me didst bear the nails and spear,
and manifold disgrace;

And griefs and torments numberless,
and sweat of agony;
e'en death itself, and all for one,
who was thine enemy.

Then why, O blessèd Jesu Christ,
should I not love thee well,
Not for the sake of winning heaven,
Or of escaping hell.

Not with the hope of gaining aught,
nor seeking a reward,
but as Thyself hast lovèd me,
O ever-loving Lord!

E'en so I love thee, and will love,
and in thy praise will sing,
solely because thou art my God
and my eternal King!

17th century Latin tr. Edward Caswall (1814-78)

The Passion Reading

Dcn 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.

**All Praise to you, O Christ,
King of eternal glory**

Dcn The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew

Matthew 26:14 - end of 27

Then one of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, 'What will you give me if I betray him to you?' They paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

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.

When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; and while they were eating, he said, ‘Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.’ And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another, ‘Surely not I, Lord?’ He answered, ‘The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.’ Judas, who betrayed him, said, ‘Surely not I, Rabbi?’ He replied, ‘You have said so.’

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.’

When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them, ‘You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written,

“I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.”

But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee.’ Peter said to him, ‘Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.’ Peter said to him, ‘Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.’ And so said all the disciples.

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, ‘Sit here while I go over there and pray.’ He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved

and agitated. Then he said to them, ‘I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.’ And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, ‘My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want.’ Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, ‘So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.’ Again he went away for the second time and prayed, ‘My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.’ Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them, ‘Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.’

While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, ‘The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him.’ At once he came up to Jesus and said, ‘Greetings, Rabbi!’ and kissed him. Jesus said to him, ‘Friend, do what you are here to do.’ Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear.

Then Jesus said to him, ‘Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?’ At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, ‘Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and

you did not arrest me. But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled.’ Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered. But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and said, ‘This fellow said, “I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.”’ The high priest stood up and said, ‘Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?’ But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him, ‘I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God.’ Jesus said to him, ‘You have said so. But I tell you,

From now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.’

Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, ‘He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your verdict?’ They answered, ‘He deserves death.’ Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him, saying, ‘Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?’

Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said, ‘You also were with Jesus the Galilean.’ But he denied it before all of them, saying, ‘I do not know what you are talking about.’ When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, ‘This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.’ Again he denied it with an oath, ‘I do not know the man.’ After a little while the bystanders came up and

said to Peter, ‘Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you.’ Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath, ‘I do not know the man!’ At that moment the cock crowed. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: ‘Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.’ And he went out and wept bitterly.

When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor.

When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. He said, ‘I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.’ But they said, ‘What is that to us? See to it yourself.’ Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself. But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, ‘It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money.’ After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter’s field as a place to bury foreigners. For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah, ‘And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price, and they gave them for the potter’s field, as the Lord commanded me.’

Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, ‘Are you the King of the Jews?’ Jesus said, ‘You say so.’ But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him, ‘Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?’ But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, 'Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?' For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgement seat, his wife sent word to him, 'Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.' Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them, 'Which of the two do you want me to release for you?' And they said, 'Barabbas.' Pilate said to them, 'Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?' All of them said, 'Let him be crucified!' Then he asked, 'Why, what evil has he done?' But they shouted all the more, 'Let him be crucified!'

So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, 'I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.' Then the people as a whole answered, 'His blood be on us and on our children!' So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, 'Hail, King of the Jews!' They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.'

Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, 'You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.' In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, 'He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, "I am God's Son."'" The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, 'Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?' that is, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, 'This man is calling for Elijah.' At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, 'Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.' Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and

entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, 'Truly this man was God's Son!'

Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him. Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said, 'Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, "After three days I will rise again." Therefore command that the tomb be made secure until the third day; otherwise his disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people, "He has been raised from the dead", and the last deception would be worse than the first.' Pilate said to them, 'You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can.' So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Prayers of Intercession

For forgiveness for the many times we have denied Jesus, let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For grace to seek out those habits of sin which mean spiritual death, and by prayer and self-discipline to overcome them, let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For Christian people, that through the suffering of disunity there may grow a rich union in Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For those who make laws, interpret them, and administer them, that our common life may be ordered in justice and mercy, let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For those who still make Jerusalem a battleground, let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For those who have the courage and honesty to work openly for justice and peace, let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For those in the darkness and agony of isolation, that they may find support and encouragement, let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For those who, weighed down with hardship, failure, illness, or sorrow, may know that God is near to them ... let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For those who are tempted to give up the way of the cross, let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

That we, with those who have died in faith, may find mercy in the day of Christ ... let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

**All Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.**

The Peace *is introduced*

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
All and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.
*We may exchange a sign of Peace with
those around us*

Offertory Hymn

*During which the table is prepared and
bread and wine are placed upon it.*

From heaven you came helpless babe
Entered our world, your Glory veiled.
Not to be served but to serve,
And give your life that we might live.

*This is our God, the Servant King -
He calls us now to follow him;
To bring our lives as a daily offering
Of worship to the Servant King.*

There in the garden of tears,
My heavy load he chose to bear;
His heart with sorrow was torn,
Yet "Not my will but yours", he said.

Come see his hand and his feet -
The scars that speak of sacrifice;
Hands that flung stars into space,
To cruel nails surrendered.

So let us learn how to serve,
And in our lives enthrone him;
Each other's needs to prefer,
For it is Christ we're serving.

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Preparation of the Table

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.

All Amen.

The priest takes the bread and wine.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here

All His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed 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 draws 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 singing:

**All 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.
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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**All Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

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 St John the
Evangelist, St Peter, Mary the Mother of God,
and 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.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Standing at the foot of the cross,
let us pray with confidence
as our Saviour has taught us:

**All 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.**

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.**

We sit as Agnus Dei is sung:

**O Lamb of God, our Lord most holy,
who redeems us from our sin.
Have mercy on us, meek and lowly,
make us clean and pure within.**

**Grant us peace we humbly pray,
as we who worship you today
receive your body and your blood,
renewed in faith by heav'nly food.**

Giving of Communion

The Priest says the invitation to 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.**

Communion is distributed

The Body of Christ. **Amen.**
The Blood of Christ. **Amen.**

Anthem: God so loved the world (Stainer)

Communion Hymn

All for Jesus! All for Jesus!
This our song shall ever be;
for we have no hope, nor Saviour,
if we have not hope in thee.

All for Jesus! Thou wilt give us
strength to serve thee, hour by hour;
none can move us from thy presence,
while we trust thy love and power.

All for Jesus! At thine altar
thou dost give us sweet content;
there, dear Saviour, we receive thee
in thy holy sacrament.

All for Jesus! Thou hast loved us;
all for Jesus! Thou hast died;
all for Jesus! Thou art with us;
all for Jesus! Glorified.

All for Jesus! All for Jesus!
This the Church's song shall be;
till, at last, the flock is gathered
one in love and one in thee.

W.J. Sparrow-Simpson (1859-1952)

Prayer after Communion

*The Priest prays the Post Communion
for the day:*

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.

All Amen.

**All Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son
and brought us home.
Dying and living,
he declared your love,
gave us grace,
and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body
live his risen life;
we who drink his cup
bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights
give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set
before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your
name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Notices

The Blessing

Christ crucified draw you to himself,
to find in him a sure ground for faith,
a firm support for hope,
and the assurance of sins forgiven;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Final hymn

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
 Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry.
 Thy humble beast pursues his road,
 with palms and scattered garments strowed.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
 In lowly pomp ride on to die.
 O Christ, thy triumphs now begin
 o'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
 The wingèd squadrons of the sky
 look down with sad and wondering eyes
 to see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
 thy last and fiercest strife is nigh.
 The Father on his sapphire throne
 awaits his own anointed Son.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
 In lowly pomp ride on to die.
 Bow thy meek head to mortal pain,
 then take, O God, thy power and reign.

Henry Milman (1791-1868)

As usual we're having our Easter Spring Clean in church on Sat 8th April from 9.30 - 12.00. Coffee and hot cross buns to keep you going so please come at any point to join the fun. If you can bring some cleaning materials that would be good, or come as you are! *Katy H*

The Dismissal

Priest The Lord be with you
All And also with you

All May the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all, evermore. Amen.

Priest May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace...

All and rise in glory. Amen.

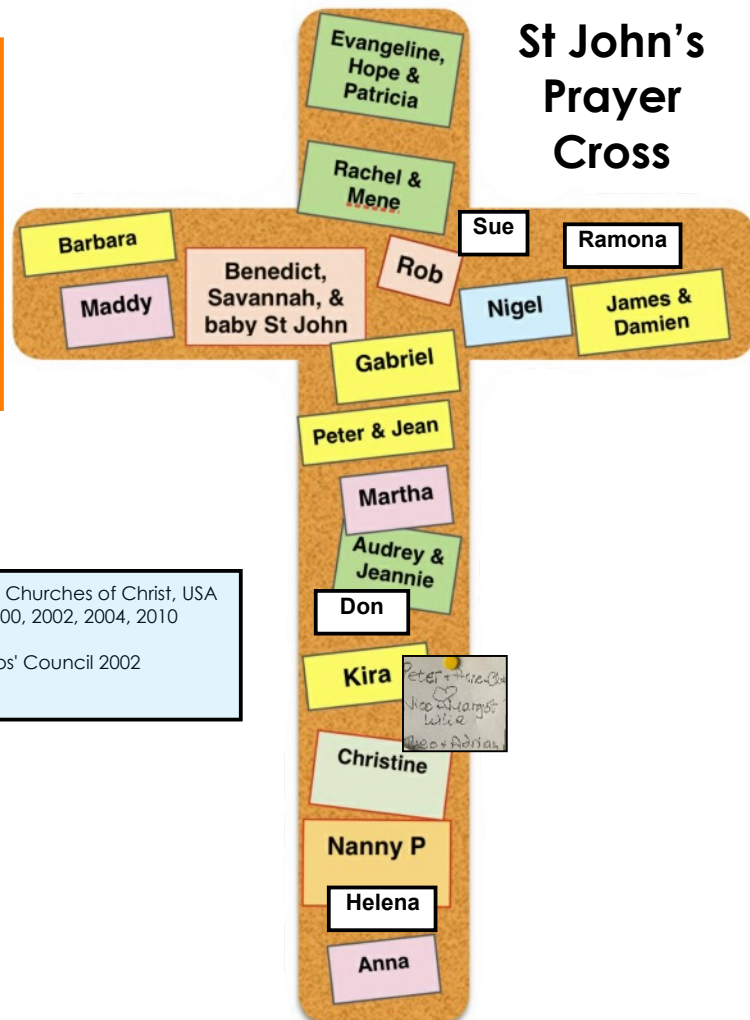
Dcn Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

Concluding voluntary: Grand March from "Aida" (G. Verdi)

Coffee is available after the 10:30 Mass

St John's Prayer Cross



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