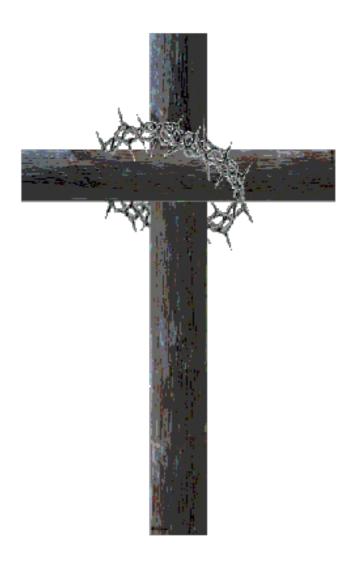
St Matthew's Church Chichester Road, Croydon

Tuesday of Holy Week Eucharist



12th April 2022



The Preparation

The Lord be with you and also with you.

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.

Please be seated

Confession and Absolution

Christ himself carried up our sins in his body to the tree, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds we have been healed.

Let us confess our sins.

1 Peter 2.24

In the wilderness we find your grace; you love us with an everlasting love.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

There is none but you to uphold our cause; our sin cries out and our guilt is great.
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Heal us, O Lord, and we shall be healed; restore us and we shall know your joy. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and keep us in everlasting life, through our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

The Collect

A period of silent prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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.

The Gospel

Let us stand to greet the Gospel of Christ.

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

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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.

The Lord be with you and also with you.

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

Glory to you O Lord.

John 12.20-36

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. 21 They 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 lesus. ²³lesus 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.' 30 lesus 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. 34The crowd answered him. We have heard from the law that the Messiah remains for ever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?' 35 lesus said to them, 'The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you. If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going. 36While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light.' After Jesus had said this, he departed

and hid from them.

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

Please sit

Reflection

Prayers of Intercession

Please stand

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.

cf Ephesians 2.13

The peace of the Lord be always with you and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

□ Hymn **□**

And now, O Father, mindful of the love that bought us, once for all, on Calvary's Tree, and having with us Him that pleads above, we here present, we here spread forth to Thee that only offering perfect in Thine eyes, the one, true, pure, immortal sacrifice.

Look, Father, look on
His anointed face,
and only look on us
as found in Him;
look not on our
misusings of Thy grace,
our prayer so languid,
and our faith so dim:
for lo, between our sins
and their reward
we set the Passion
of Thy Son our Lord.

And then for those, our dearest and our best, by this prevailing Presence we appeal:

O fold them closer

to Thy mercy's breast,
O do Thine utmost
for their souls' true weal;
from tainting mischief
keep them white and clear,
and crown Thy gifts
with strength to persevere.

And so we come:
O draw us to Thy feet,
most patient Saviour,
who canst love us still;
and by this food,
so aweful and so sweet,
deliver us from
every touch of ill:
in Thine own service
make us glad and free,
and grant us never more
to part with Thee.

William Bright (1824-1901)

The Eucharistic Prayer (A)

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 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 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.

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood;

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.

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

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.

Breaking of the Bread

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.

Giving of Communion

Draw near with faith.
Receive the body of our Lord
Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and
his blood which he shed for you.
Eat and drink in remembrance
that Jesus died for you, and lives in you,
and feed on him in your hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

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.

□ Hymn **□**

Jesu, lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly, while the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high: hide me, O my Saviour, hide, till the storm of life is past; safe into the haven guide; O receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none, hangs my helpless soul on Thee; leave, ah, leave me not alone, still support and comfort me. All my trust on Thee is stayed, all my help from Thee I bring; cover my defenceless head with the shadow of Thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in Thee I find; raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind. Just and holy is Thy Name, I am all unrighteousness; false and full of sin I am; Thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found, grace to cover all my sin; let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within. Thou of life the fountain art: freely let me take of Thee; spring Thou up within my heart, rise to all eternity.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

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.

Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

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