

St Matthew's Church, Chichester Road

**Wednesday  
of Holy Week  
Taizé Service**



**13<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

## Order of Service

### Welcome and Opening Prayer

Prince of Peace,  
We often find ourselves in the wilderness discouraged, afraid and tired.  
Give us the grace and the courage to pursue your Kingdom, to bring those who are isolated and oppressed into the light. To bring peace to the nations, and to those we meet.

**Amen.**

*Silence*

♪ **Chant** ♪

Wait for the Lord,  
whose day is near.  
Wait for the Lord:  
keep watch, take heart!

*Silence*

In this season of Lent, we anticipate your coming in Glory at Easter, your kingdom of peace and justice and your reign of truth and love.

At Easter, you brought us the promise of new life in you  
**May we be people of that new life, bringing light and compassion.**

At Easter, you brought us forgiveness and reconciliation

**May we be people of mercy, bringing hope and redemption.**

**May we be people of service, who resist the temptation for power and worldly gain.**

On Good Friday, you suffered and died to defeat death for your children.

**May we live and struggle to bring peace and freedom to our brothers and sisters.**

In this time of waiting and reflection, have mercy on us Lord and inspire us to greater love, greater wisdom and greater courage.

**Amen.**

*Silence*

♪ **Chant** ♪

The Lord is my light,  
my light and salvation:  
in God I trust,  
in God I trust.

### **Psalm 102 v1-11, 25-28**

Hear my prayer, O LORD;  
let my cry come to you.  
<sup>2</sup>Do not hide your face from me  
on the day of my distress.  
Incline your ear to me;  
answer me speedily on the day  
when I call.  
<sup>3</sup>For my days pass away like  
smoke,  
and my bones burn like a

furnace.

<sup>4</sup>My heart is stricken and  
withered like grass;

I am too wasted to eat my  
bread.

<sup>5</sup>Because of my loud groaning  
my bones cling to my skin.

<sup>6</sup>I am like an owl of the  
wilderness,  
like a little owl of the waste  
places.

<sup>7</sup>I lie awake;  
I am like a lonely bird on the  
housetop.

<sup>8</sup>All day long my enemies taunt  
me;  
those who deride me use my  
name for a curse.

<sup>9</sup>For I eat ashes like bread,  
and mingle tears with my drink,  
<sup>10</sup>because of your indignation and  
anger;

for you have lifted me up and  
thrown me aside.

<sup>11</sup>My days are like an evening  
shadow;

<sup>25</sup>Long ago you laid the  
foundation of the earth,  
and the heavens are the work  
of your hands.

<sup>26</sup>They will perish, but you endure;  
they will all wear out like a  
garment.

You change them like clothing,  
and they pass away;

<sup>27</sup>but you are the same, and  
your years have no end.

<sup>28</sup>The children of your servants  
shall live secure;

their offspring shall be  
established in your presence.

## ♪ Chant ♪

Stay with me,  
remain here with me,  
watch and pray,  
watch and pray.

*Silence*

## First Reading – Luke 22:54-62

*Peter Denies Jesus*

Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house. But Peter was following at a distance. <sup>55</sup>When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. <sup>56</sup>Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said, 'This man also was with him.' <sup>57</sup>But he denied it, saying, 'Woman, I do not know him.' <sup>58</sup>A little later someone else, on seeing him, said, 'You also are one of them.' But Peter said, 'Man, I am not!' <sup>59</sup>Then about an hour later yet another kept insisting, 'Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean.' <sup>60</sup>But Peter said, 'Man, I do not know what you are talking about!' At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. <sup>61</sup>The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, 'Before the cock crows today, you

will deny me three times.’ <sup>62</sup>And he went out and wept bitterly.

### ♪ **Chant** ♪

Within our darkest night  
You kindle the fire  
that never dies away,  
that never dies away.

*Silence*

## **Second Reading – Luke 22:63-65**

*The Mocking and Beating of Jesus*

Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; <sup>64</sup>they also blindfolded him and kept asking him, ‘Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?’ <sup>65</sup>They kept heaping many other insults on him.

*Silence*

## **Third Reading – Luke 22:66-71**

*Jesus before the Council*

When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. <sup>67</sup>They said, ‘If you are the Messiah, tell us.’ He replied, ‘If I tell you, you will not believe; <sup>68</sup>and if I question you, you will not answer. <sup>69</sup>But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God.’ <sup>70</sup>All of them

asked, ‘Are you, then, the Son of God?’ He said to them, ‘You say that I am.’ <sup>71</sup>Then they said, ‘What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!’

*Silence*

### ♪ **Chant** ♪

Jesus, remember me  
when you come into  
your kingdom.

## **Prayers of Intercession**

*During which we sing:*

- Lord, hear my prayer.
- Lord, hear my prayer:  
when I call, answer me.
- Lord, hear my prayer.
- Lord, hear my prayer.  
Come and listen to me.

## **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.**

## ♪ Chant ♪

Nothing can trouble,  
nothing can frighten.  
Those who seek God shall never  
go wanting.  
Nothing can trouble,  
nothing can frighten.  
God alone fills us.

*Silence*

## Finishing Prayer

For all that God can do within us,  
for all that God can do without  
us,

**Thanks be to God.**

For all in whom Christ lived  
before us,  
for all in whom Christ lives beside  
us,

**Thanks be to God.**

For all the Spirit wants to bring  
us,  
For where the Spirit wants to  
send us,

**Thanks be to God.**

Listen, Christ has promised to be  
with us in the world as in our  
worship.

**Amen. We go to meet him.**

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*Please leave the church in silence  
and take this service sheet with you*