



Tuesday Holy Week

**We welcome you to St Matthew's Church this evening and hope you enjoy our worship together.*

**If you are with us for the first time please fill in one of the Welcome leaflets. Thank you.*

Please join in the words in **bold print.*

**Remember to switch off your mobile phone whilst you are in the church*

The Gathering

Taize (844)

Laudate omnes gentes,
Laudate Dominum.
Laudate omnes gentes,
Laudate Dominum.

*Sing praises, all you peoples
Sing praises to the Lord.*

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The Lord be with you
and also with you.

We pray together

**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.**

Confession

O God, you know my foolishness
and my sins are not hidden from you:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Let not the flood overwhelm me
nor the depths swallow me up;
let not the pit shut its mouth upon
me:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Hear me, O Lord, as your loving
kindness is good; turn to me as your
compassion is great:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,

+ pardon and deliver you from all
your sins, confirm and strengthen
you in all goodness, and keep you in
life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Collect

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 Readings

Psalm 27

A Song of Trust in God
Of David.

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

²When evildoers assail me
to devour my flesh—
my adversaries and foes—
they shall stumble and fall.

³Though an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear;
though war rise up against me,
yet I will be confident.

⁴One thing I asked of the Lord,
that will I seek after:
to live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the Lord,
and to inquire in his temple.

⁵For he will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of
his tent;
he will set me high on a rock.

⁶Now my head is lifted up
above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the
Lord.

⁷Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud,
be gracious to me and answer me!

⁸'Come,' my heart says, 'seek his face!'
Your face, Lord, do I seek.

⁹Do not hide your face from me.

Do not turn your servant away in
anger,

you who have been my help.

Do not cast me off, do not forsake me,
O God of my salvation!

¹⁰If my father and mother forsake me,
the Lord will take me up.

¹¹Teach me your way, O Lord,
and lead me on a level path
because of my enemies.

¹²Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries,
for false witnesses have risen against me,
and they are breathing out violence.

¹³I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living.

¹⁴Wait for the Lord;
be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the Lord!

Gospel Acclamation

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.

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. 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. 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?'

³⁵Jesus 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

A Meditation

Prayers of Intercession

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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

The Peace

Christ is our peace.
He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.
We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you

Taize (334)

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful,
in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God, do not be afraid;
lift up your voices: the Lord is near,
lift up your voices: the Lord is near.

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Prayer of Preparation

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.

Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

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 right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation; in your love you made us for yourself. When we turned away

you did not reject us, but came to meet us in your Son. In Christ you shared our life

that we might live in him and he in us.

On the night he was betrayed,
at supper with his friends he took
bread, and gave you thanks; he broke
it and gave it to them, saying: Take,
eat; this is my body which is given for
you;
do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup
of wine, he gave you thanks, and said:

Drink this, all of you; this is my blood
of the new covenant, which is shed
for you for the forgiveness of sins; do
this in remembrance of me.

As we proclaim his death and
celebrate his rising in glory, send
your Holy Spirit that this bread and
this wine may be to us the body and
blood of your dear Son. With your
whole Church throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice to join the eternal
song of heaven:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of
power and might, Heaven and
earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Lord's Prayer

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.**

Agnus Dei

**Jesus, Lamb of God,
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins,
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world,
give us your peace.**

Invitation to Communion

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the
Father.**

Post Communion Prayer

**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.**

Taize (600)

Bless the Lord, my soul.
And bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul,
Who leads me into life.

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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...

Go in peace to love and serve the
Lord

In the name of Christ. Amen

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