

The background image is a photograph of a weathered wooden cross standing on a rocky, moss-covered mountain peak. The cross is made of two thick, dark wooden beams. In the background, there are rolling hills and mountains, some with patches of snow, under a blue sky with scattered white clouds. The overall scene is serene and majestic.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

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From the Vicar

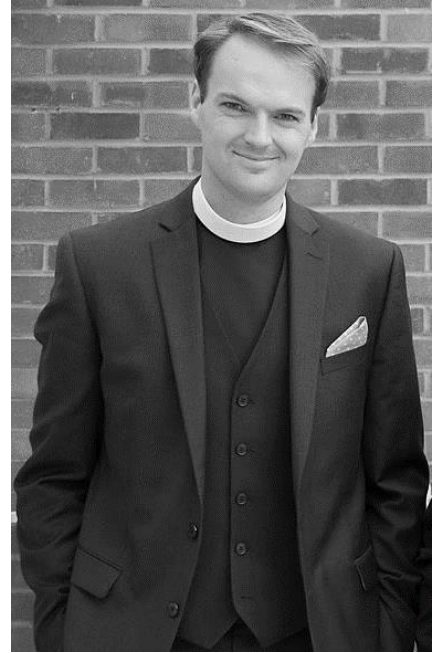
Dear Friends in Christ,

We find ourselves scattered as a community in our homes across Bromley, unable to gather to celebrate the rigours and joys of Holy Week and Easter. One of the images we have of the disciples on that first Easter is of them locked together in a room despondent and afraid of the world outside, yet despite that we still see the work of God powerfully working through them. Though we cannot gather together, it is my hope that we still worship together in spirit and truth, united by the great love of God, with us wherever we are.

Contained within this booklet are the services for each day of Holy Week and the Easter Triduum. The services will be streamed live on our facebook page found at www.facebook.com/bromleyparishchurch

and later found on the faith section of the church website www.bromleyparishchurch.org

Whether you can join us live or will be praying at home, I hope the hope we celebrate at Easter can be yours this year.



James

Palm Sunday (5th April at 10:30am)



Before the service

See if you still have your palm cross from last year, or if you have access to a garden, cut a small sprig from a branch.

Just before the service, listen to a Palm Sunday hymn, such as 'Ride on, ride on in majesty' , 'Make way, make way' or 'My song is love unknown' (these can be found on YouTube or music streaming services)

The service begins

Hosanna to the Son of David.

All **Blessed is he who comes in the name
of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Dear friends 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 people hold up palms or greenery for a blessing

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 is
alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen**

The Palm Gospel

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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.**

Let us go forth in peace praising Jesus our Messiah as did the crowds who welcomed him to Jerusalem.

Psalm 24

Lift up your heads, you gates;
be lifted up, you ancient doors,
All **that the King of glory may come in.**

Who is this King of glory?
All **The LORD strong and mighty,
the LORD mighty in battle.**

Lift up your heads, you gates;
lift them up, you ancient doors,
All **that the King of glory may come in.**

Who is he, this King of glory?
All **The LORD Almighty –
he is the King of glory.**

The Collect

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

Silence is kept.

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. Amen
One or two readings may be read which end:
This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The Passion Gospel Matthew 27:11-54

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. 35 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!'

This is the passion of the Lord

Silence is kept

A sermon is preached

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, or sorrow, feel that God is far from
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

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.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you,

All **And also with you.**

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 him 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:

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.**

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.

Christ is the bread of life:

All **When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory.**

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 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**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray,

All **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.**

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

Every time we eat this bread
and drink this cup,

All **we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

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**

In this time of dispersion, you are invited to make a Spiritual Communion, using this or a similar prayer:

A prayer for communion in separation

Lord Jesus Christ, life-giver and good physician, here you meet me in our need. In a world marred by corruption and marked by death, draw me into true life. By your selfless sacrifice, help me to live for others and not myself. May I, who cannot now receive you sacramentally, embrace you more fully in my heart, mind and soul. Help me unite myself to you in spirit, so that I may be drawn closer to those from whom I am isolated in body. Through sharing your life given up in death for us all, may we grow together in love into a richer and more profound communion of life.

After Communion
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**

Notices

The Blessing

May 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**

Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord

All **In the name of Christ. Amen**

Compline (Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th April at 8pm)



Before the service

Reflect on your day, on both the good and bad parts, ask yourself where God was in it all.

Light a candle if you can, to focus upon as we pray.

Preparation

All The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end.
Amen.

Brethren, be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: whom resist, steadfast in the faith.

1 Peter 5.8,9

All But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.
Thanks be to God.

All Our help is in the name of the Lord
who hath made heaven and earth.

A period of silence for reflection on the past day may follow.

The following or other suitable words of penitence may be used

All **We confess to God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost,
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed,
through our own grievous fault.
Wherefore we pray God to have mercy upon us.**

**Almighty God, have mercy upon us,
forgive us all our sins and deliver us from all evil,
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,
and bring us to life everlasting;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

A priest may say

May the almighty and merciful Lord
grant unto you pardon and remission of all your sins,
time for amendment of life,
and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

All O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

All Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

All

Praise ye the Lord.
The Lord's name be praised.

The following or another suitable hymn may be sung

Ferial tone



Before the ending of the day,
Creator of the world we pray,
That with thy wonted favour thou
Wouldst be our guard and keeper now.

From all ill dreams defend our eyes,
From nightly fears and fantasies;
Tread underfoot our ghostly foe,
That no pollution we may know.

O Father, that we ask be done,
Through Jesus Christ, thine only Son;
Who, with the Holy Ghost and thee,
Doth live and reign eternally.

The Word of God

Psalmody

One or more of the following psalms may be used

Psalm 4

- 1 Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness :
thou hast set me at liberty when I was in trouble;
have mercy upon me, and hearken unto my prayer.
- 2 O ye sons of men, how long will ye blaspheme mine honour :
and have such pleasure in vanity, and seek after leasing?
- 3 Know this also, that the Lord hath chosen to himself
the man that is godly :
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.
- 4 Stand in awe, and sin not :
commune with your own heart, and in your chamber, and be still.

- 5 Offer the sacrifice of righteousness :
and put your trust in the Lord.
- 6 There be many that say :
Who will shew us any good?
- 7 Lord, lift thou up :
the light of thy countenance upon us.
- 8 Thou hast put gladness in my heart :
since the time that their corn, and wine, and oil increased.
- 9 I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest :
for it is thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

Psalm 31.1-6

- 1 In thee, O Lord, have I put my trust :
let me never be put to confusion, deliver me in thy righteousness.
- 2 Bow down thine ear to me :
make haste to deliver me.
- 3 And be thou my strong rock, and house of defence :
that thou mayest save me.
- 4 For thou art my strong rock, and my castle :
be thou also my guide, and lead me for thy name's sake.
- 5 Draw me out of the net, that they have laid privily for me : for thou art my
strength.
- 6 Into thy hands I commend my spirit :
for thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, thou God of truth.

Psalm 91

- 1 Whoso dwelleth under the defence of the Most High :
shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.
- 2 I will say unto the Lord, Thou art my hope, and my stronghold:
my God, in him will I trust.
- 3 For he shall deliver thee from the snare of the hunter :
and from the noisome pestilence.
- 4 He shall defend thee under his wings,
and thou shalt be safe under his feathers :
his faithfulness and truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

- 5 Thou shalt not be afraid for any terror by night :
 nor for the arrow that flieth by day;
- 6 For the pestilence that walketh in darkness :
 nor for the sickness that destroyeth in the noonday.
- 7 A thousand shall fall beside thee, and ten thousand at thy right hand :
 but it shall not come nigh thee.
- 8 Yea, with thine eyes shalt thou behold :
 and see the reward of the ungodly.
- 9 For thou, Lord, art my hope :
 thou hast set thine house of defence very high.
- 10 There shall no evil happen unto thee :
 neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.
- 11 For he shall give his angels charge over thee :
 to keep thee in all thy ways.
- 12 They shall bear thee in their hands :
 that thou hurt not thy foot against a stone.
- 13 Thou shalt go upon the lion and adder :
 the young lion and the dragon shalt thou tread under thy feet.
- 14 Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him :
 I will set him up, because he hath known my name.
- 15 He shall call upon me, and I will hear him :
 yea, I am with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and bring him to honour.
- 16 With long life will I satisfy him :
 and shew him my salvation.

Psalm 134

- 1 Behold now, praise the Lord :
 all ye servants of the Lord;
- 2 Ye that by night stand in the house of the Lord :
 even in the courts of the house of our God.
- 3 Lift up your hands in the sanctuary :
 and praise the Lord.
- 4 The Lord that made heaven and earth :
 give thee blessing out of Sion.

At the end of the psalmody, the following is said or sung

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :
world without end. Amen.**

Scripture Reading

One of the following short lessons or another suitable passage is read

Thou, O Lord, art in the midst of us, and we are called by thy name; leave us not, O Lord our God.

Jeremiah 14.9

(or)

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Matthew 11.28-30

(or)

Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Hebrews 13.20,21

All Thanks be to God.

The following responsory may be said

Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.
All Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

For thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, thou God of truth.
All I commend my spirit.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
All Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

Keep me as the apple of an eye.
All Hide me under the shadow of thy wings.

The Nunc dimittis (The Song of Simeon) is said or sung

All **Preserve us, O Lord, while waking,
and guard us while sleeping,
that awake we may watch with Christ,
and asleep we may rest in peace.**

1 Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace :
according to thy word.

2 For mine eyes have seen :
thy salvation;

3 Which thou hast prepared :
before the face of all people;

4 To be a light to lighten the Gentiles :
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Luke 2.29-32

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :
world without end. Amen.

All **Preserve us, O Lord, while waking,
and guard us while sleeping,
that awake we may watch with Christ,
and asleep we may rest in peace.**

Prayers

All Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

All **Our Father, which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done,
in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil. Amen.**

All Blessed art thou, Lord God of our fathers:
to be praised and glorified above all for ever.

All Let us bless the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost:
let us praise him and magnify him for ever.

All Blessed art thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven:
to be praised and glorified above all for ever.

All The almighty and most merciful Lord guard us and give us his blessing.
Amen.

All Wilt thou not turn again and quicken us;
that thy people may rejoice in thee?

All O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us;
and grant us thy salvation.

All Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this night without sin;
O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.

All O Lord, hear our prayer;
and let our cry come unto thee

Let us pray.

One or more of the following Collects is said

All Visit, we beseech thee, O Lord, this place,
and drive from it all the snares of the enemy;
let thy holy angels dwell herein to preserve us in peace;
and may thy blessing be upon us evermore;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

All Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord;
and by thy great mercy defend us
from all perils and dangers of this night;
for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

All O Lord Jesus Christ, son of the living God,
who at this evening hour didst rest in the sepulchre,
and didst thereby sanctify the grave
to be a bed of hope to thy people:
make us so to abound in sorrow for our sins,
which were the cause of thy passion,
that when our bodies lie in the dust,
our souls may live with thee;
who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost,
one God, world without end.
Amen.

Look down, O Lord, from thy heavenly throne,
illuminate the darkness of this night with thy celestial brightness,
and from the sons of light banish the deeds of darkness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Be present, O merciful God,
and protect us through the silent hours of this night,
so that we who are wearied
by the changes and chances of this fleeting world,
may repose upon thy eternal changelessness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Conclusion

We will lay us down in peace and take our rest.
For it is thou, Lord, only that makest us dwell in safety.

All

Abide with us, O Lord,
for it is toward evening and the day is far spent.

All

As the watchmen look for the morning,
so do we look for thee, O Christ.

All

The Lord be with you
and with thy spirit.

All

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

All

The almighty and merciful Lord,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost,
bless us and preserve us.

All **Amen**

Stations of the Cross (Wednesday 8th April at 8pm)

Our images for this service are taken from the chapel of Mucknell Abbey, a Benedictine community in Worcestershire.

The Service begins

Almighty Father, look with mercy on this, your family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was content to be betrayed and given up into the hands of wicked men and to suffer death upon the cross. Lord we thank you for all the benefits you have won for us, for all the pains and insults which you have borne for us. Most merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother, may we, by learning of the manner of your life and death, learn to follow in the way of humility and selfless love.

All **Lord Jesus Christ, we journey with you along the way of tears, which took you to your death and passion. Be with us now as we walk in your steps, and help us reflect once more on the cost of your love for all of the Father's children.**

i Jesus is condemned to death



We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you

All **Because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.**

Pilate said to them "What do you want me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" They shouted again, 'Crucify him.' Pilate said to them, 'Why? What evil has he done?' They only shouted the louder, 'Crucify him.' So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas to them and, after he had Jesus scourged, handed him over to be crucified

Reflection

Forgive us, O Lord

when we stand by and let expediency triumph over principle; when we know what would be right, but cannot bring ourselves to do it; when we do nothing and allow evil to triumph.

Lord have mercy

All Lord have mercy

ii Jesus takes up the Cross



We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you

All Because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

*Jesus was led away,
and carrying the Cross by himself,
went out to what is called
the Place of the Skull, Golgotha.*

Reflection

Forgive us, O Lord

When we show no pity to the condemned; when we allow ourselves to treat your children as less than human; when we do not question our lack of pity; when we ourselves allow the condemned to pass by without caring; when we stand and watch whilst others suffer.

Lord have mercy

All Lord have mercy

iii Jesus falls for the first time



We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you

All Because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

*He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain.
Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.*

Reflection

Forgive us, O Lord When we stumble through sin or fear; when our failings cause hurt and
grief to others

Lord have mercy

All Lord have mercy

iv Jesus meets his mother



We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you

All **Because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.**

Simeon said to Mary his mother: "This child is destined to be the downfall and the rise of many in Israel, a sign that will be opposed. And you yourself shall be pierced With a sword, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be laid bare."

Reflection

Strengthen us, O Lord, that we may stand with those who suffer piercing loss and pain; that we may reach out to those who are in need of human comfort; that we may serve the grieving and stand with those who need your love in time of darkness.

Lord, hear us

All **Lord, graciously hear us**

Hail Mary, Full of Grace; the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of death. Amen.

v Simon is made to carry the cross



We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you

All **Because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.**

A man named Simon of Cyrene, was coming in from the fields, and they pressed him into service to carry the Cross.

Reflection

Heavenly Father Forgive us when we resent what is required of us; when our desire to avoid our obligations leads us to neglect the needs of those around us

Lord have mercy

All **Lord have mercy**

vi Veronica wipes the face of Jesus



We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you

All **Because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.**

Jesus said; 'He who welcomes you welcomes me; and he who welcomes me, welcomes him who sent me. And I promise that whoever gives a cup of cold water will not want for a reward.'

Reflection

Heavenly Father, help us to give ourselves in love and in service, in duty and in care, to one another and to you. Help us to learn through acts of service and love, that what we do for our brothers and sisters, we do for you.

Lord have mercy

All **Lord have mercy**

vii Jesus falls a second time



We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you

All **Because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.**

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are – yet he did not sin.

Reflection

When we know that our strength will not be enough; when we fear that we are beaten, when our failings are starting to show; Stand with us, Lord Jesus we pray, and be not far from us.

Lord have mercy

All **Lord have mercy**

viii Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem



We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you

All **Because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.**

A great crowd of people followed him, including women who beat their breasts and lamented over him.

Reflection

Heavenly Father, when there is nothing we can do, and when the sensible step would be to stand somewhere else or go home, help us to remember the women of Jerusalem, who came to weep and to show their love.

Lord have mercy

All **Lord have mercy**

ix Jesus falls a third time



We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you

All **Because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.**

I am like water poured out; all my bones are racked. You have brought me down to the dust of death.

Reflection

When all we have is not enough to meet the needs of the day; when our last efforts are spent; when all we can do will not stop us from falling down; Stand with us, Lord Jesus we pray, and be not far from us.

Lord have mercy

All **Lord have mercy**

x Jesus is stripped of his clothes



We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you

All Because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with the undergarment remaining. This garment was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom. "Let's not tear it," they said to one another. "Let's decide by lot who will get it." This happened that the scripture might be fulfilled that said, "They divided my clothes among them and cast lots for my garment." So this is what the soldiers did.

Reflection

When we are stripped of illusion; when our comforts are taken away; when our own ability to be private and personal is denied us; when others can see us as we are and not as we would wish them to see us, help us, Lord Jesus, to remember that you emptied yourself, taking the form of a servant for our sake.

Lord have mercy

All Lord have mercy

xi Jesus is nailed to the cross



We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you

All Because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

Two rebels were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads and saying, "You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!" In the same way the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders mocked him. "He saved others," they said, "but he can't save himself! He's the king of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, 'I am the Son of God.'"

Reflection

Lord Christ, you hung on the tree and suffered for our sakes and paid the price of our sin. Help us to know both sorrow and shame at your suffering and understand the great gift that our saving love brings.

Lord have mercy

All **Lord have mercy**

xii Jesus dies on the cross



We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you

All **Because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.**

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." When he had said this, he breathed his last.

Reflection

Lord, we call to mind the end of your earthly suffering, borne out of love for us while we were yet sinners. Give us grace to live in your love, who died for us to set us free from death.

Lord have mercy

All **Lord have mercy**

xiii Jesus is taken down from the cross



We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you

All **Because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.**

Now it was the day of Preparation, and the next day was to be a special Sabbath. Because the Jewish leaders did not want the bodies left on the crosses during the Sabbath, they asked Pilate to have the legs broken and the bodies taken down. The soldiers therefore came and broke the legs of the first man who had been crucified with Jesus, and then those of the other. But when they came to Jesus and found that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water. The man who saw it has given testimony, and his testimony is true.

Reflection

Leader Lord, we are wonderfully and fearfully made and you have knit us together in our mothers' womb. Grant us to care for one another knowing that each is your child and precious in your sight and that in all we may find your glory, reflected in the face of Jesus Christ.

Lord, hear us

All **Lord, graciously hear us**

Hail Mary, Full of Grace; the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of death. Amen.

xiv Jesus is laid in the tomb



We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you

All **Because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.**

As evening approached, Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent member of the Council, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body. Pilate was surprised to hear that he was already dead. Summoning the centurion, he asked him if Jesus had already died. When he learned from the centurion that it was so, he gave the body to Joseph. So Joseph bought some linen cloth, took down the body, wrapped it in the linen, and placed it in a tomb cut out of rock. Then he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph saw where he was laid.

Reflection

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God who, at this evening hour, did rest in the tomb and so sanctified the grave to be a bed of hope to your people: grant to us that we may live in sorrow for our sins, which were the cause of your passion, that when our bodies lie in the dust, our souls may live with you in God's kingdom.

All **Amen**

**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.**

All **We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,
because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

Christ was manifested in the body,
vindicated in the spirit,
seen by angels,
proclaimed among the nations,

believed in throughout the world,
glorified in high heaven.

All **We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,
because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

May God bless us,
that in us may be found love and humility,
obedience and thanksgiving,
discipline, gentleness and peace.

All **Amen.**

Maundy Thursday (9th April at 8pm)



Before the service

If you can, set up a separate area with some greenery or plants, to give a sense of the Garden of Gethsemane.

Introduction

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you

All **Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

Our Lord Jesus Christ says:
'If you love me, keep my commandments.'
'Unless I wash you, you have no part in me.'
Let us confess to almighty God our sins against his love,
and ask him to cleanse us.

Silence is kept

Have mercy on us, O God, in your great goodness;
according to the abundance of your compassion
blot out our offences.

Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Against you only have we sinned
and done what is evil in your sight.

Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Purge us from our sin and we shall be clean;
wash us and we shall be whiter than snow.

Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

May the Father forgive us
by the death of his Son
and strengthen us to live
in the power of the Spirit all our days.

All **Amen.**

The Collect

Let us pray that we may love one another as Christ as loved us.

Silence is kept.

God our Father, your Son Jesus Christ was obedient to the end
and drank the cup prepared for him:
may we who share his table
watch with him through the night of suffering
and be faithful.

All **Amen.**

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel

The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?' Jesus answered, 'You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.' Peter said to him, 'You will never wash my feet.' Jesus answered, 'Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.' Simon Peter said to him, 'Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!' Jesus said to him, 'One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you.' For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, 'Not all of you are clean.'

After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, 'Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Prayers of Intercession

In the power of the Spirit let us pray to the Father
through Christ the saviour of the world.
Father, on this, the night he was betrayed,
your Son Jesus Christ washed his disciples' feet.
We commit ourselves to follow his example of love and service.
Lord, hear us

All **and humble us.**

On this night, he prayed for his disciples to be one.
We pray for the unity of your Church.
Lord, hear us

All **and unite us.**

On this night, he prayed for those
who were to believe through his disciples' message.
We pray for the mission of your Church.
Lord, hear us

All **and renew our zeal.**

On this night, he commanded his disciples to love,
but suffered rejection himself.
We pray for the rejected and unloved.
Lord, hear us

All **and fill us with your love.**

On this night, he reminded his disciples
that if the world hated them it hated him first.
We pray for those who are persecuted for their faith.
Lord, hear us

All **and give us your peace.**

On this night, he accepted the cup of death
and looked forward to the new wine of the kingdom.
We remember those who have died in the peace of Christ.
Lord, hear us

All **and welcome all your children into paradise.**

The Peace

Jesus says: 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
Do not let your hearts be troubled,
neither let them be afraid.'
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

All **His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts
All **We lift them up 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 to give you thanks,
Father most holy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
For on this night he girded himself with a towel
and, taking the form of a servant,
washed the feet of his disciples.
He gave us a new commandment
that we should love one another as he has loved us.

Knowing that his hour had come,
in his great love he gave this supper to his disciples
to be a memorial of his passion,
that we might proclaim his death until he comes again,
and feast with him in his kingdom.
Therefore earth unites with heaven
to sing a new song of praise;
we too join with angels and archangels
as they proclaim your glory without end:

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.**
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.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

All **Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

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 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

Let us pray as our Saviour has taught us:

All **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.**

Every time we eat this bread
and drink this cup,

All **we proclaim the Lord's death
until he comes.**

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.

In this time of dispersion, you are invited to make a Spiritual Communion, using this or a similar prayer:

Lord Jesus Christ, life-giver and good physician, here you meet me in our need. In a world marred by corruption and marked by death, draw me into true life. By your selfless sacrifice, help me to live for others and not myself. May I, who cannot now receive you sacramentally, embrace you more fully in my heart, mind and soul. Help me unite myself to you in spirit, so that I may be drawn closer to those from whom I am isolated in body. Through sharing your life given up in death for us all, may we grow together in love into a richer and more profound communion of life.

Prayer after Communion

After a short time of silence, we pray together:

Lord Jesus Christ,
we thank you that in this wonderful sacrament
you have given us the memorial of your passion:
grant us so to reverence the sacred mysteries
of your body and blood
that we may know within ourselves
and show forth in our lives
the fruit of your redemption,
for you are alive and reign, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Blessed Sacrament is moved to the Garden of Repose, and likewise you invited to move to the garden you prepared earlier.

There will be a period of silent reflection, which will end with the Gospel of the Watch. You are invited to spend as long as you wish, waiting with Our Lord in the Garden of Gethsemane.

During this period you may wish to listen to some music, such as 'Keep Watch With Me' by Margaret Rizza, 'Gethsemane Prayer' by J. Honore, C. van der Salm & A. Westhoff-Johnson, 'Into the Woods my Master went' by Isaac Watts, or 'A Song of Christ's Glory' by Grayston Ives (these can be found on YouTube or music streaming services).

The Gospel of the Watch

When the disciples had sung a hymn they went out to the Mount of Olives. Jesus prayed to the Father, 'If it is possible, take this cup of suffering from me.' He said to his disciples, 'How is it that you were not able to keep watch with me for one hour? The hour has come for the Son of Man to be handed over to the power of sinners.'

Christ was obedient unto death. Go in his peace.

Good Friday (10th April at Midday)



Before the service

Take time to read Psalm 22, which begins with Christ's cry from the Cross, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

Listen to a version of the Reproaches (for example by John Sanders, or the version set to Finlandia). These can be found on YouTube or music streaming services.

If you have a cross of any type, place it somewhere you can see and reflect upon it during the service.

This service takes place between midday and 3pm, the traditional hours of Jesus' suffering on the Cross.

For the first two hours of the service there will be a series of reflections and readings to meditate on the Passion of Jesus. These can be found on our website at www.bromleyparishchurch.org/reflections-dispersed-church

The final hour begins

Eternal God,
in the cross of Jesus we see the cost of our sin
and the depth of your love:
in humble hope and fear may we place at his feet
all that we have and all that we are,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Passion Reading

We read the Passion reading, which can be followed in your Bibles. (The Gospel of St John, Chapters 18 and 19)

The Fourth Address is given

Our focus turns towards the cross

The cross of Christ.

All **The cross on which the Saviour of the world was hung.**

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,

All **because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

This is the wood of the cross,
on which hung the Saviour of the world.

All **Come, let us worship.**

O Saviour of the world,
who by your cross and precious blood have redeemed us,

All **save us and help us, we humbly pray.**

The Reproaches

Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by?
Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow
which was brought upon me,
which the Lord inflicted on the day of his fierce anger.

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

O my people, O my Church,
what have I done to you,
or in what have I offended you?

Testify against me.

I led you forth from the land of Egypt,
and delivered you by the waters of baptism,
but you have prepared a cross for your Saviour.

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

I led you through the desert forty years,
and fed you with manna.
I brought you through tribulation and penitence,
and gave you my body, the bread of heaven,
but you prepared a cross for your Saviour.

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

What more could I have done for you
that I have not done?
I planted you, my chosen and fairest vineyard,
I made you the branches of my vine;
but when I was thirsty, you gave me vinegar to drink,
and pierced with a spear the side of your Saviour.

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

I went before you in a pillar of cloud,
and you have led me to the judgement hall of Pilate.
I scourged your enemies and brought you
to a land of freedom,
but you have scourged, mocked and beaten me.
I gave you the water of salvation from the rock,
but you have given me gall and left me to thirst.

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

I gave you a royal sceptre,
and bestowed the keys of the kingdom,
but you have given me a crown of thorns.
I raised you on high with great power,
but you have hanged me on the cross.

**All Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,**

have mercy upon us.

My peace I gave, which the world cannot give,
and washed your feet as a sign of my love,
but you draw the sword to strike in my name,
and seek high places in my kingdom.
I offered you my body and blood,
but you scatter and deny and abandon me.

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

I sent the Spirit of truth to guide you,
and you close your hearts to the Counsellor.
I pray that all may be one in the Father and me,
but you continue to quarrel and divide.
I call you to go and bring forth fruit,
but you cast lots for my clothing.

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

I came to you as the least of your brothers and sisters;
I was hungry and you gave me no food,
I was thirsty and you gave me no drink,
I was a stranger and you did not welcome me,
naked and you did not clothe me,
sick and in prison and you did not visit me.

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

The Prayers of Intercession

God sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world,
but that the world might be saved through him.
Therefore we pray to our heavenly Father
for people everywhere according to their needs.

Let us pray for the Church of God throughout the world:
for unity in faith, in witness and in service,
for bishops and other ministers, and those whom they serve,
for James and Simon, our bishops, and the people of this diocese,
for all Christians in this place,
for those to be baptized,
for those who are mocked and persecuted for their faith,
that God will confirm his Church in faith,

increase it in love, and preserve it in peace.

Lord, hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church
is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

All Amen.

Let us pray for the nations of the world and their leaders:
for Elizabeth our Queen and the Parliaments of this land,
for those who administer the law and all who serve in public office,
for all who strive for justice and reconciliation,
that by God's help the world may live in peace and freedom.

Lord, hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

Most gracious God and Father,
in whose will is our peace,
turn our hearts and the hearts of all to yourself,
that by the power of your Spirit
the peace which is founded on justice
may be established throughout the world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Let us pray for God's ancient people, the Jews,
the first to hear his word:
for greater understanding between Christian and Jew,
for the removal of our blindness and bitterness of heart,
that God will grant us grace to be faithful to his covenant
and to grow in the love of his name.

Lord, hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

Lord God of Abraham,
bless the children of your covenant, both Jew and Christian;
take from us all blindness and bitterness of heart,
and hasten the coming of your kingdom,
when the Gentiles shall be gathered in,
all Israel shall be saved,
and we shall dwell together in mutual love and peace

under the one God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All Amen.

Let us pray for those who do not believe the gospel of Christ:
for those who have not heard the message of salvation,
for all who have lost faith,
for the contemptuous and scornful,
for those who are enemies of Christ
and persecute those who follow him,
for all who deny the faith of Christ crucified,
that God will open their hearts to the truth
and lead them to faith and obedience.

Lord, hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

Merciful God, creator of all the people of the earth,
have compassion on all who do not know you,
and by the preaching of your gospel with grace and power,
gather them into the one fold of the one Shepherd;
Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Let us pray for all those who suffer:
for those who are deprived and oppressed,
for all who are sick, for those in darkness,
in doubt and in despair, in loneliness and in fear,
for prisoners, captives and refugees,
for the victims of false accusations and violence,
for all at the point of death and those who watch beside them,
that God in his mercy will sustain them
with the knowledge of his love.

Lord, hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

Almighty and everlasting God,
the comfort of the sad, the strength of those who suffer:
hear the prayers of your children who cry out of any trouble,
and to every distressed soul grant mercy, relief and refreshment,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Let us commend ourselves
and all God's children to his unfailing love,
and pray for the grace of a holy life,
that, with all who have died in the peace of Christ,
we may come to the fullness of eternal life
and the joy of the resurrection.

Lord, hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light,
look favourably on your whole Church,
that wonderful and sacred mystery,
and by the tranquil operation of your perpetual providence
carry out the work of our salvation:
and let the whole world feel and see
that things which were cast down are being raised up
and things which had grown old are being made new
and that all things are returning to perfection
through him from whom they took their origin,
even Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The table is dressed with a fair linen cloth, and as the Sacrament is placed on it in silence.

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.**

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.**

In this time of dispersion, you are invited to make a Spiritual Communion, using this or a similar prayer:

Lord Jesus Christ, life-giver and good physician, here you meet me in our need. In a world marred by corruption and marked by death, draw me into true life. By your selfless sacrifice, help me to live for others and not myself. May I, who cannot now receive you sacramentally, embrace you more fully in my heart, mind and soul. Help me unite myself to you in spirit, so that I may be drawn closer to those from whom I am isolated in body. Through sharing your life given up in death for us all, may we grow together in love into a richer and more profound communion of life.

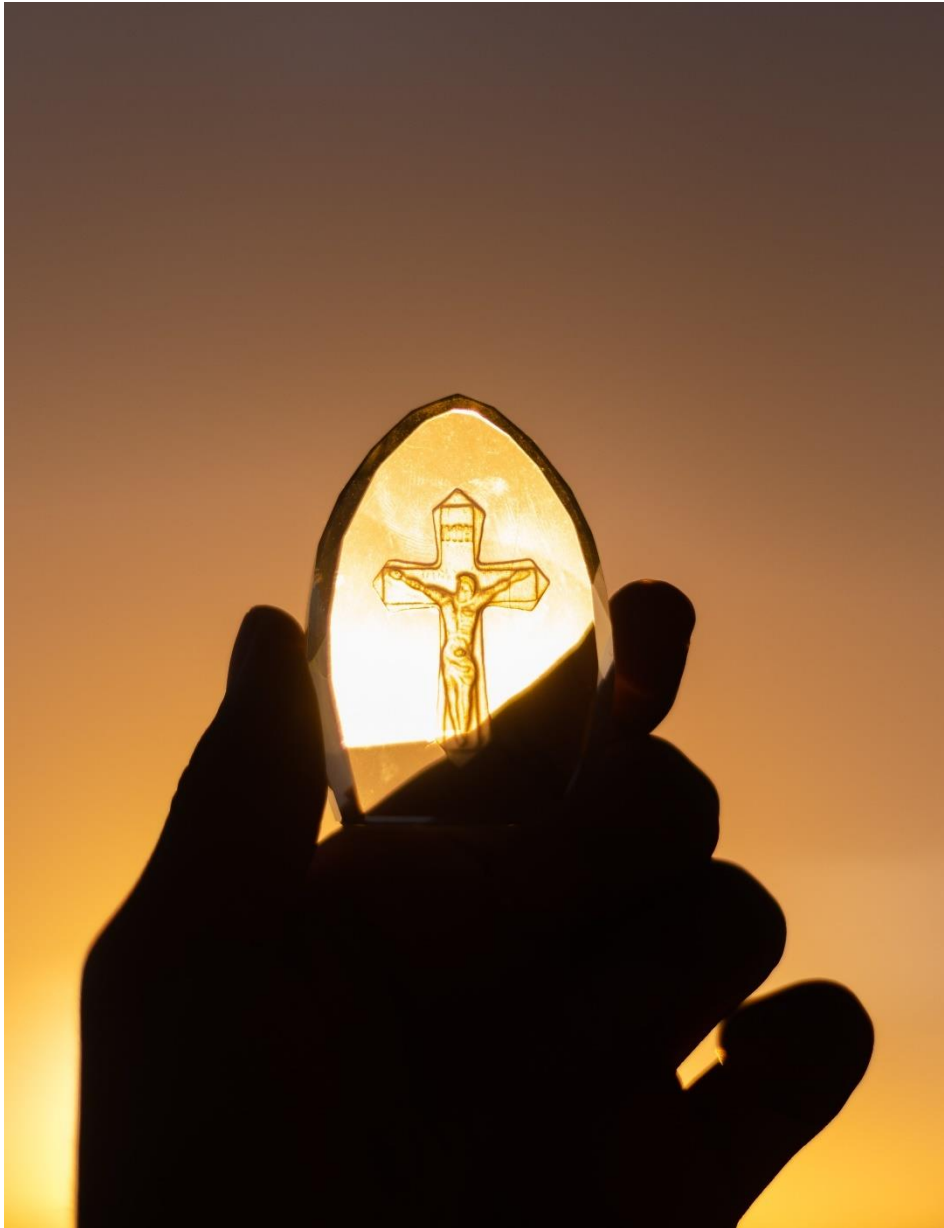
Prayer after Communion

O Lord Jesus Christ,
Son of the living God,
set your passion, cross and death
between your judgement and our souls,
now and in the hour of our death.
Grant mercy and grace to the living,
rest to the departed,
to your Church peace and concord
and to us sinners forgiveness,
and everlasting life and glory;
for, with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
you are alive and reign,
God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

We end in silence.

Easter Day (12th April at 10:30am)



Before the service

If possible, have a candle to hand to light as a symbol of Christ, the Light of the world.

Listen to one of the great Easter hymns (for example, 'Jesus Christ is risen. today', 'See what a morning' or 'Thine be the glory'). These can be found on YouTube or music streaming services.

The Service of Light

The Easter candle is marked.

Christ, yesterday and today,
All **the beginning and the end,**
Alpha and Omega, all time belongs to him, and all ages;
All **to him be glory and power,**
 through every age and for ever. Amen

Incense studs are inserted into the Easter candle.

By his holy and glorious wounds
may Christ our Lord guard us and keep us.

This is the day when our Lord Jesus Christ passed from death to life. Throughout the world Christians celebrate the awesome power of God. As we hear his word and proclaim all that God has done, we can be confident that we shall share his victory over death and live with him for ever.

The celebrant lights the Easter Candle (and you can light your candle), saying

May the light of Christ, rising gloriously,
banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.
The light of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Heavenly Father, in this our Easter joy
accept our sacrifice of praise, your Church's solemn offering.
Grant that this Easter Candle may make our darkness light.
For Christ the morning star has risen in glory;
Christ is risen from the dead
and his flame of love still burns within us!
Christ sheds his peaceful light on all the world!
Christ lives and reigns for ever and ever!

All **Amen.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The Gloria

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.**

Amen.

The Collect

Let us pray that we may reign with the risen Christ in glory.

Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son
overcame the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin
and live to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be praise and honour, glory and might,
now and in all eternity.

All **Amen.**

The Easter Readings

The Gentiles hear the Good News (Acts 10.34-43)

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel

The Lord be with you.

All **and also with you.**

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

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen

wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." ' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

A Sermon is given

The Profession of Faith

All **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Prayers for the Church and World

The peace

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples
and said, 'Peace be with you.'
Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

The Eucharistic Prayer

All The Lord be with you
And also with you.

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, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
almighty and eternal Father,
and on this day of our redemption
to celebrate with joyful hearts
the memory of your wonderful works.

For by the mystery of his passion
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,
has conquered the powers of death and hell
and restored in men and women the image of your glory.
He has placed them once more in paradise
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.

And so, in the joy of this Passover,
earth and heaven resound with gladness,
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation
sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

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.**

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.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

All **Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

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:

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

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation,
let us pray as our Saviour has taught us:

All **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 Bread

Jesus says, I am the bread of life,
whoever eats of this bread will live for ever.

All **Lord, our hearts hunger for you;
give us this bread always.**

All **Lamb of God, you take away the sin of world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of world,
grant us peace.**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

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Lord Jesus Christ, life-giver and good physician, here you meet me in our need. In a world marred by corruption and marked by death, draw me into true life. By your selfless sacrifice, help me to live for others and not myself. May I, who cannot now receive you sacramentally, embrace you more fully in my heart, mind and soul. Help me unite myself to you in spirit, so that I may be drawn closer to those from whom I am isolated in body. Through sharing your life given up in death for us all, may we grow together in love into a richer and more profound communion of life.

Prayer after Communion

God of Life,
who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son
to the death of the cross,
and by his glorious resurrection
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:
grant us so to die daily to sin,
that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

God, who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ
has given us the victory,
give you joy and peace in your faith;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen**

With the risen life
of Christ within you,
go in the peace of Christ.

Alleluia, alleluia.

All **Thanks be to God.
Alleluia, alleluia.**