



GUILDFORD
CATHEDRAL

Fifth Sunday of Lent
Passion Sunday

MORNING PRAYER

29 March 2020, 9.45am



WELCOME TO GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL

LOOKING AFTER ONE ANOTHER

We are following advice and there is no public worship taking place at the Cathedral for the foreseeable future. As neighbours the resident clergy and musicians of the Cathedral Close have each contributed to the service and we recorded it on 26 and 27 March. There may have been changes in the past few days which you would like to bring before God in your time of prayer which won't have been in our minds as we put the service together. Participate in the hymns and the prayers, reflect as the psalm and canticles are sung and engage with the sermon. As this week unfolds pray for us as we pray for you – physically separated yet united in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

PASSION SUNDAY

The Fifth Sunday in Lent is designated Passion Sunday and the beginning of Passiontide. It is still uncertain when Christians first began to make an annual (as opposed to a weekly) memorial of the death and resurrection of Christ. This Pascha (a word derived indirectly from *pesach*, Hebrew 'Passover') was at first a night-long vigil, followed by the celebration of the Eucharist at cock-crow, and all the great themes of redemption were included within it: incarnation, suffering, death, resurrection, glorification. Over time, the Pascha developed into the articulated structure of Holy Week and Easter. Through participation in the whole sequence of services, the Christian shares in Christ's own journey, from the triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday to the empty tomb on Easter morning.

MUSIC BEFORE THE SERVICE

Herzlich tut mich verlangen (BWV 727) *Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)*

THE PREPARATION

O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Let your ways be known upon earth,
your saving power among the nations.

HYMN



My song is love unknown,
my Saviour's love to me,
love to the loveless shown,
that they might lovely be.

O who am I,
that for my sake
my Lord should take
frail flesh, and die?

He came from his blest throne,
salvation to bestow;
but men made strange, and none
the longed-for Christ would know.

But O, my Friend,
my Friend indeed,
who at my need
his life did spend!

Sometimes they strew his way,
and his sweet praises sing;
resounding all the day
hosannas to their King.
Then 'Crucify!'
is all their breath,
and for his death
they thirst and cry.

Here might I stay and sing:
no story so divine;
never was love, dear King,
never was grief like thine!
This is my Friend,
in whose sweet praise
I all my days
could gladly spend.

text: Samuel Crossman (1624-83)

music: CP 112, Love Unknown, John Ireland (1879-1962)

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence, O God,
set our hearts on fire with love for you;
now and forever.

Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

PSALM 86

Bow down thine ear, O Lord, and hear me :

for I am poor, and in misery.

Preserve thou my soul, for I am holy :

my God, save thy servant that putteth his trust in thee.

Be merciful unto me, O Lord :

for I will call daily upon thee.

Comfort the soul of thy servant :

for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

For thou, Lord, art good and gracious :

and of great mercy unto all them that call upon thee.

Give ear, Lord, unto my prayer :

and ponder the voice of my humble desires.

In the time of my trouble I will call upon thee :

for thou hearest me.

Among the gods there is none like unto thee, O Lord :

there is not one that can do as thou doest.

All nations whom thou hast made shall come

and worship thee, O Lord :

and shall glorify thy Name.

For thou art great, and doest wondrous things :

thou art God alone.

Teach me thy way, O Lord, and I will walk in thy truth :

O knit my heart unto thee, that I may fear thy Name.

I will thank thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart :

and will praise thy Name for evermore.

For great is thy mercy toward me :

and thou hast delivered my soul from the nethermost hell.

O God, the proud are risen against me :
and the congregations of naughty men
have sought after my soul,
and have not set thee before their eyes.
But thou, O Lord God, art full of compassion and mercy :
long-suffering, plenteous in goodness and truth.
O turn thee then unto me, and have mercy upon me :
give thy strength unto thy servant,
and help the son of thine handmaid.
Shew some token upon me for good,
that they who hate me may see it, and be ashamed :
because thou, Lord, hast holpen me, and comforted me.

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.

Chant: Roger Lowman (20th century)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Jeremiah 31.27-37

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the Lord. In those days they shall no longer say:

“The parents have eaten sour grapes,
and the children’s teeth are set on edge.”

But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made

with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt - a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Thus says the Lord,
who gives the sun for light by day
and the fixed order of the moon and the stars for light by night,
who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar-
the Lord of hosts is his name:

If this fixed order were ever to cease
from my presence, says the Lord,
then also the offspring of Israel would cease
to be a nation before me forever.

Thus says the Lord:
If the heavens above can be measured,
and the foundations of the earth below can be explored,
then I will reject all the offspring of Israel
because of all they have done,
says the Lord.

CANTICLE A Song of the Lord's Gracious Deeds

Who is this that comes from Edom, :
coming from Bozrah, his garments stained crimson?

**Who is this in glorious apparel, :
marching in the greatness of his strength?**

'It is I, who announce that right has won the day, :
it is I,' says the Lord, 'for I am mighty to save.'

**Why are your robes all red, O Lord, :
and your garments like theirs
who tread the winepress?**

‘I have trodden the winepress alone, :
and from the peoples no one was with me.’

**I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord,
the praises of the Most High;**

All that God has done for us in his mercy,
by his many acts of love.

**For God said, ‘Surely, they are my people,
my children who will not deal falsely,’ :
and he became their Saviour in all their distress.**

So God redeemed them by his love and pity; :
he lifted them up and carried them through all the days of old.

cf: Isaiah 63.1-3a, 7-9

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING John 12.20-33

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very 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. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

“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. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

SERMON The Reverend Duncan Myers, Priest Vicar and Anglican Chaplain to the University of Surrey

RESPONSORY

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

by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong.

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

We preach Christ crucified,

the power of God and the wisdom of God.

By your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

God forbid that I should glory,

save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

BENEDICTUS

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel :
 for he hath visited, and redeemed his people;
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us :
 in the house of his servant David;
As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets :
 which have been since the world began;
That we should be saved from our enemies :
 and from the hands of all that hate us;
To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers :
 and to remember his holy Covenant;
To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham :
 that he would give us;
That we being delivered out of the hands of our enemies :
 might serve him without fear;
In holiness and righteousness before him :
 all the days of our life.
And thou, Child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest :
 for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord
 to prepare his ways;
To give knowledge of salvation unto his people :
 for the remission of their sins,
Through the tender mercy of our God :
 whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us;
To give light to them that sit in darkness,
and in the shadow of death :
 and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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. *cf. Luke 1. 68-79*

Music: Benedictus in C, George Dyson (1883-1964)

PRAYERS

The bidding and response is

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

COLLECT FOR PASSION SUNDAY

Most merciful God,

who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:

grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross
we may triumph in the power of his victory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

COLLECT FOR LENT

Almighty and everlasting God,

you hate nothing that you have made

and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent:

create and make in us new and contrite hearts

that we, worthily lamenting our sins

and acknowledging our wretchedness,

may receive from you, the God of all mercy,

perfect remission and forgiveness;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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.**

ANTHEM

Ich will dir mein
Herze schenken,
Senke dich, mein Heil, hinein!
Ich will mich in dir versenken;
Ist dir gleich die Welt zu kle,
Ei, so sollst du mir allein
Mehr als Welt und Himmel sein.

*I will give you
my heart;
sink within, my Saviour!
I will sink into you;
although the world is too small for
you, ah, you alone shall be for me
more than heaven and earth.*

Music: Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

THE CONCLUSION

May Christ, who bore our sins on the cross.
Set us free to serve him with joy.

Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Prelude in B minor (BWV 544) Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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PRAYER MATTERS

Those for whom prayers have been asked: Ben Edwards, Jessica, Pat Grayburn, June Hawthorne, Sharon Luckey, Richard North, Chris Phelan,

Those who have died recently: Charlotte Rolfe, Derek Steele

Year's Mind: David Barrows

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NEXT SUNDAY 5 April Palm Sunday


This year we will be reading the Passion narrative from Matthew's Gospel, which begins at verse 14 of chapter 26 and concludes at the end of chapter 27. We are all invited into the story. Why not read it a few times, with each time being from the viewpoint of a different character or set of characters? Engaging with scripture this way can open up familiar stories in new ways.

You may want to read it as a household or there may be someone who would value reading together over the telephone.

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Keeping in touch and joining in

Thank you to everyone who sent positive messages about our livestream last Sunday morning. Although that was the last livestream from the Cathedral for a while we continue to pray regularly and the staff team are all working remotely. We will continue to post a daily 'Music and Thought for the Day' on facebook and we'll post details of Holy Week and Easter as soon as they are finalised. Remember that neither the Pastoral Assistants nor the clergy are mind readers so if there is a message about yourself or someone else please do get in touch.

There is no need to join facebook in order to view and participate in worship. Go to Guildford Cathedral website, www.guildford-cathedral.org. To join Sunday worship, click the facebook icon at the top of the home page.  Once you've arrived there choose 'Posts'.

Music and Thought for the Day can be found under the WORSHIP tab on the home page of the website. From the drop down list choose HOME WORSHIP.

North Guildford Food Bank

Although we aren't able to bring our donations for the Food Bank to the Cathedral they would still be pleased to receive from us. We are encouraged to stay at home except for essential journeys for shopping or health appointments. Therefore, as part of one of these essential journeys, you would like to make a donation to the Food Bank you may do so in one of two ways.

Deliver directly to the Food Bank at St Clare's Church on Wednesdays from 9 to 11am or on Fridays from 5.30 to 6.30pm. The postcode GU2 8JW will take you to the front entrance in Cabell Avenue. This entrance is for their guests only, so please take all deliveries to the back entrance in Applegarth Avenue.

Donations may also be left at Sainsbury's in Burpham, There is a North Guildford Food Bank trolley located by the tills from which weekly collections are made.

Items which we have been asked for are plain and self-raising flour, tinned pulses, pot noodles, marmite, nappies sizes 4,5,6 and 'Free From' pasta, cereals and biscuits.

The Food Bank is on facebook and they regularly update items which are running low. Thank you as always for your continued support.

IN A TIME OF DISTANCE

The unexpected always happens in the way

The unexpected has always occurred:

While we are doing something else,

While we are thinking of altogether

Different things - matters that events

Then show to be every bit as important

As our human concerns so often are:

And then, with the unexpected upon us,

We look to one another with a sort of surprise;

How could things possibly turn out this way
When we are so competent, so pleased
With the elaborate systems we've created -
Networks and satellites, intelligent machines,
Pills for every eventuality - except this one?

And so we turn again to face one another
And discover those things
We had almost forgotten
But that, mercifully, are still there:
Love and friendship, not just for those
To whom we are closest, but also for those
Whom we do not know and of whom
Perhaps we have in the past been frightened;
The words brother and sister, powerful still,
Are brought out, dusted down,
Found still to be capable of expressing
What we feel for others, that precise concern;
Joined together in adversity
We discover things we had put aside:
Old board games with obscure rules,
Books we had been meaning to read,
Letters we had intended to write,
Things we had thought we might say
But for which we never found the time;
And from these discoveries of self, of time,
There comes a new realisation
That we have misused our fragile world,
That we have forgotten the claims of others
Who have been left behind;
We find that in our seclusion,
In our silence; we commit ourselves afresh,
We look for a few bars of song
That we used to sing together,

A long time ago; we give what we can,
We wait, knowing that when this is over
A lot of us - not all perhaps - but most,
Will be slightly different people,
And our world, though diminished,
Will be much bigger, its beauty revealed afresh.

Alexander McCall Smith

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