

PALM SUNDAY SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024, 09:15AM

#### WELCOME

We are delighted to welcome you to St Peter's this morning, as we celebrate together the Eucharist—the Mass—the gift of Christ's presence with us in bread and in wine.

You are especially welcome if you are worshipping with us for the first time. Do say hello after the service as we share tea and coffee, meeting with friends new and old.

In this service, we invite you to say the words together and to stand and sit as indicated if you are able. However, you are also welcome to stay seated throughout if you prefer. Please feel free to take this service order home with you as a reminder of the occasion or an aid to prayer.

If you have brought small children, thank you! Crafty Church meets downstairs in the Hall this week or if they'd prefer to stay upstairs, feel free to explore the space with them, and to use the toys and books provided at the back of Church.



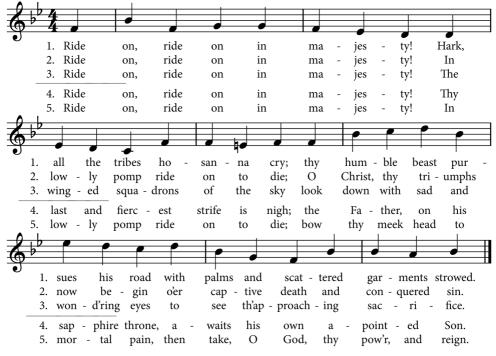
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The church is open every day from 9am - 6pm for silent prayer and reflection.

# **GATHERING**

# Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

as we enter Church from the Square we continue standing to sing



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Celebrant In the name of the +Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

All Amen

Celebrant The Lord be with you

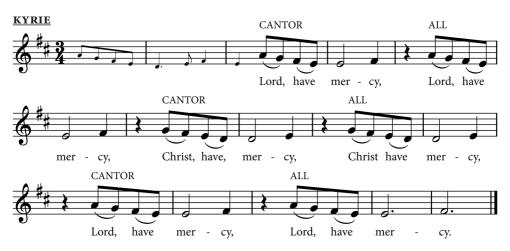
All And also with you

## WELCOME

#### **CONFESSION**

Deacon Let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate these sacred mysteries.

All Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.



music: Joanna Forbes L'Estrange

Celebrant May Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, +have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen

#### COLLECT

Celebrant

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All



#### FIRST READING

**Isaiah 50.4-9a** please be seated

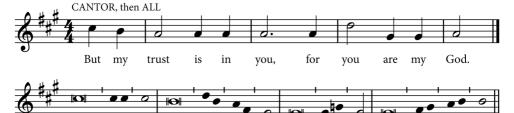
Reader A reading from the prophecy of Isaiah

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens— wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my facefrom insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

Reader This is the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

# PSALM 31.9-16



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- Cantor 9 Have mercy on me, Lord, for I | am in | trouble : my eye is consumed with sorrow, my soul | and my | body | also.
  - 10 For my life is wasted with grief, and my | years with | sighing : my strength fails me because of my affliction, and my | **bones** | are con- | sumed.
  - I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbours, an object of dread to | my ac- | quaintances: when they see me in the | street they | flee from | me.
  - I am forgotten like one that is dead, | out of | mind : I have become | like a | broken | vessel.
  - For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is on | every | side : they scheme together against me, and | plot to | take my | life.
  - But my trust is in | you, O | Lord : I have said, | 'You | are my | God.
  - 15 'My times are | in your | hand: deliver me from the | hand | of my | enemies, and from those who persecute me.
  - 'Make your face to shine up- | on your | servant : and save me | for your | mercy's | sake.'

# SECOND READING Philipians 2.5-11

Reader A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philipians

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Reader This is the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

please stand for the gospel

#### THE PASSION

# Matthew 27.1-2, 11-56

please stand

Narrator The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew

When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor. Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him,

*Pilate* 'Are you the King of the Jews?'

Jesus 'You say so.'

*Narrator* But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not

answer. Then Pilate said to him,

Pilate 'Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?'

Narrator 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,

Pilate 'Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who

is called the Messiah?'

*Narrator* 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,

Pilate's Wife 'Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a

great deal because of a dream about him.'

*Narrator* 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

*Pilate* 'Which of the two do you want me to release for you?'

Narrator And they said

All 'Barabbas.'

Pilate 'Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?'

All 'Let him be crucified!'

Pilate 'Why, what evil has he done?'

Narrator But they shouted all the more.

All 'Let him be crucified!'

Narrator 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,

Pilate 'I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.'

*Narrator* Then the people as a whole answered,

All 'His blood be on us and on our children!'

Narrator 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,

All 'Hail, King of the Jews!'

Narrator 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. 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,

All '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.'

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Narrator In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and

elders, were mocking him, saying,

All '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." '

Narrator 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.

Jesus 'Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?' 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken

me?'

Narrator When some of the bystanders heard it, they said

All 'This man is calling for Elijah.'

Narrator 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,

All 'Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.'

*Narrator* Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.

All kneel if able as we pause in silence

*Narrator* 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,

All 'Truly this man was God's Son!'

Narrator Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had

followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him. Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and

the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

#### **SERMON**

Dr Selina Stone

please be seated

#### **CREED**

please stand

All

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.

Amen 11

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

please kneel or remain standing

Intercessor Lord, in your mercy Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord

All Hear our prayer and may thy light perpetual shine upon them

May they rest in peace

And rise in glory

Intercessor Merciful Father

All Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ, Amen

**PEACE** 

please stand

Celebrant 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

Deacon Let us show to one another a sign of that peace

# **OFFERTORY HYMN**

# The Royal Banners Forward Go

please remain standing to sing



music: VEXILLA REGIS PRODEUNT; words: Venantius Honorius Clementianus Fortunatus; hymn in the public domain

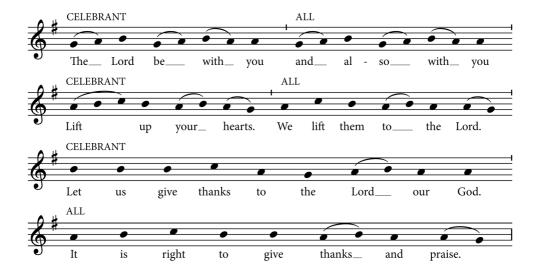
#### **PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

Celebrant

Jesus, true vine and bread of life, ever giving yourself that the world might live, let us share your death and passion: make us perfect in your love, we ask this through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

All





Celebrant

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord. For, though innocent, he suffered willingly for sinners and accepted unjust condemnation to save the guilty. His Death has washed away our sins, and his Resurrection has purchased our justification. And so, with all the Angels, we praise you, as in joyful celebration we acclaim:

# **SANCTUS**



music: Joanna Forbes L'Estrange

#### Celebrant

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord. As a mother tenderly gathers her children, you embraced a people as your own. When we turned away and rebelled your love remained steadfast. From us you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary, to be the living bread, in whom all our hungers are satisfied. He offered his life for sinners, and with a love stronger than death he opened wide his arms on the cross. Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you these gifts of your creation; may they be for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; who on 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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

#### MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



music: Joanna Forbes L'Estrange

# Celebrant

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 Mary our Lady, Peter our Patron, and all God's 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 honor and glory are yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.





# LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

All Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done,

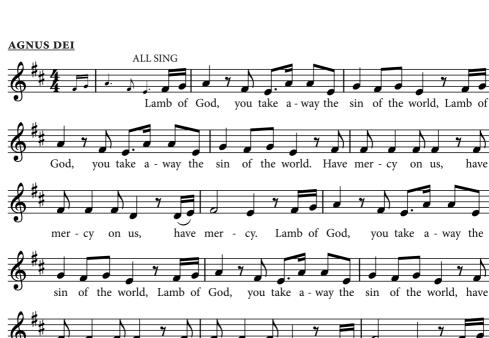
on earth as in heaven.

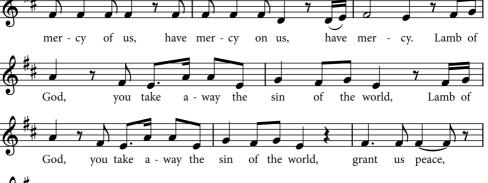
Give us today our daily bread.

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





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music: Joanna Forbes L'Estrange

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Celebrant Behold, 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.

#### **GIVING OF COMMUNION**

All who have been admitted to Communion and receive Communion in their home churches are welcome to receive Communion at St Peter's.

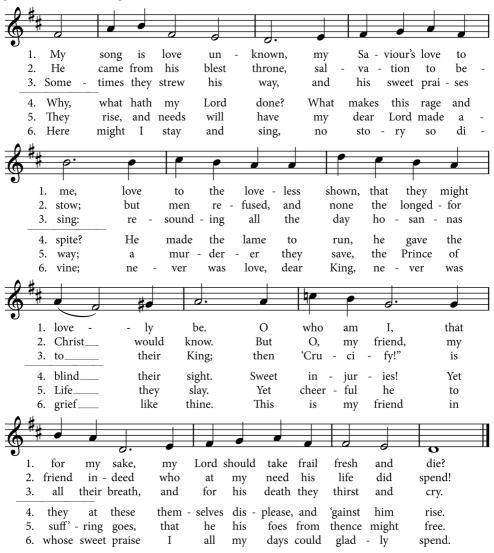
Children and those who do not wish to receive Communion are welcome to come forward to Fr Simon for a blessing. Please indicate you would like a blessing by, for example, folding your arms across your chest.

Communion is administered in both forms: bread and wine. If you wish to receive from the chalice, please drink directly rather than dipping the bread into the cup. If you feel at all unwell or have been in close contact with someone who is unwell please refrain from receiving from the chalice.

# **COMMUNION HYMN**

# My Song is Love Unknown

please be seated to sing



music: LOVE UNKNOWN, John Ireland; words: Samuel Crossman; music @ The John Ireland Trust

#### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

please kneel or stand

Celebrant

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



Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **NOTICES**

please be seated

#### **BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

please stand

Celebrant The Lord be with you

All And also with you

Celebrant Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take

up your cross, and follow him; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with

you always.

All Amen

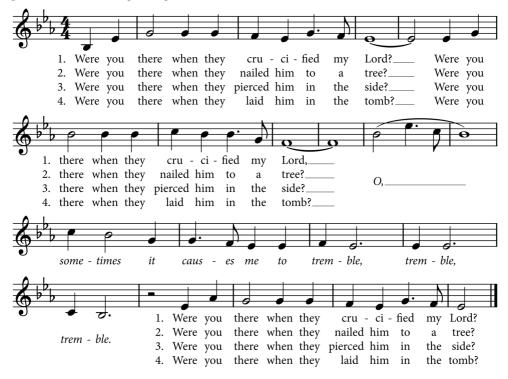
Deacon Go in the peace of Christ

All
Thanks be to God

#### **CLOSING HYMN**

# Were You There?

please remain standing to sing



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#### **ORGAN POSTLUDE**

Please remain standing as the procession passes, after which you are welcome to sit and listen to the organ postlude.

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#### **HOLY WEEK SERVICES**

Monday-Wednesday evening this week we journey through Holy Week with a Low Mass at 7:00pm including a sermon from our Holy Week preacher, Dr Selina Stone.

Our **Maundy Thursday** service is this Thursday at **8:00pm** with Mass of the Lord's Supper, foot washing, and stripping of the altars followed by the watch until midnight, Compline (Night Prayer) at 11.45pm. The Solemn Liturgy of **Good Friday** takes place at **12:00 noon**.

This Saturday (Holy Saturday, March 30th) join us at 10am for Church Clean with Hot Cross Buns, **3pm Children's Service and Easter Egg Hunt**, **7.30pm Easter Vigil followed by fizz!** 

Next Sunday, March 31st at 10:00am, Easter Day. All welcome.







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ST PETER'S WARM WEEKDAYS

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There are many ways to support St Peter's financially. If you are visiting us, it's easy to make use of the **gift aid envelopes** or **contactless donation machines** in church. You can also make a single or recurring donation online via our website or the QR codes above. Weekly or monthly donations are the best means of supporting St Peter's.

Every donation is valued and goes directly to support our mission and ministry. Thank you!

## **BOOK OUR SPACES**

For enquiries about hiring our spaces, visit the **Spaces for Hire** page on our website: <a href="style="color: blue;">style="color: blue; style="color: blue;">style="color: blue; b

## **TOILET AND BABY-CHANGING**

Accessible toilets & baby-changing facilities are downstairs in the crypt, via the ramp at the north side of the Church.

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