

GOOD FRIDAY FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 2025, NOON

ST PETER DE BEAUVOIR TOWN

a church which worships, nurtures, and takes action

WELCOME

We are delighted to welcome you to St Peter's this afternoon, as we celebrate the gift of Christ's presence with us in this Mass in bread and wine. You are especially welcome if this is your first time worshipping with us. Do say hello after the service as we share tea and coffee.

In this service, you are invited to stand and sit as indicated as you are able. However, you are also welcome to stay seated throughout if you prefer.

If you have brought small children, thank you! Feel free to explore the space with them, and to use the toys and books provided at the back of Church.

The church is open every day from 9am - 5pm for silent prayer and reflection.

CRAFTY CHURCH FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Our offering for primary school aged children meets downstairs in term time to explore faith with craft and a snack.

TOILET AND BABY-CHANGING

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







GATHER IN SILENCE

please kneel and remain kneeling during the procession

Celebrant

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 sinners and to suffer death upon the cross; who is alive and glorified with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All



FIRST READING

Isaiah 52.13-end of 53

please be seated

Reader A reading from the prophecy of Isaiah

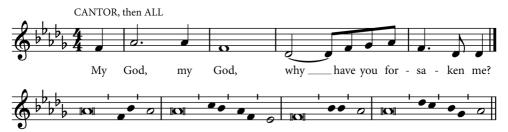
See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high. Just as there were many who were astonished at him —so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of mortals— so he shall startle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which had not been told them they shall see, and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate. Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account. Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. They made

his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the Lord shall prosper. Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Reader This is the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

PSALM 22



music: The De Beauvoir Psalter, Ryan Connolly; © 2025

- Cantor 1 My God, my God, why have you for- | saken | me:
 - Why are you so far from helping me, from the | words | of my | groaning?
 - O my God, I cry by day, but you | do not | answer : and by | night, but | find no | rest.
 - 3 Yet | you are | holy : enthroned | on the | praises · of | Israel.
 - 4 In you our | ances- · tors | trusted : they trusted, and | you de- | livered | them.

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 - To you they cried, | and were | saved : in you they trusted, and | were not | put to | shame.
 - But I am a worm, | and not | human : scorned by others, and de- | spised | by the | people.
 - 7 All who see me | mock at | me : they make mouths at me, | **they** | shake their | heads;

8	'Commit your cause tso the Lord; let him de- liver : let him rescue the one in whom he de- lights!' R/			
9	Yet it was you who took me from the womb: you kept me safe on my mother's breast. On you I was cast from my birth:			
11	and since my mother bore me you have been my God. Do not be far from me: for trouble is near and there is no one to help.			
12	Many bulls en- circle me : strong bulls of Bashan · sur- round me; R ∕			
13	they open wide their $ $ mouths at $ $ me : like a $ $ ravening \cdot and $ $ roaring $ $ lion.			
14	I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint : my heart is like wax; it is melted · with- in my breast;			
15	my mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws : you lay me in the dust of death.			
16	For dogs are all a- round me : a company of evildoers encircles me. My hands and feet have shrivelled; R/			
17	I can count all my bones : They stare and gloat over me;			
18	they divide my clothes a- mong them- selves : and for my clothing they cast lots.			
19	But you, O Lord, do not be far a- way: O my help, come quickly to my aid!			
20	Deliver my soul from the sword : my life from the power of the dog! R/			
21	Save me from the mouth of the lion : From the horns of the wild oxen you have rescued me.			
22	I will tell of your name to my brothers · and sisters : in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:			

- You who fear the Lord, | **praise** | him: All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, | all you | offspring · of | Israel!
- For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of | the af- | flicted: he did not hide his face from me, but heard | when I | cried to | him.
- From you comes my praise in the great | congre- | gation : my vows I will pay before | those who | **fear** | him.
- The poorh shall eat | and be | satisfied : those who seek him shall praise the Lord. May your | hearts | live for | ever!
- All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the | Lord : and all the families of the nations shall | worship · be- | fore | him.
- For dominion belongs | to the | Lord : and he | rules | over · the | nations.
- To him, indeed, shall all who sleep ink the | earth bow | down : before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and | I shall | live for | him.
- Posterity will | serve | him : future generations will be | told a- | bout the | Lord,
- †31 and proclaim his deliverance to a people | yet un- | born, saying that | he has | **done** | it. **R**/

SECOND READING

Hebrews 4.14-16; 5.7-9

Reader A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; 9and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

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please stand for The Passion

THE PASSION

John 19

please stand

Narrator The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

At that time: Then Pilate took Jesus and scourged him. And the soldiers plaited a crown of thorns, and put it on his head, and arrayed him in a purple robe; they came up to him, saying,

All

"Hail, ___ King of the Jews!"

Narrator and struck him with their hands. Pilate went out again, and said to them:

Pilate Behold, I am bringing him out to you, that you may know that I find no crime in him.

Narrator So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them:

Pilate Here is the man!

Narrator When the chief priests and the officers saw him, the cried out:

All
"Cru - ci - fy him, cru - ci - fy him!"

Narrator Pilate said to them:

Pilate Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no crime in him.

Narrator The Jews answered him:

"We have a law, and by that law he ought to die,
be - cause he has made him - self the Son of God."

Narrator When Pilate heard these words, he was the more afraid: he entered the

judgement hall again and said to Jesus:

Pilate Where are you from?

Narrator But Jesus gave no answer. Pilate therefore said to him:

Pilate You will not speak to me? Do you know that I have the power to

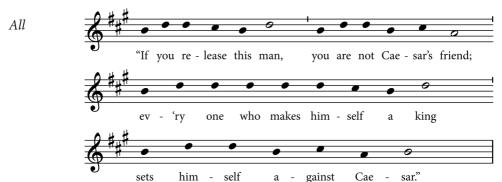
release you, and power to crucify you?

Narrator Jesus answered him:

Jesus You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from

above; therefore he who delivered me to you has the greater sin.

Narrator Upon this, Pilate sought to release him, but the Jews cried out:



Narrator When Pilate heard those words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgement seat at a place called The Pavement, and in Hebrew, *Gabbatha*. Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover; it was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews:

Pilate Here is your King!

Narrator They cried out:

All

"A - way with him, a - way with him, cru - ci - fy him!"

Narrator Pilate said to him:

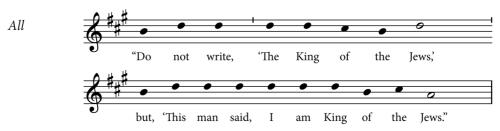
Pilate Shall I crucify your King?

Narrator The chief priests answered:



Narrator Then he handed them over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus, and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which is called in Hebrew, *Golgotha*. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. Pilate also wrote a title and put it on the cross; it read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews."

Many of the Jews read this title, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. The chief priests of the Jews then said to Pilate:



Narrator Pilate answered:

Pilate What I have written I have written.

Narrator When the soldiers had crucified Jesus they took his garments and made four parts, one for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was without seam, woven from top to bottom; so they said to one another:

"Let us not tear it,

but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be."

Narrator This was to fulfil the scripture, "They parted my garments among

them, and for my clothing they cast lots." So the soldiers did this.

But standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother, and the disciples whom he loved standing near, he said to

his mother:

Jesus Woman, behold your son!

Narrator Then he said to the disciple:

Jesus Behold, your mother!

Narrator And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home. After this

Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfil the scripture):

Jesus I thirst.

Narrator A bowl full of vinegar stood there; so they put a sponge full of the

vinegar on hyssop and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received

the vinegar, he said:

Jesus It is finished.

Narrator and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

please kneel, if you are able

SERMON

Fr Victor Stock

please be seated

PROCLAMATION OF THE CROSS

please stand

Celebrant Behold the wood of the Cross, on which hung the salvation of the world.



Come, let us__ a-dore.

DEVOTION TO THE CROSS

The Reproaches

All are invited to make an act of devotion by touching the Cross or image of Christ on the cross.

Choir

My people, what have I done to you? or how have I grieved you? Answer me!

Because I led you out of Egypt, you have prepared a Cross for your Savior.

Hagios o Theós. Holy is God.

*Hagios Ischyrós.*Holy and mighty one.

Hagios Athánatos eléison hymás. Holy and immortal one, have mercy on us.

Because I led you out through the desert forty years, and fed you with manna, and brought you into a land of plenty, you have prepared a Cross for your Savior

What more should I have done for you and have not done? Indeed, I planted you as a most beautiful chosen vine and you have turned very bitter for me, for in my thirst you gave me vinegar to drink, and with a lance you pierced your Savior's side.

I scourged Egypt for your sake with its firstborn sons, and you scourged me and handed me over.

I led you out from Egypt as Pharaoh lay sunk in the Red Sea, and you handed me over to the chief priests.

I opened the sea before you, and you opened my side with a lance.

I went before you in a pillar of cloud, and you led me into Pilate's palace.

HYMN

Faithful Cross, Above All Other



 $music: \verb"PICARDY", traditional French; words; Venantius Honorius Clementianus Forunatus; @ Oxford University Press$

SOLEMN INTERCESSIONS

all kneel, if able

Celebrant

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.

Intercessor

Let us pray for the Church of God throughout the world: for unity in faith, in witness and in service, for bishops and other Intercessors, and those whom they serve, for Sarah and Joanne, our bishops, and the people of this diocese, for all Christians in this place, for those to be baptised, 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

Celebrant

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

Intercessor

Let us pray for the nations of the world and their leaders: for Charles our King 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

Celebrant

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

Intercessor

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

Celebrant

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

Intercessor

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

Celebrant

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

Intercessor

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

Celebrant

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

Intercessor

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

Celebrant

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

TRANSFER OF THE SACRAMENT

The Sacrament is transferred from the Altar of Repose and placed on the Altar in silence. All kneel, if able.

LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant Standing at the foot of the cross, 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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant Behold Jesus, behold the Lamb who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

All Lord, I am not worth to receive you, but only say the word, and I

shall be healed.

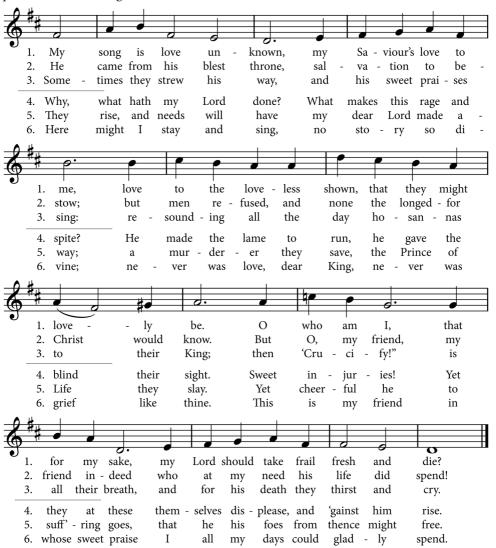
All who have been admitted to Communion and receive Communion in their home churches are welcome to receive Communion at St Peter's.

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 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

Almighty ever-living God, who have restored us to life by the blessed Death and Resurrection of your Christ, preserve in us the work of your mercy, that, by partaking of this mystery, we may have a life unceasingly devoted to you, through Christ our Lord.

All



CONCLUDING GOSPEL

please kneel or stand

Narrator

Since it was the day of Preparation, in order to prevent the bodies from remaining on the cross on the sabbath (for that sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him; but when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. He who saw it has borne witness, his testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth, that you also may believe. For these things took place that the scripture might be fulfilled, "Not a bone of him shall be broken." And again another scripture says, "They shall look on him whom they have pierced."

After this, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly, for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him leave. So he came and took away his body. Nicodemus also, who had at first come to him by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds' weight. They took the body of Jesus, and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as it the burial custom of the Jews. Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb where no one had ever been laid. So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, as the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

DEPART IN SILENCE

the service continues tomorrow night with the Easter Vigil at 7:30pm

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THE TRIDUUM CONTINUES

The Sacred Three Days or 'Triduum' continue tomorrow (Saturday, April 19) with our **Easter Vigil and lighting of the Easter Fire at 7.30pm**, followed by a sparkling wine reception. Don't miss this wonderful service!

Our Saturday series is paused next week as we meet at 9:30am for a <u>Church Clean</u> with Hot Cross Buns! Please do come to lend a hand!

Sunday, April 20 at 10:00am, <u>Easter Day</u>. All welcome. <u>Crafty Church</u> for primaryaged children takes place downstairs in the Crypt each Sunday in term time.

St Peter's isn't only a church on Sundays! We've a range of services and opportunities for worship throughout the week, and all day, every day for prayer and stillness. Why not try to add one of two of the services below to your weekly routine? Most are only 20 minutes and can transform your daily routine.

REGULAI MONDAY 8:30am 5:30pm	R SERVICES Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	20 mins 20 mins	CONTACT US Visit www.stpeterdebeauvoir.org.uk to find out about St Peter's and sign up to our e-newsletter. Other contacts:	
TUESDAY* 8:30am 5:30pm **WEDNES!* 8:30am	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	20 mins 20 mins	Fr Simon, our Vicar: frsimon@stpeterdebeauvoir.org.uk Aesha, our Community Organiser: communityorganiser@ stpeterdebeauvoir.org.uk	
9:00am 5:30pm	Traditional Mass Evening Prayer	30 mins 20 mins	Robbie, our Parish Administrator: office@stpeterdebeauvoir.org.uk	
FRIDAY 8:30am 5:30pm	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	20 mins 20 mins	Ryan, our Music Director: musicdirector@stpeterdebeauvoir.org.uk	
SATURDAY				
10:00am	Morning Series Healing, Silence, Scripture, & Conversation		BOOK OUR SPACES For enquiries about hiring our spaces, visit the Spaces for Hire page on our	
SUNDAY 10:00am 6:00pm	Parish Mass Choral Compline first Sunday of each t	60 mins 20 mins	website: stpeterdebeauvoir.org.uk	