

¶ *Evening Prayer*
Passiontide
Tuesday, 30 March 2021
Tuesday of Holy Week

Preparation

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

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

Blessed are you, Lord God of our salvation,
to you be glory and praise for ever.
As we behold your Son, enthroned on the cross,
stir up in us the fire of your love,
that we may be cleansed from all our sins,
and walk with you in newness of life
singing the praise of him who died
for us and our salvation.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
All Blessed be God for ever.

That this evening may be holy, good and peaceful,
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As our evening prayer rises before you, ○ God,
so may your mercy come down upon us
to cleanse our hearts
and set us free to sing your praise
now and for ever.
All Amen.

The Word of God

Psalmody

The appointed psalmody is said.

Psalm 55:13-24

13 For it was not an open enemy that reviled me, ◆
for then I could have borne it;

14 Nor was it my adversary that puffed himself up against me, ◆
for then I would have hid myself from him.

15 But it was even you, one like myself, ◆
my companion and my own familiar friend.

16 We took sweet counsel together ◆
and walked with the multitude in the house of God.

17 Let death come suddenly upon them;
let them go down alive to the Pit; ◆
for wickedness inhabits their dwellings, their very hearts. *R*

18 As for me, I will call upon God ◆
and the Lord will deliver me.

19 In the evening and morning and at noonday
I will pray and make my supplication, ◆
and he shall hear my voice.

20 He shall redeem my soul in peace
from the battle waged against me, ◆
for many have come upon me.

21 God, who is enthroned of old,
will hear and bring them down; ◆
they will not repent, for they have no fear of God. R

22 My companion stretched out his hands against his friend ◆
and has broken his covenant;

23 His speech was softer than butter, though war was in his heart; ◆
his words were smoother than oil, yet are they naked swords.

24 Cast your burden upon the Lord and he will sustain you, ◆
and will not let the righteous fall for ever.

*Lord, in all times of fear and dread,
grant that we may so cast our burdens upon you,
that you may bear us on the holy wings of the Spirit
to the stronghold of your peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Scripture Reading

Lamentations 2.8-19

Let us test and examine our ways,
and return to the Lord.

Let us lift up our hearts as well as our hands
to God in heaven.

We have transgressed and rebelled,
and you have not forgiven.

You have wrapped yourself with anger and pursued us,
killing without pity;

you have wrapped yourself with a cloud
so that no prayer can pass through.

You have made us filth and rubbish
among the peoples.

All our enemies
have opened their mouths against us;
panic and pitfall have come upon us,
devastation and destruction.

My eyes flow with rivers of tears
because of the destruction of my people.

My eyes will flow without ceasing,
without respite,
until the Lord from heaven
looks down and sees.

My eyes cause me grief
at the fate of all the young women in my city.

The Song of Christ's Glory

Refrain:

**All At the name of Jesus
every knee shall bow.**

1 Christ Jesus was in the form of God, 
but he did not cling to equality with God.

2 He emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, 
and was born in our human likeness.

3 Being found in human form he humbled himself, 
and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

4 Therefore God has highly exalted him, 
and bestowed on him the name above every name,

5 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, 
in heaven and on earth and under the earth;

6 And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, 
to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2.5-11

**All 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.**

**All At the name of Jesus
every knee shall bow.**

Scripture Reading

John 12:1-11

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came not only because of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus to death as well, since it was on account of him that many of the Jews were deserting and were believing in Jesus.

Responsory

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

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

Christ committed no sin, no guile was found on his lips.

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

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree
that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.

All By your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

By his wounds you have been healed.

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

by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

cf 1 Peter 2

Homily

The homily is given by Fr Charlie Annis nCR, our guest preacher this week.

Gospel Canticle

The Magnificat (The Song of Mary) is said.

**All God's love for us is revealed
in that, while we were yet sinners,
Christ died for us.**

1 My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour; ♦
he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.

2 From this day all generations will call me blessed; ♦
the Almighty has done great things for me
and holy is his name.

3 He has mercy on those who fear him, ♦
from generation to generation.

4 He has shown strength with his arm ♦
and has scattered the proud in their conceit,

5 Casting down the mighty from their thrones ♦
and lifting up the lowly.

6 He has filled the hungry with good things ♦
and sent the rich away empty.

7 He has come to the aid of his servant Israel, ♦
to remember his promise of mercy,

8 The promise made to our ancestors, ♦
to Abraham and his children for ever.

**All 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.**

**All God's love for us is revealed
in that, while we were yet sinners,
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Prayers

With faith and love and in union with Christ,
let us offer our prayer before the throne of grace.
Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer

Have mercy on your people,
for whom your Son laid down his life:
Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer

Bring healing and wholeness to people and nations,
and have pity on those torn apart by division:
Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer

Strengthen all who are persecuted for your name's sake,
and deliver them from evil:
Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer

Look in mercy upon all who suffer,
and hear those who cry out in pain and desolation:
Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer

Bring comfort to the dying,
and gladden their hearts with the vision of your glory:
Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer

Give rest to the departed
and bring them, with your saints, to glory everlasting:
Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer

Let us commend the world, for which Christ died,
to the mercy and protection of God.

Silence is kept.

The Collect of the day is said

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 Amen.

The Lord's Prayer is said

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.

The Conclusion

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

All Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.