

HOLY WEEK 2016

Why did Jesus have to die?

Holy Week Preacher: The Revd Dr Liz Horwell

20th March - Palm Sunday (Full Choir)

- 10.00 am Blessing of Palms, Procession led by a donkey, and Priory Eucharist
Gather in courtyard of Lancaster Castle at 10.00 am
- 6.30 pm Music and Readings for Passiontide
Lamentations (Tallis), Stabat Mater (Pergolesi), and music by Gibbons, Bach, & Chilcott

21st March - Monday in Holy Week (Men and Boys)

- 7.30 pm Holy Communion and Address
Missa Aeterna Christi Munera (Palestrina), Nolo mortem peccatoris (Morley)

22nd March - Tuesday in Holy Week (Occasional Singers)

- 10.15 am Holy Communion (BCP)
- 7.30 pm Holy Communion and Address
The Communion Service (Merbecke), Litany to the Holy Spirit (Hurford)

23rd March - Wednesday in Holy Week (Vox Boys' Choir)

- 12.30 pm Holy Communion with Prayers for Healing
- 7.30 pm Holy Communion and Address
Missa cum Jubilo (Durufié), De Profundis (Pärt)

24th March – Maundy Thursday (Men and Girls)

- 7.30 pm Liturgy of Maundy Thursday and Address
Mass in Four Parts (Byrd), Ave verum corpus (Byrd), Miserere mei (Allegri)
Followed by Vigil before the Blessed Sacrament, ending with
- 11.30 pm Tenebrae (Vox Boys' Choir)
Lamentations of Jeremiah (Tallis)

25th March – Good Friday

- 10.00 am Children at the Cross
- 11.00 am Stations of the Cross
- 2.00 pm The Liturgy of Good Friday and Address (Girls' Choir)
Stabat Mater (Pergolesi)

26th March – Easter Eve (Full Choir)

- 7.00 pm Easter Vigil and Ceremonies
Taizé chants, Gloria (Thorne)

27th March – Easter Day (Full Choir)

- 10.00 am Festival Eucharist and Address
Missa Brevis (Dove), Dum transisset sabbatum (Taverner)
- 6.30pm Festal Evensong
Rose Responses, Dyson in D, Hallelujah Chorus (Handel), Te Deum in B flat (Stanford)

This year's Holy Week Preacher is The Revd Dr Liz Horwell

The Revd Liz Horwell has recently retired from full-time ministry, in the parish of Wanstead in East London, where she had exercised her ministry since her ordination in 2007, first as Curate, and then as Rector. Before ordination, Liz was involved in education, in Further Education and in Primary Education and as an Inspector of Schools and Colleges. In retirement she will look forward to spending her time with her varied menagerie of animals, and deepening her study of spirituality.



Liz Horwell introduces her Holy Week addresses:

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I have always struggled with the idea of a wrathful, vengeful God for whom it was necessary for Jesus to die so that God could be reconciled with humanity for our wretched sinfulness. And this year during Lent I have been particularly drawn to the opening words of the Collect for Ash Wednesday, the same Collect set for Morning and Evening Prayer during Lent,

“Almighty and Everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made.....”

These must be words of great comfort to all of us who are only too aware that we distance ourselves from God through our own shortcomings. They tell us that *despite* our sinfulness, our God is a God of love who cannot help but love all his works of creation.

And so this Holy Week, inspired particularly by John Barton's "Love Unknown" and WH Vanstone's "The Stature of Waiting", I'd like to explore through the lens of God's extravagant, gracious love how we might make sense of Jesus' death and resurrection. Here we will explore what it is to be human, and what therefore it means that Jesus was human; .. and that each of his disciples was human too. We will ask the question "Did Jesus have to die?" We will consider what the time between Jesus' death and resurrection was about. And so, I hope, we will come rejoicing to Easter Day and the new creation God offers to us, new hope, new life, the chance to start over and live our lives more closely with God.