



LANCASTER PRIORY

The Liturgy of the Passion

Good Friday 2024

Welcome to Lancaster Priory

We gather on Good Friday, the most solemn of days in the Christian year, as we recall the moment of Jesus' Crucifixion outside the walls of Jerusalem.

On this day, we receive the Holy Sacrament from the previous evening, as this is the one day in the year when we do not celebrate the Holy Communion.

As part of the service we are invited to venerate the cross: a simple sign of our love for our crucified Lord and Saviour.

Silence is a significant part of our observance of Good Friday, and we focus our thoughts on Jesus, as he dies on the cross.

Please join in the singing of the hymn and in saying the words in **bold type**

Throughout this booklet you will find instructions regarding posture (sit and stand), these capture what is normal for our congregation but are not intended to be restrictive for those who may need to sit or indeed not sit for too long.

Acknowledgements

Common Worship: Services and Prayers for the Church of England, Pastoral Services and Times and Seasons, material from which is included in this service, are copyright © The Archbishops' Council 2000, 2005 and 2006. The Scripture quotations contained herein are from The New Revised Standard Version Bible, Anglicised Edition, copyright © 1989, 1995, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA. Used by permission. All rights reserved. Christian Copyright Licence 849167 and Music Reproduction Licence M267952, Lancaster Priory.

The Gathering

Servers and clergy enter in silence. All kneel for a time of silent prayer.

The Collect *All stand as the president prays*

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.
Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Please sit. There is no introduction or response to the readings.

Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 52.13 – 53.12*

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.

The choir sings O nata lux (Tallis)

O nata lux de lumine,
Jesu redemptor saeculi,
dignare clemens supplicum
laudes preces que sumere.
Qui carne quondam contegi
dignatus es pro perditis.
Nos membra confer effici,
tui beati corporis.

O Light from Light, resplendent birth,
Jesus redeemer of the earth,
in mercy grant us this reprieve:
our prayers and praises to receive.
Thou who in flesh didst once appear
to set souls free from sin and fear:
gather us all, O Lord we plea,
in thy blest Body, one with thee.

New Testament Reading *Hebrews 4.14-16; 5.7-9*

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; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

Gradual Hymn (NEH 94) *We stand.*

We sing the praise of him who died,
of him who died upon the Cross;
the sinner's hope let men deride,
for this we count the world but loss.

2. Inscribed upon the Cross we see
in shining letters, 'God is Love';
he bears our sins upon the Tree;
he brings us mercy from above.

3. The Cross! it takes our guilt away;
it holds the fainting spirit up;
it cheers with hope the gloomy day,
and sweetens ev'ry bitter cup.

4. It makes the coward spirit brave,
and nerves the feeble arm for fight;
it takes its terror from the grave,
and gilds the bed of death with light;

5. The balm of life, the cure of woe,
the measure and the pledge of love,
the sinner's refulge here below,
the angels' theme in heaven above.

Thomas Kelly 1769-1854

The Passion Gospel John 18.1 - 19.37

Please remain standing for the Passion Gospel. The Gospel is long, so please do sit if you need to. After the Gospel, silence is kept.

The Sermon *Please sit.*

The choir sings God so loved the world (Stainer)

The Proclamation of the Cross

A wooden cross is brought into the church and placed in the sight of the people. This response is used three times:

The cross of Christ.

The cross on which the Saviour of the world was hung.

As the cross is placed at the front of the nave, we say;

**We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,
because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

Christ was manifested in the body vindicated in the spirit,
seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations,
believed in throughout the world,

**We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,
because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you
because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

This is the wood of the cross, on which hung the Saviour of the world.
Come, let us worship.

O Saviour of the world,
Who by your cross and precious blood have redeemed us,
Save us and help us, we humbly pray.

*The congregation is invited to venerate the cross, as the choir sings: Drop,
Drop slow tears (Gibbons)*

Prayers of Intercession

Please kneel or sit. The president introduces the prayers

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.

A member of the congregation continues with these biddings, the president praying the collect at the end of each section.

Let us pray for the Church of God throughout the world:
for unity in faith, in witness and in service,
for bishops and other ministers, and those whom they serve,
for our own bishops, and the people of this diocese,
for all Christians in this place,
for those to be baptized and confirmed,
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.

Silence is kept.

Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

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. **Amen.**

Let us pray for the nations of the world and their leaders:
for Charles our King and the Parliaments of this land, for the leader of all
the nations 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.

Silence is kept.

Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

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. **Amen.**

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.

Silence is kept.

Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

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. **Amen.**

Let us pray for those who follow other faiths and creeds –
for those who seek God within their own culture and tradition;
for those who have not heard the message of salvation;
for those whom we have hurt in the name of Christ,
and for all who have misunderstood and hurt Christians;
for those who have lost their faith;
and for enemies of Christ who persecute his followers –
that God will open all hearts to truth,
and lead us to the knowledge of his love.

Silence is kept.

Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

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. **Amen.**

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.

Silence is kept.

Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

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. **Amen.**

The president concludes the prayer

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. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Hymn (NEH 517 t.202)

Please stand. The Blessed Sacrament is brought from the altar of repose and placed upon the altar.

Choir Faithful Cross! above all other,
one and only noble tree!
None in foliage, none in blossom,
none in fruit thy peer may be;
sweetest wood and sweetest iron,
sweetest weight is hung on thee.

2.Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle,
sing the ending of the fray,
o'er the Cross, the victor's trophy,
sound the loud triumphant lay:
tell how Christ, the world's Redeemer,
as a Victim won the day.

3.God in pity saw man fallen,
shamed and sunk in misery,
when he fell on death by tasting
fruit of the forbidden tree:
then another tree was chosen
which the world from death should free.

4. Bend thy boughs, O Tree of Glory,
thy too rigid sinews bend;
for awhile the ancient rigour
that thy birth bestowed, suspend,
and the King of heavenly beauty
on thy bosom gently tend.

5. Thou alone wast counted worthy
this world's Ransom to sustain,
that a shipwrecked race might ever
thus a port of refuge gain,
with the sacred blood anointed
from the Lamb for sinners slain.

6. He endured the nails, the spitting,
vinegar and spear and reed;
from that holy Body pierced
blood and water forth proceed:
earth and stars and sky and ocean
by that flood from stain are freed.

Choir Faithful Cross! above all other,
one and only noble tree!
none in foliage, none in blossom,
none in fruit thy peer may be;
sweetest wood and sweetest iron,
sweetest weight is hung on thee.

Venantius Fortunatus (530-609)

The Lord's Prayer

Standing at the foot of the cross, let us pray as our Saviour 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.

Giving of Communion

The president invites the congregation to receive Holy Communion.

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.

Holy Communion, reserved from the Eucharist of the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday, is given in one kind. Please receive standing.

The choir sings Ave Verum (Mozart).

Ave verum corpus, natum
de Maria Virgine,
vere passum, immolatum
in cruce pro homine
cuius latus perforatum
fluxit aqua et sanguine:
esto nobis praegustatum
in mortis examine.
O jesu dulcis, O jesu pie,
O jesu, fili Mariae.
Miserere mei. Amen

Hail, true Body, born
of the Virgin Mary,
having truly suffered, sacrificed
on the cross for mankind,
from whose pierced side
water and blood flowed:
Be for us a sweet foretaste
in the trial of death!
O sweet Jesus, O holy Jesus,
O Jesus, son of Mary,
have mercy on me. Amen.

Communion Hymn (95)

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

His dying crimson, like a robe,
Spreads o'er His body on the tree;
Then I am dead to all the globe,
And all the globe is dead to me.

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all. Isaac Watts 1647-1748

Post Communion Prayer *The president says*

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 your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

The Final Gospel John 19.38-42 *Please Stand.*

After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus,
though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him
take away the body of Jesus.

Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body.

Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a
mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds.

They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths,
according to the burial custom of the Jews.

Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the
garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid.

And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was
nearby, they laid Jesus there.

No response is made.

Please maintain silence until you have left the Priory.