



Solemn Service
of
Lessons & Music
For
Passiontide

on
Palm Sunday
28 March 2021 at 7pm

Church of St John the Evangelist, Gordon
Rector: Rev'd Fr Robert Happer

Order of Service

Organ Prelude: Chorale Prelude on *O Mensch, beweine dein' Sünde*
gross, J.S. Bach (1685-1750), BWV 622

Played by Dr Brett McKern

Introit: The Palm Procession
(Plainsong)

Sung by the choir from the West Door
(NEH 508)

The children of the Hebrews, carrying palms and olive branches, went out to meet the Lord, crying out and saying, Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Processional Hymn

(NEH 509)

A figure-of-eight procession by the choir and Sanctuary Party during this hymn reminds us of Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem on this day. If the organ improvises between verses, the hymn will always resume with the refrain.

*All glory, laud, and honour
to thee, Redeemer, King!
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.*

**2. Thou art the King of Israel,
thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's Name comest,
the King and Blessèd One.**

Refrain

**3. The company of angels
are praising thee on high;
and mortal men and all things
created make reply.**

Refrain

**4. The people of the Hebrews
with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before thee we present.**

Refrain

5. To thee before thy passion
they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted,
our melody we raise.

Refrain

6. Thou didst accept their praises;
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King.

Refrain

7. Do thou direct our footsteps
Upon our earthly way,
And bring us by thy mercy
To heaven's eternal day.

Refrain

8. Within that blessed City
Thy praises may we sing,
And ever raise hosannas
To our most loving King.

*All glory, laud, and honour
to thee, Redeemer, King!
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.*

*St Theodulph of Orleans (d.821)
Trans. J.M. Neale (1818-66)*

All remain standing as the Prophetic Anthem is sung.

(NEH 510)

*O Jerusalem, look toward the East, and behold: lift up thine eyes, O Jerusalem, and
behold the power of thy King!*

Sarum Processional

The Congregation, standing, shall be bidden to Prayer in these words:

The Bidding Prayer:

Rector: Beloved in Christ, at the beginning of this Holy Week we pause to hear again the message of the Gospels, and in thought and prayer are mindful of the extraordinary and dreadful events that occurred in Jerusalem in that week so long ago, even for our sake.

From Holy Scripture we hear of the gruesome necessities of this week before the glorious Redemption brought to us through God on earth. But first, we pray for the needs of the world; for peace on earth; for His Church, especially our Parish of St John the Evangelist in Gordon, and all those forced to worship apart at this difficult time: may we be united

through our worship and love of God. And let us remember, through Christ our Lord, the sick and lonely, the poor and hungry, the oppressed and those who mourn, the unloved or forsaken, the young and the aged, those for whom this night will be their last; and all those seeking Christ.

And lastly, we pray for the faithful departed, the saints and angels, and all beyond who with us worship the Lord God.

These prayers and praises we humbly offer up to the throne of the Heavenly Grace, in the words which Christ himself hath taught us:

**All: Our Father, which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name;
Thy kingdom come;
Thy will be done;
In earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that 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.**

Remain standing.

Rector: May Christ crucified draw you to himself, to find in him a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Congregation sits.

Anthem: Subdue us by thy goodness (J.S. Bach, 1685-1750)

Sung by the choir

*Subdue us by thy goodness,
awake us by thy grace;
that men whose hearts are weary
May life anew embrace
And though earth's woes be near us,
Thy Spirit still shall cheer us
All praise and thanks to thee!*

(from the German)

First Lesson: *Isaiah 42:1-4.*

The Lector saith: Here beginneth the forty-second chapter of the book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles. He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street. A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench: he shall bring forth judgment unto truth. He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth: and the isles shall wait for his law.

The Lector concludeth: Here endeth the First Lesson.

All stand and sing the Hymn.

Hymn: The Royal banners forward go

(NEH 79 T493)

- 1. The royal banners forward go,
The cross shines forth in mystic glow;
Where he in flesh, our flesh who made,
Our sentence bore, our ransom paid.**
- 2. Where deep for us the spear was dyed,
Life's torrent rushing from his side,
To wash us in that precious flood,
Where mingled water flowed, and blood.**
- 3. Fulfilled is all that David told
In true prophetic song of old,
The universal Lord is he,
Who reigns and triumphs from the tree.**
- 4. O Tree of beauty, Tree of light,
O Tree with royal purple dight,
Elect on whose triumphal breast
Those holy limbs should find their rest!**
- 5. On whose dear arms, so widely flung,
The weight of this world's ransom hung,
The price of humankind to pay
And spoil the spoiler of his prey.**

**6. O Cross, our one reliance, hail!
So may thy power with us prevail
To give new virtue to the saint,
And pardon to the penitent.**

**7. To thee, eternal Three in One,
Let homage meet by all be done:
Whom by the Cross thou dost restore,
Preserve and govern evermore. Amen.**

*Latin, Venantius Fortunatus (530-609)
Trans. J.M. Neale (1818-1866)*

The Congregation sits.

Second Lesson: Lamentations 3:1-24.

The Lector saith: Here beginneth the third chapter of the book of Lamentations.

I AM the man that hath seen affliction by the rod of his wrath. He hath led me, and brought me into darkness, but not into light. Surely against me is he turned; he turneth his hand against me all the day. My flesh and my skin hath he made old; he hath broken my bones. He hath builded against me, and compassed me with gall and travail. He hath set me in dark places, as they that be dead of old. He hath hedged me about, that I cannot get out: he hath made my chain heavy. Also when I cry and shout, he shutteth out my prayer. He hath inclosed my ways with hewn stone, he hath made my paths crooked. He was unto me as a bear lying in wait, and as a lion in secret places. He hath turned aside my ways, and pulled me in pieces: he hath made me desolate. He hath bent his bow, and set me as a mark for the arrow. He hath caused the arrows of his quiver to enter into my reins. I was a derision to all my people; and their song all the day. He hath filled me with bitterness, he hath made me drunken with wormwood. He hath also broken my teeth with gravel stones, he hath covered me with ashes. And thou hast removed my soul far off from peace: I forgot prosperity. And I said, My strength and my hope is perished from the Lord: Remembering mine affliction and my misery, the wormwood and the gall. My soul hath them still in remembrance, and is humbled in me. This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope. It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness. The Lord is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him.

The Lector concludeth: Here endeth the Second Lesson.

Remain seated.

Anthem: Turn thy face from my sins (Thomas Attwood, 1765-1838)

Sung by the choir

Turn thy face from my sins, and put out all my misdeeds. Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence, and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.

(Psalm 51:9-11)

Remain seated.

Third Lesson: *Isaiah 52:13-53:12.*

The Lector saith: Here beginneth the thirteenth verse of the fifty-second chapter of the book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Behold, my servant shall deal prudently, he shall be exalted and extolled, and be very high. As many were astonished at thee; his visage was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men: So shall he sprinkle many nations; the kings shall shut their mouths at him: for that which had not been told them shall they see; and that which they had not heard shall they consider. Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed? For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him. He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth. He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken. And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth. Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in his hand. He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

The Lector concludeth: Here endeth the Third Lesson.

All stand and sing the Hymn.

Hymn: There is a green hill far away

(NEH 92)

**1. There is a green hill far away,
Without a city wall,
Where the dear Lord was crucified
Who died to save us all.**

**2. We may not know, we cannot tell,
What pains he had to bear,
But we believe it was for us
He hung and suffered there.**

**3. He died that we might be forgiven,
He died to make us good;
That we might go at last to heaven,
Saved by his precious blood.**

**4. There was no other good enough
To pay the price of sin;
He only could unlock the gate
Of heaven, and let us in.**

**5. O, dearly, dearly has he loved,
And we must love him too,
And trust in his redeeming blood,
And try his works to do.**

Mrs C.F. Alexander (1818-95)

The Congregation sits.

Fourth Lesson: *I Corinthians 1:18-31.*

The Lector saith: Here beginneth the eighteenth verse of the first chapter of the first Epistle of St Paul to the Corinthians.

For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God. For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent. Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom: But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God. Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men. For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: That no flesh should glory in his presence. But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

The Lector concludeth: Here endeth the Fourth Lesson.

Remain seated.

Anthem: Lord, I trust thee (Handel, 1685-1759)

Sung by the choir

*Lord, I trust thee, I adore thee.
Ah! thou friend of man, restore me!
On thy loving grace relying,
For the bread of life I'm sighing.
Quench my thirst and let my hunger cease,
Fill my heart with joy and endless peace.
When the breath of life has left me,
May my soul be blended with thee.*

(text from Barthold Heinrich Brockes, 1680-1747)

Remain seated.

Fifth Lesson: *Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9.*

The Lector saith: Here beginneth the fourteenth verse of the fourth chapter of the Epistle of St Paul to the Hebrews.

Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared; Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him.

The Lector concludeth: Here endeth the Fifth Lesson.

All stand and sing the Hymn.

Hymn: O Sacred Head, Sore Wounded

(NEH 90i, vv 1, 4, 5)

**1. O sacred head, sore wounded,
Defiled and put to scorn;
O kingly head, surrounded
With mocking crown of thorn:
What sorrow mars thy grandeur?
Can death thy bloom deflower?
O countenance whose splendour
The hosts of heaven adore.**

**2. In thy most bitter passion
My heart to share doth cry,
With thee for my salvation
Upon the cross to die.
Ah, keep my heart thus movèd
To stand thy Cross beneath,
To mourn thee, well-belovèd,
Yet thank thee for thy death.**

**3. My days are few, O fail not,
With thine immortal power,
To hold me that I quail not
In death's most fearful hour:
That I may fight befriended,
And see in my last strife
To me thine arms extended
Upon the Cross of life.**

*Paul Gerhardt (1607-76) from a 14th century Latin hymn
Trans. Robert Bridges (1844-1930)*

The Congregation sits.

Sixth Lesson: St John 12:1-8

The Lector saith: Here beginneth the twelfth chapter of the Gospel according to St John.

Then Jesus six days before the passover came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, which had been dead, whom he raised from the dead. There they made him a supper; and Martha served: but Lazarus was one of them that sat at the table with him. Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odour of the ointment. Then saith one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, which should betray him, Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor? This he said, not that he cared for the poor; but because he was a thief, and had the bag, and bare what was put therein. Then said Jesus, Let her alone: against the day of my burying hath she kept this. For the poor always ye have with you; but me ye have not always.

The Lector concludeth: Here endeth the Sixth Lesson.

Remain seated.

Anthem: Jesu, joy of man's desiring (J.S. Bach, 1685-1750)

Sung by the choir

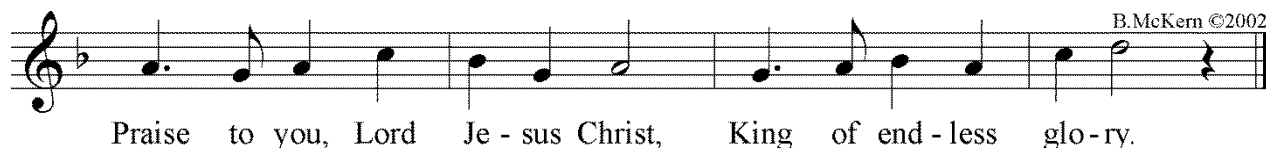
*Jesu, joy of man's desiring
Holy wisdom, love most bright
Drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring
Soar to uncreated light
Word of God, our flesh that fashioned
With the fire of life impassioned
Striving still to Truth unknown
Soaring, dying 'round Thy throne*

*Through the way where hope is guiding,
Hark, what peaceful music rings,
Where the flock, in thee confiding,
Drink of joy from deathless springs.
Theirs is beauty's fairest pleasure,
Theirs is wisdom's holiest treasure.
Thou dost ever lead Thine own
In the love of joys unknown.*

(att to Robert Bridges OM, 1844-1930
after Martin Janus, c.1620-c.1682)

All stand and face the gospeller as the Passion is proclaimed.

Gospel Acclamation



Praise to you, Lord Je - sus Christ, King of end - less glo - ry.

Cantor *If you serve me, follow me, says | the Lord:
And where I am, my servant will | also be.*

The Passion according to St Mark 15:16-39.

Gospeller: *All:*
The Lord be with you. And with thy spi - rit.

Gospeller:
The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

All:
+Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

And the soldiers led him away into the hall, called Praetorium; and they call together the whole band. And they clothed him with purple, and platted a crown of thorns, and put it about his head, And began to salute him, Hail, King of the Jews! And they smote him on the head with a reed, and did spit upon him, and bowing their knees worshipped him. And when they had mocked him, they took off the purple from him, and put his own clothes on him, and led him out to crucify him. And they compel one Simon a Cyrenian, who passed by, coming out of the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to bear his cross. And they bring him unto the place Golgotha, which is, being interpreted, The place of a skull. And they gave him to drink wine mingled with myrrh: but he received it not. And when they had crucified him, they parted his garments, casting lots upon them, what every man should take. And it was the third hour, and they crucified him. And the superscription of his accusation was written over, THE KING OF THE JEWS. And with him they crucify two thieves; the one on his right hand, and the other on his left. And the scripture was fulfilled, which saith, And he was numbered with the transgressors. And they that passed by railed on him, wagging their heads, and saying, Ah, thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days, Save thyself, and come down from the cross. Likewise also the chief priests mocking said among themselves with the scribes, He saved others; himself he cannot save. Let Christ the King of Israel descend now from the cross, that we may see and believe. And they that were crucified with him reviled him. And when the sixth hour was come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani? which is, being interpreted, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? And some of them that stood by, when they heard it, said, Behold, he calleth Elias. And one ran and filled a sponge full of vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink, saying, Let alone; let us see whether Elias will come to take him down. And Jesus cried with a loud voice, and gave up the ghost.

All genuflect and pause a moment.

And the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom. And when the centurion, which stood over against him, saw that he so cried out, and gave up the ghost, he said, Truly this man was the Son of God.



This is the Passion of the Lord Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

All remain standing and face east again for the singing of the hymn.

*Normally a **collection** would be taken during this hymn. Your offering for the work and ministry of the parish can be made as per the instructions on **page 18**. Thank you.*

Collection Hymn: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

(NEH 95)

- 1. 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.**
- 2. 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.**
- 3. 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?**
- 4. His dying crimson like a robe,
Spreads o'er his body on the Tree;
Then am I dead to all the globe,
And all the globe is dead to me.**
- 5. 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 (1674-1748)

Remain standing as this greeting is sung.

Cantor:

The Lord be with you.

Answer:

And with thy spirit.

Cantor:

Let us pray.

All kneel for the collects intoned as below.

Collect for Palm Sunday:

Almighty and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility; Mercifully grant, that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever.

A-men.

Collect for Lent:

Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent; Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A-men.

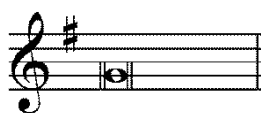
Collect for Holy Week:

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

A-men.

Remain kneeling as the Rector pronounces the Blessing.

Blessing:



May he who by his Passion shewed himself to be truly God and truly man, and set forth his enduring love for humanity draw you unto himself; and the blessing of God Almighty, the ☩ Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon you and remain with you always.



All stand.

Recessional Hymn: We Sing the Praise of Him who Died

(NEH 94)

1. 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' refuge here below,
the angel's theme in heaven above.

Thomas Kelly (1769-1854)

Please remain standing while the Sanctuary Party and Clergy recess.

Postlude: Improvisation

Dr Brett McKern (organ)



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St Augustine said that he who sings, prays twice. From before the building of the present St John's Church, for almost 145 years, music and liturgy have been important to the Parish.

The St John's Music Association Inc. was formed in 2009 to support, conduct and promote the performance of quality music at the Anglican Church of St John the Evangelist Gordon, in the Anglican Church in Australia and in the Sydney region through Anglican liturgical music, concerts and recitals, providing scholarships for organists and singers, maintaining and enhancing the organ of St John's, and providing musical scores and robes for use at St John's.

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