

St Swithun's Church Family

Passion Sunday

Lent 5 Eucharist



Sunday 21st March 2021, 10am

Faith, Hope and Love

Introduction

Today is the fifth Sunday in Lent and it is traditionally called Passion Sunday. It is the time in Lent when we begin to follow Jesus to the Cross - we call this time Passiontide.

The Gathering

The Greeting

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you

Mother Juliet says some words of welcome

Saying sorry - prayers of penitence

We confess to you our selfishness and lack of love:
fill us with your Spirit.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy

We confess to you our fear and failure in sharing our faith:
fill us with your Spirit.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

We confess to you our stubbornness and inability to trust:
fill us with your Spirit.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

We are forgiven

God forgives you.

Forgive others.

Forgive yourself.

Be at peace.

Amen.

The Collect

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world:
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,
that we may know eternal peace
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Liturgy of the Word

The Gospel Reading *John 12: 20-33*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
Glory to you, O Lord.

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. 'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say "Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon *Mother Juliet*

Profession of Faith

**We believe in God, Creator, Mother and Father of us all,
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.
We believe in Jesus, God's Son, Redeemer,
who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with love.
We believe in God, Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from on high.
We believe in one God; Creator, Redeemer and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Prayers

*Today as we focus on the words of Jesus 'unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit'.
Let us pray to God.*



Look at the seed - think about how you might plant this seed – burying it under the ground.

Let us remember those who have died

We especially remember *Carl, Emmanuel, Gloria, Alan* and those who have been taken from us...

Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord

And let light perpetual shine upon them

Look at the seed – think about all it needs to grow.

Let us think about how we need to be nurtured and what we need – and especially we remember all those who have many needs - Fran and family, Claudia, Laurenda, Louisa and Lily, Lamar, Maureen, Karen, Paulette and their families, Catherine and Alfrina and family, Betty, Canon Richard, Martin, Rossy and family, Kevin, Gwen, Pamela, Neil, Debbie, Elaine and family, Clinton, Francis, Cynthia, Diane, Harold, Ivy, Sean, Taneisha, Talabi, Susan, Edith, Vanda, Lorna, Ena and Stephen.

God in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Look at the seed – think about its place in the natural world and all the living things it might impact.

Think about all those in our local community who impact others through their services - those in healthcare, care workers, teachers and all those in education, those who support others through their work and daily lives.

God in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Look at the seed – think about how small it is in your hand.

Think about how we live in our wider world – let us pray for our global neighbours especially remembering the places where it is hard to thrive because of conflict, oppression, climate change and poverty – may we recognise the needs of our globe.

God in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Look at the seed – think about the growth that will happen below the surface as well as the hope of the beautiful flower and the many new seeds which can be planted.

We pray for our worldwide church family and the roots we share with those who live in God's love; and for our own church family of St Swithun's.

God in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Jesus said, 'unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit'.

Merciful God:

**Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

God has called us to live in peace.
The peace of God be always with you.
And also with you.



The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here. **His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.

**You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

**He opened his arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends
he took bread, and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to
them saying: *Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.*

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks,
and said: *Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new
covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins:
do this in remembrance of me.*

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this
sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song of
heaven, saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and
earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**



The Prayer Jesus taught us

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

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.

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

Though we are many, we are one body,

because we all share in one bread.

Agnus Dei

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace

Giving of Communion

God's holy gifts for God's holy people:

Jesus Christ is holy,

Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God.

Communion will be brought to you in one kind. Please stay seated in your place whilst we come to you safely – alternatively a prayer can be said at a physical distance with you as we move around the church. Silence is kept.

Prayer after Communion

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Notices

- Holy Week and Easter Services:

28th March **Palm Sunday 10am**

Palm crosses and the Passion Gospel

1st April **Maundy Thursday 7.30pm**

Celebration of the Eucharist and stripping the altar

2nd April **Good Friday 12noon**

Shortened Good Friday liturgy and private prayer in Church

4th April **Easter Dawn 6am**

Lighting the new fire and the Paschal Candle and Eucharist

Easter Morning 10am

A Eucharist for all ages

- APCM Sunday 25th April 2021 at 11.00 am in church with distance and via Zoom - please send any reports to Mother Juliet asap
- Happy Birthday to all those who have a birthday.

Dismissal and Blessing

The Blessing

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; and the blessing of God, Creator, Word and Spirit, be with you always.

Amen.

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love as you are loved

In the name of Christ. Amen.