

THE SOCIETY OF KING CHARLES THE MARTYR



THE MARTYRDOM OF SAINT CHARLES

Solemn Mass

30th January, 2021 at 12 NOON

at the Parish Church
of All Saints, Margaret Street

SOME LAST WORDS OF THE ROYAL MARTYR

In Westminster Hall at the conclusion of his “trial” and sentence of death on 27th January, 1649 —

“I may speak after the sentence — EVER!”

On the scaffold erected at this place on 30th January, 1649 —

“I die a Christian according to the profession of the Church of England.”

“I have a good Cause and I have a gracious God.”

“I go from a corruptible to an incorruptible Crown.”

“REMEMBER!”

SUNG MASS

INTROIT

All stand as the Choir sings the INTROIT and the Priest approaches the Altar.

LET us rejoice in the Lord, celebrating a festival day in honour of blessed Charles the Martyr: at whose passion the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God. *Ÿ.* Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous: for it becometh well the just to be thankful. Glory be... Let us rejoice...

PRAYERS OF PREPARATION

Standing at the foot of the Altar the Priest says,

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen

He continues saying the LORD'S PRAYER and the COLLECT FOR PURITY and ascends the Altar.

The INTROIT being finished, the Choir sings KYRIE ELEISON and GLORIA IN EXCELSIS.

COLLECT FOR THE QUEEN

The Priest reads the COLLECT FOR THE QUEEN, to which all respond,

All **Amen.**

Then he sings,

All **T**HE Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

COLLECT

Let us pray.

OLORD we offer unto thee all praise and thanks for the glory of Thy grace that shined forth in Thine anointed servant Charles; and we beseech Thee to give us all grace, by a careful studious imitation of this Thy blessed Saint and Martyr, that we may be made worthy to receive benefit by his prayers, which he, in communion with the Church Catholic, offers up unto Thee for that part of it here Militant, through Thy Son, our Blessed Saviour Jesus Christ who liveth and reignest with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

All **Amen.**

All sit.

EPISTLE ✠ *I S. Peter ii. 13-22*

The EPISTLE is read.

GRADUAL

The Choir sings the GRADUAL.

I HAVE found David my servant: with my holy oil have I anointed him. My hand shall hold him fast; and mine arm shall strengthen him. *Ÿ*. The enemy shall not be able to do him violence: the son of wickedness shall not hurt him.

All stand.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried he shall receive the crown of life. Alleluia.

GOSPEL *✠ S. Matthew xxi. 33-41*

Priest **T**HE Lord be with you.
All **And with thy spirit.**

Then the Priest proclaims the GOSPEL.

All sit.

SERMON

CREED

All stand to recite the CREED.

I BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten son of God, Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made: Who for us men, and for our salvation came down from heaven, *ALL GENUFLECT* And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man, And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and dead: Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and giver of life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one Holy Catholick and Apostolick Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Priest sings,

All **T**HE Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Then facing the Altar he says,
Let us pray.

The Choir sings the OFFERTORY as the Priest prepares the Altar.

IN the sight of the unwise he seemed to die and his departure was taken for misery; but he is in peace.

The Priest says,

PRAY BRETHREN: that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Father almighty.
All **The Lord receive the sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of his name, to our benefit also, and that of all his holy Church.**

The Priest says,

MERCIFULLY REGARD, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, this our atoning sacrifice, and give ear to the prayer of the blessed King Charles Thy Martyr; graciously receive it in propitiation for the sins of this Thine household. Through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

All **Amen.**

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH MILITANT

Facing the Altar, the Priest says the PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH MILITANT, which ends,
Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.

All **Amen.**

Then the Priest says,

YE that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways; Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

All kneel.

Then shall this general CONFESSION be made, in the name of all those that are minded to receive the holy Communion, by one of the Ministers; both he and all the people kneeling humbly upon their knees, and saying,

ALMIGHTY GOD, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, judge of all men; We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty, Provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then shall the Priest standing up, and turning himself to the people, pronounce this Absolution:

ALMIGHTY GOD, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him; Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Then shall the Priest say,

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him.

COME unto me all that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *S. Matth. xi. 28*
So God loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *S. John iii. 16*

Hear also what Saint Paul saith.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, That Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Tim. i.15*

Here also what Saint John saith.

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins. *1 S. John ii. 1*

After which the Priest shall face the Altar and say,

THE Lord be with you.
All **And with thy spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

All **It is meet and right so to do.**

PREFACE

IT is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. For in the righteousness of thy saints thou hast given us an ensample of godly living, and in their blessedness the hope of our calling, that being cast about with so great a cloud of witnesses we may run with patience the race that is set before us and with them receive the crown of glory that fadeth not away.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Then the Choir shall sing,

SANCTUS, sanctus, sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth,
Pleni sunt cæli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis.

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.

Then shall the Priest, kneeling down at the Altar, say in the name of all them that shall receive the Communion this Prayer following.

WE do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us.

All **Amen.**

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

The Priest continues with the PRAYER OF CONSECRATION, which ends,

...by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

All **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Then shall the Priest begin the LORD'S PRAYER, saying,

Let us pray.

As our Saviour hath commanded and taught us, we are bold to say:

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.

He then says,

All **T**HE peace of the Lord be always with you.
And with thy spirit.

AGNUS DEI

The Choir sings AGNUS DEI.

The Priest shows the Host to the people saying,

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who taketh away the sins of the world.

Then he says thrice with the faithful:

All **L**ORD, I am not worthy that thou shouldest enter under my roof;
but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.

The Choir sings the COMMUNION ANTIPHON.

THE people stood up, and the rulers took counsel together: against the Lord,
and against his Anointed.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

After the ablutions, the Priest sings,

THE Lord be with you.
All **And with thy spirit.**

All stand.

Then he sings the POST COMMUNION PRAYER.

MAY the bread of heaven which we have eaten imbue us, O Lord, with the spirit of fortitude: for this was the bread which gave blessed King Charles the Martyr strength to fight victoriously for Thy Church. Through Christ Our Lord.

All **Amen.**

He says,

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLIVING GOD, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us, who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of the most precious death and passion of thy dear Son. And we most humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end.

All **Amen.**

Then the Priest shall let them depart with this BLESSING:

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his son Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

“I may speak after the sentence — EVER.”

NO religious ceremony was permitted (The Bishop of London, Dr Juxon, who was present, was forbidden to read a single prayer) when the Royal Martyr’s body was interred in the choir of St George’s Chapel, Windsor Castle, on 9th February, 1649. But a sudden fall of snow, which occurred as the coffin was borne from St George’s Hall, the Hall of the Knights of the Garter in the Castle, out into the Chapel, spread as it were a white pall over the coffin. Thus the White King, so named because he had worn white robes instead of the usual purple at his Coronation on 2nd February, 1626, when also he had taken the oath to defend the Church of England, now went white to his burial. He who had been named “*Rex Candidatus*” had now joined “*Martyrum candidatus exercitus.*”

RESTORATION OF CHURCH & KING

IMMEDIATELY upon the Restoration of the Church and King on 19th May, 1660, the Convocations of Canterbury and York now being free to assemble and act, the Church of England canonised King Charles and added his name to the Kalendar of Saints at the revision of the Book of Common Prayer. It came into use with the authority of Church and State in 1662, so since that time parish churches have been, and continue to be, built and dedicated under the name and patronage of King Charles the Martyr.

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THOSE who love “our own, our royal Saint” should join The Society of King Charles the Martyr.

The principal objects of the Society are —

Intercessory prayer for the Church of England and for Churches in communion therewith; the promotion of due religious observance of 30th January, the day of the martyrdom of King Charles, as a feast day of the Church; the propagation of the truth about the life and times of the Martyr King, and the great debt owed him by the Church of England.