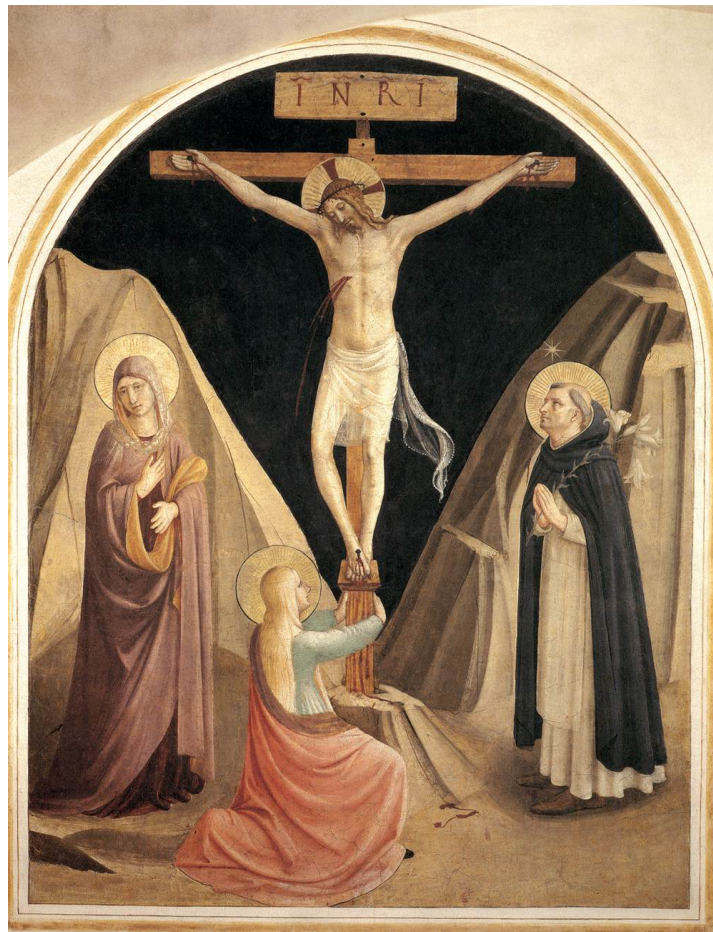


All Saints' Margaret Street

THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM



GOOD FRIDAY

Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

29th March 2024

3pm

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please stand for the entrance, in silence, of the choir and Sacred Ministers. The ministers lie prostrate before the altar for a time. All kneel.

THE COLLECT

Let us pray.

Almighty God, we beseech thee graciously to behold this thy family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed, and given up into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the cross, who now liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

All sit.

THE FIRST 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.

A period of silence follows the reading.

The choir sings **PSALM 22.1-11**

1. My God, my God, look upon me; why hast thou forsaken me :
and art so far from my health, and from the words of my complaint?
2. O my God, I cry in the day-time, but thou hearest not :
and in the night-season also I take no rest.
3. And thou continuest holy :
O thou worship of Israel.
4. Our fathers hoped in thee :
they trusted in thee, and thou didst deliver them.
5. They called upon thee, and were holpen :
they put their trust in thee, and were not confounded.
6. But as for me, I am a worm, and no man :
a very scorn of men, and the out-cast of the people.
7. All they that see me laugh me to scorn :
they shoot out their lips, and shake their heads, saying,
8. He trusted in God, that he would deliver him :
let him deliver him, if he will have him.
9. But thou art he that took me out of my mother's womb :
thou wast my hope, when I hanged yet upon my mother's breasts.
10. I have been left unto thee ever since I was born :
thou art my God even from my mother's womb.
11. O go not from me, for trouble is hard at hand :
and there is none to help me.

THE SECOND 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.

A period of silence follows the reading.

The choir sings **THE ANTIPHON** *Philippians 2.8*

Christ became obedient for us unto death, even the death of the Cross; wherefore God also hath highly exalted him and given him a name which is above every name.

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN

All join the clergy, servers and cantors in kneeling briefly after the words 'gave up the ghost.'

THE SERMON

Fr. David Houlding

THE SOLEMN INTERCESSIONS

For Holy Church: Dearly beloved brethren, let us pray for the holy Church of God; that the Lord our God may vouchsafe to preserve her throughout all the world in unity, peace, and safety; making subject unto her all principalities and powers; and that he may grant unto us to dwell in such quiet and tranquillity, that we may duly show forth the glory of God the Father Almighty.

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast in Christ made manifest thy glory unto all mankind: we beseech thee that thou wouldest preserve those things which of thy mercy thou hast created; that thy Church being spread abroad through the world may steadfastly abide in the confession of thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

For all Orders and Estates of the Faithful: Let us pray likewise for Jonathan our Bishop; Sarah, Bishop of London; all Bishops, Priests and Deacons and for all the elect people of God.

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before thee for all estates of men in thy holy Church; that, every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may truly and godly serve thee; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

For Catechumens: Let us pray likewise for all them that are Catechumens: that the Lord our God may open the ears of their hearts that they may enter in at the gate of

his mercy; that by the washing of regeneration they may obtain remission of all their sins, and be found faithful servants of Christ Jesus our Lord.

Almighty and everlasting God, who dost ever increase thy Church with the abundance of a new generation: we beseech thee, that thou wouldest multiply in faith and understanding them that are being taught in thy holy word; that being born again in the water of Baptism, they may be numbered among the sons of thine adoption; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

For the Unity of Christians: Let us pray likewise for all them that are in heresy and schism: that the Lord our God may deliver them from all false doctrines, and vouchsafe to restore them to their holy mother the Catholic and Apostolic Church.

Almighty and everlasting God, who wouldest not that any should perish, but rather that they should be saved: we beseech thee mercifully to look upon the hearts of them which have gone astray; that they may be delivered from their error and restored to the way of truth and to the unity of thy holy Church; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

For the Jewish people: Let us pray likewise for the Jewish people, to whom the Lord our God spoke first, that he may grant them to advance in love of his Name and in faithfulness to his covenant.

Almighty and everlasting God, who didst bestow thy promises on Abraham and his descendants: graciously hear the prayers of thy Church; that the people whom thou didst first make thine own may attain the fulness of redemption; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

For them that believe not in Christ: Let us pray likewise for them that believe not in our Lord Jesus Christ, that, enlightened by the Holy Spirit, they also may enter on the way of salvation.

Almighty and everlasting God, grant to them that do not confess Christ: that, walking before thee in sincerity of heart they may find the truth; and that we thy servants, being constant in mutual love, and striving to understand more fully the mystery of thy life, may be more perfect witnesses to thy love in the world; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

For them that believe not in God: Let us pray also for those who do not acknowledge God, that following what is right in sincerity of heart they may find the way to God himself.

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast created all men to seek thee always by desiring thee, and by finding thee, come to rest: grant, we beseech thee; that despite every harmful obstacle, all may recognise the signs of thy fatherly love and the witness of the good works done by those who believe in thee, that so in gladness

they may confess thee, the true God and Father of mankind; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

For all Governors and Rulers: Let us pray for all who bear rule over the nations, and for all in any office and authority therein: that the Lord our God would direct their hearts and minds according to his will to the preservation of our perpetual peace.

Almighty and everlasting God, in whose hand is the dominion of all things, and the governance of all peoples: look down in mercy upon those who are set in authority over us; that by the protection of thy right hand, both freedom of religion and the safety of the nations may everywhere stand unshaken; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

For the Needs of the Faithful: Dearly beloved brethren, let us pray likewise to God the Father Almighty, that he would vouchsafe to cleanse the world from all false doctrine: to deliver it from pestilence and famine; to set free them that are in captivity; granting unto pilgrims a safe return; to the sick healing; and to them that travel to attain unto the haven that they desire.

Almighty and everlasting God, the comforter of them that mourn, the strength of them that travail: we beseech thee to hear the prayers of them that in any necessity make their supplications unto thee; that in all their troubles and adversities they may rejoice in the present succour of thy loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

The choir sings **THE RESPONSORY**

Lo, we have seen him without form or comeliness: his look is gone from him. He hath borne our sins and mourneth for us: but he was wounded for our transgressions; with his stripes we are healed.

Surely he hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows: with his stripes we are healed.

Lo, we have seen him without form or comeliness: his look is gone from him. He hath borne our sins and mourneth for us: but he was wounded for our transgressions; with his stripes we are healed.

THE ADORATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

All stand and face the Cross as it enters through the church door. We genuflect at each station.

Behold the wood of the Cross, on which hung the salvation of the world. **Come, let us adore.** [*Three times*]

After the procession has reached the Chancel step, all kneel. All are invited to venerate the Cross by genuflecting and kissing the feet of Christ.

The choir sings **THE REPROACHES**

O my people, what have I done to thee, or wherein have I wearied thee? Answer me.

Because I brought thee out of the land of Egypt: thou hast prepared a Cross for thy Saviour.

Hagios o Theos.	<i>Holy God.</i>
Hagios Ischyros.	<i>Holy and mighty.</i>
Hagios Athanatos, eleison imas.	<i>Holy and Immortal, have mercy upon us.</i>

Because I led thee through the desert for forty years, and fed thee with manna; and brought thee into a land exceeding good: thou hast prepared a Cross for thy Saviour.

What could I have done more for thee than I have not done? I planted thee, my choicest vine: and thou hast become exceeding bitter unto me: for when I was thirsty thou gavest me no water to drink and pierced with a spear the side of thy Saviour.

For thy sake, I scourged Egypt with its first-born: and thou didst deliver me to be scourged.

I brought thee out of Egypt, drowning Pharaoh in the Red Sea: and thou didst deliver me to the chief priests.

I opened the sea before thee: and thou openedst my side with a spear.

I gave thee a royal sceptre: and thou gavest my head a crown of thorns.

I exalted thee with great power: and thou didst lift me up upon the gibbet of the Cross.

G. P. da Palestrina 1525-1594

The choir sings **THE ANTIPHON**

We venerate thy Cross, O Lord: and we praise and glorify thy holy resurrection: for behold, by the tree, joy hath come into the whole world.

God be merciful unto us and bless us: and shew us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us.

The choir sings **CRUX FIDELIS**

*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.*

Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle,
Sing the last, the dread affray;
O'er the Cross, the Victor's trophy,
Sound the high triumphal lay,
How, the pains of death enduring,
Earth's Redeemer won the day.

He, our Maker, deeply grieving
That the first-made Adam fell,
When he ate the fruit forbidden,
Whose reward was death and hell,
Marked e'en then this Tree the ruin
Of the first tree to dispel.

Thus the work for our salvation
He ordainèd to be done;
To the traitor's art opposing
Art yet deeper than his own;
Thence the remedy procuring
Whence the fatal wound begun.

Therefore, when at length the fullness
Of the appointed time was come,
He was sent, the World's Creator,
From the Father's heavenly home,
And was found in human fashion,
Offspring of the Virgin's womb.
Lo! He lies, an Infant weeping,
Where the narrow manger stands,
While the Mother-Maid his members
Wraps in mean and lowly bands,
And the swaddling clothes is winding
Round his helpless feet and hands.

Praise and honour to the Father,
Praise and honour to the Son,
Praise and honour to the Spirit,
Ever Three and ever One,
One in might, and One in glory,
While eternal ages run. Amen.

Venantius Fortunatus 530-609
G. P. da Palestrina 1525-1594

THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All kneel. The Blessed Sacrament, reserved at the Altar of Repose since last night's Mass of the Lord's Supper, after the Mass of Maundy Thursday, is brought to the High Altar.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Behold 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 that thou shouldst come under my roof, but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.

Holy Communion is distributed at two stations: at the High Altar; and the Lady Altar, which involves no steps, and where gluten-free hosts are available.

The choir sings **THE MOTET** *Isaiah 57*

Behold how the righteous man dies and no one understands. Righteous men are taken away and no one considers: the righteous man has been taken away from present iniquity and his memory shall be in peace. As a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he opened not his mouth: he was taken from prison and from judgement. And his memory shall be in peace.

Jacob Händl 1550-1591

All sing **THE COMMUNION HYMN**

NEH 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 through 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?

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
ROCKINGHAM *adapted by Edward Miller 1731-1807*

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God, who by the blessed Passion and Death of thy Christ hast redeemed us: preserve in us the work of thy mercy; that as we have partaken of these holy mysteries, so we may ever live in devotion to thy service; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Priest prays over the people:

O Almighty God, we beseech thee to send abundant blessing upon thy people, who hath honoured the Death of thy Son in the hope of their resurrection: may pardon come, comfort be bestowed, holy faith increase, and the hope of redemption everlasting be made steadfast; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

After genuflecting to the Cross, all depart in silence.