

Worship Resources Sheet for Passion Sunday, 29th March 2020

It will be helpful if you have with you a bible, a small cross and a candle.

Music recordings are by our new Director of Music, Ann Hubble. There may also be recordings of readings and the sermon as well as the written documents available online.

As you settle down to worship at home you might like to listen to 'Improvisation in C# minor' by Gabriel Faure

Gathering

*Gathering song: **Jesus Stand among us***

Jesus, stand among us
At the meeting of our lives;
Be our sweet agreement
At the meeting of our eyes.
O Jesus, we love You, so we gather here;
Join our hearts in unity and take away our fear.

So to You we're gathering
Out of each and every land;
Christ the love between us
At the joining of our hands.
O Jesus, we love You, so we gather here;
Join our hearts in unity and take away our fear.

Jesus, stand among us
At the breaking of the bread;
Join us as one body
As we worship you our head.
O Jesus, we love You, so we gather here;
Join our hearts in unity and take away our fear.

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Pray for all those gathered at this time in different places

Prayers for Lighting a candle

We light this candle to remind us that the love of God is like a light in our darkness.

Blessed be God for ever.

We praise you heavenly Father,
for brothers and sisters in Christ, joining from home to worship you at this hour.

Blessed be God for ever.

We praise you loving God,
That while we were still sinners, Christ died for us

Blessed be God for ever.

Prayers of Penitence

Pausing to reflect, you might use this prayer

Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour,
in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love
and marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light.
Amen.

And then this prayer of confidence that we are absolved from our sin if we are true in our repentance

May the Father of all mercies
cleanse us from our sins,
and restore us in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Collect for Passion Sunday

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

Liturgy of the Word,

The readings for today are:

Ezekiel 37.1-14

John 11:1-45

You can hear them or read them from the weekly readings sheet

*Between the readings you might like to listen (and sing) to **Praise to the holiest in the height***

1 Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise:
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.

2 O loving wisdom of our God!
When all was sin and shame,
a second Adam to the fight
and to the rescue came.

3 O wisest love! that flesh and blood,
which did in Adam fail,
should strive afresh against the foe,
should strive and should prevail;

4 And that a higher gift than grace
should flesh and blood refine,
God's presence and his very self,
and essence all-divine.

5 And in the garden secretly,
and on the cross on high,
should teach his brethren, and inspire
to suffer and to die.

6 Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise:
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.

J.H. Newman

Sermon

This can be read or heard

Prayers of Intercession

Make your own intercessions to God remembering

- *The life of the Church at this time of separation;*
- *Families who are forced apart by the corona virus;*
- *Those who fear the loss of jobs at this time;*
- *Those who are suffering from other natural and human disasters;*
- *Those sick and those who care for them;*
- *Those who are lonely.*

Merciful God,
we entrust to your tender care
those who are ill or in pain,
knowing that whenever danger threatens
your everlasting arms are there to hold them safe.
Comfort and heal them,
and restore them to health and strength;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

*At this point you might like to listen to **Stabat Mater Dolorosa** by Pergolesi*

Spiritual Communion

Hymn of Peace:

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love the way you love,
and do what you would do.

2 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until my will is one with yours,
to do and to endure.

3 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.

4 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
so shall I never die,
but live with you the perfect life
for all eternity.

The Eucharistic prayer that will be used at the parish celebration in the vicarage is prayer E. You may prefer to omit this and continue with the Lord's prayer and the Prayer for Spiritual Communion.

The Lord is here.

All His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and just,
our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
For as the time of his passion and resurrection draws
near the whole world is called to acknowledge his
hidden majesty.

The power of the life-giving cross
reveals the judgement that has come upon the world
and the triumph of Christ crucified.
He is the victim who dies no more,
the Lamb once slain, who lives for ever,
our advocate in heaven to plead our cause,
exalting us there to join with angels and archangels,
for ever praising you and *saying*:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died
he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of
me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of
salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

After this time of reflection, say the Lord's prayer

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

O Lord Jesus Christ,
since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
I pray that you would come spiritually to my soul.
Come Lord Jesus,
come and cleanse me, heal me, strengthen me,
and unite me to yourself,
now and for evermore. **Amen**

*Listen to or sing the **Agnus Dei***

Lamb of God, O Jesus Christ, take away our sins,
and have mercy on us all, and have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, O Jesus Christ, take away our sins,
and have mercy on us all, and have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, O Jesus Christ, take away our sins,
Grant us peace, O grant us peace,
grant us peace for ever.

Closing prayers

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.

Prayer of Blessing

May Christ crucified draw us to himself,
to find in him a sure ground for faith,
a firm support for hope,
and the assurance of sins forgiven;
and may the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among us and remain with us,
and all those who we love and pray for, this
day and always. **Amen.**

Hymn

1 All for Jesus! all for Jesus!
This our song shall ever be:
for we have no hope nor Saviour,
If we have not hope in thee.

2 All for Jesus! thou wilt give us
strength to serve thee hour by hour;
none can move us from your presence
while we trust your grace and power.

3 All for Jesus! thou hast loved us,
all for Jesus! thou hast died,
all for Jesus! thou art with us,
all for Jesus glorified!

4 All for Jesus, all for Jesus,
all our talents and our powers,
all our thoughts and words and actions,
all our passing days and hours.

5 All for Jesus, all for Jesus!
This the Church's song shall be
till at last the flock is gathered,
one in love, and one in thee.