

**Sunday, March 28, 2021– Christ’s Church Cathedral**  
**A SERVICE OF EVENING PRAYER FOR**  
**THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION**

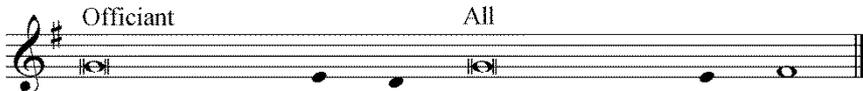
*We mark the Passion narrative of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in this evening’s service of prayer. Central in this observance is the telling of the Passion story stretching from Jesus’ arrest to his being laid in the Tomb. It is sung with different voices taking on the various characters, including the Bass voice for Jesus.*

**Words of Welcome**

**Sentence** – Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest

**Music** – Kyrie, Gott heiliger Geist BWV 674 (Johann Sebastian Bach)

**Introductory responses**



The image shows a musical staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The staff contains two measures of music. The first measure is marked 'Officiant' and contains a whole note G4. The second measure is marked 'All' and contains a whole note G4. Below the staff, the lyrics are: 'Light and peace in Christ Jesus our hope Thanks be to God'. The lyrics are aligned with the notes: 'Light and peace in Christ Jesus our' under the first note, 'hope' under the second note, 'Thanks be' under the first note of the second measure, and 'to God' under the second note of the second measure.

Blessed are you, God of our salvation,  
to you be glory and praise for ever.  
As we behold your Son, enthroned on the cross,  
stir up in us the fire of your love,  
so that we may be cleansed from all our sins  
and walk with you in newness of life,  
singing the praises of him who died  
for us and for our salvation.



**Psalm 103** *Benedic, anima mea*

*The psalms are prayers that Jesus used and cover every mood of humanity's relationship with God and one another. Sung by all as introduced by the cantor.*



O GOD you are full of compassion and **mer-cy**,\*  
slow to anger and of great **kindness**.

You will not always ac-**cuse** us,\*  
nor will you keep your anger for-**ever**.

You have not dealt with us according **to** our sins\*,  
nor rewarded us according to our wi-**ckedness**.

For as the heavens are high a-**bove** the earth,\*  
so is your mercy great upon those who **fear** you.

As far as the east is **from** the west,\*  
so far have you re-moved our sins from **us**.

As parents care for their **child**-dren,\*  
so do you care for those who **love** you.

As for you yourself know whereof **we** are made;\*  
you remember that we are but **dust**.

Our days are **like** the grass;\*  
we flourish like a flower of the **field**;

When the wind goes over it, **it** is gone,\*  
and its place shall know it no **more**.

But your merciful goodness endures for ever on those who **fear** you,\*  
and your righteousness on children's **children**;

On those who keep your **co**-venant,\*  
and remember your commandments and **do** them.

Glory to God, Source of all **being**, eternal Word and Holy **Spi**-rit  
as it was in the be-**ginning**, is now and will be forever. **A**-men.

# Word

## The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (Brad Barnham, Anne Kae, evangelists; Jeremy Ludwig, Christus; J Lefebvre, tenor)

### The Responsory

*The cantor sings the refrain, and then all repeat.*

You stretched out your arms on the hard wood of the cross  
that the whole world may come with - in your reach.

How splendid this cross of Christ! It brings life, not death  
Light, not darkness, fulfillment, without loss  
By means of the cross, Christ unites all people  
and brings them back to God.

**You stretched out your arms.....**

Our mothers bear us for pain and for death,  
our true mother, Jesus, bears us for joy and endless life.  
In the greatness of your mercy, we are loosed from our chains,  
The sins of all people are forgiven.

**You stretched out your arms.....**

You overcame the sting of death:  
And opened the kingdom to all believers  
and when you come in your glory,  
Make us to be one with you and to share the life of your kingdom.

**You stretched out your arms.....**

# The Song of Mary

*(sung by all)*



My soul proclaims the greatness of the **Lord**;  
My spirit rejoices in **God** my saviour  
For you Lord have looked with **favour**  
on your **lowly** servant.

From this day all generations will called me **blessed**  
You, the Almighty, have done great things for me and holy **is** your name  
You have mercy on those who **fear** you:  
From generation to **generation**.

You have shown strength with your **arm**  
And scattered the proud in **their** conceit.

Casting down the mighty from their **thrones**  
And lifting **up** the lowly.  
You have filled the hungry with good **things**  
And sent the rich **away** empty.

You have come to the aid of your servant **Israel**  
To remember the **promise** of mercy  
The promise you made to our **forebears**  
To Abraham, Sarah and their **children** for ever.

Glory to the Father and to the **Son**; and to the **Holy** Spirit  
As it was in the beginning, is **now**, and will be for **ever**. Amen.

## Affirmation of Faith

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

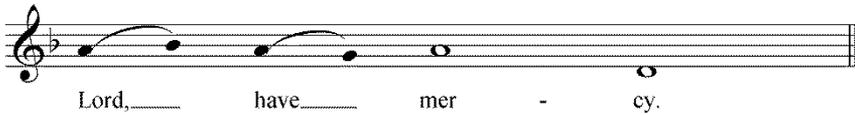
**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

## The Litany

**Response** *(The cantor sings the refrain, and then all repeat.)*



### **Lord, have mercy**

Let us pray to our redeemer who suffered for us on the cross, was buried, and rose from the dead.

### **Lord, have mercy**

Lord and master, for us you became obedient even to death: keep us faithful to God's will in the darkness of our lives.

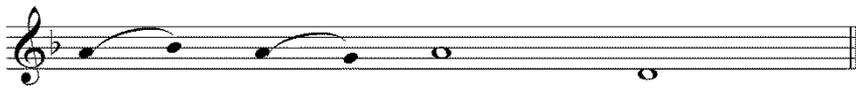
### **Lord, have mercy**

Jesus, our life,  
by dying on the cross you destroyed hell and death

### **Lord, have mercy**

Grant that we may die with you  
and rise with you in glory

### **Lord, have mercy**



Lord,\_\_\_\_\_ have\_\_\_\_\_ mer - cy.

Christ our king, you were the scorn of the people,  
a worm not a man: teach us to tread your path of humility  
**Lord, have mercy**

Jesus, our hope, you stretched out your hands on the cross  
to embrace all ages of humanity:  
gather all God's scattered children into the kingdom of salvation.  
**Lord, have mercy**

### Collect

*The collect is the prayer appointed for each Sunday that “collects” or captures the theme of the day or season of the Church year. It summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the scriptures for the day.*

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God,  
in tender love for all our human race you sent your Son  
our Saviour Jesus Christ to take our flesh  
and suffer death upon a cruel cross.  
May we follow the example of his great humility,  
and share in the glory of his resurrection;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

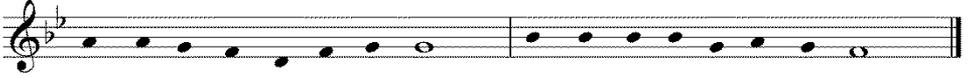


## Hymn



To you be - fore the close of day,  
Save us from trou - bled, rest - less sleep;  
A heal - thy life we ask of you:  
Al - migh - ty Fa - ther, hear our cry

Cre - a - tor of all things, we pray  
from all ill dreams your chil - dren keep.  
the fire of love in us re - new,  
through Je - sus Christ, our Lord most high,



that, in your sav - ing con - stan - cy,  
So calm our minds that fears may cease  
and when the dawn new light will bring,  
whom with the Spi - rit we a - dore

our guard and kee - per you would be.  
and rest - ed bod - ies wake in peace.  
your praise and glo - ry we shall sing.  
for - ev - er and for - ev - er - more.

## The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

May Christ who bore our sins on the cross, set us free to serve with him in joy.  
**Amen.**