

Tuesday, March 30, 2021– Christ’s Church Cathedral
A SERVICE OF EVENING PRAYER FOR
TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

Holy Week is a time of quiet reflection and prayer. We find ourselves in a sacred space between the triumphant entrance into Jerusalem as celebrated in the Palm Sunday liturgy and the start of the Triduum with the commemoration of the Last Supper in the Upper Room on Maundy Thursday. It is appropriate therefore that we mark these steps to the Triduum with word and music. The Lectionary reveals a lighter side today for which the Music at the start seeks to support. The aria comes from Handel’s The Messiah which he himself said came to him in a “white heat of inspiration”.

May this piece of music prepare us for worship. Our prayer is that you will be blessed by this liturgy and that it will further bring you to a transformative encounter with God.

Officiant: The Dean; *Cantor:* John Janisse; *Organ:* Michael Bloss

Words of Welcome

Music – But thou didst not leave (Messiah) G.F. Handel

He was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgressions of Thy people was He stricken.
(Isaiah 53: 8)

But Thou didst not leave His soul in hell; nor didst Thou suffer Thy Holy One to see corruption.
(Psalm 16: 10)

Sentence – *Anyone who serves me must follow me, says the Lord, and where I am, there shall my servant be also.* John 12.26

Introductory responses

After gathering in silence, the assembly stands

Officiant All

Cast your burden up - on God Who will sus - tain you.



Rise up, O judge of **the** world;*
give the arrogant their just des-erts.

How long shall the wicked, **O** God,*
how long shall the wicked **triumph**.

They bluster in their **in**-solence;*
all evildoers are full of **boasting**.

They crush your people, **O** God,*
and afflict your chosen **nation**.

They murder the widow and the **stran**-ger*
and put the orphans to **death**.

Yet they say, "God **does** not see,*
the Holy One takes no **notice**".

Consider well, you dullards among the **peo**-ple;*
when will you fools under-**stand**.

God made our ears, does **God** not hear?*

God formed our eyes, does God not **see**?

God admonishes the nations, will God **not** punish?*

God teaches all the world, has God no **knowledge**.

God knows our **hu**-man thoughts;*
how like a puff of wind they **are**.

They are happy whom you instruct, **O** God!*

whom you teach out of your **law**;



To give them rest in **e**-vil days,*
until a pit is dug for the **wicked**.

For you, O God, will not abandon your **peo**-ple,*
nor will you forsake your **own**.

For judgement will a-**gain** be just,*
and all the true of heart will fol-**low** it.

Who rose up for me against the **wi**-cked?*

who took my part against the evil-**doers**.

If God had not come **to** my help,*
I should soon have dwelt in the land of **silence**.

As often as I said, "My **foot** has slipped,"*
your love, O God, up-**held** me.

When many cares **fill** my mind,*
your consolations fill **my** soul.

Can a corrupt tribunal have any **part** with you,*
one which frames evil into **law**?

They conspire against the life **of** the just*
and condemn the innocent to **death**.

But the Most High has become my **strong**-hold,*
and my God the rock of my **trust**.

God will turn their wickedness back upon them
and destroy them in their own **ma**-lice;*
our sovereign God will de-**stroy** them.

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

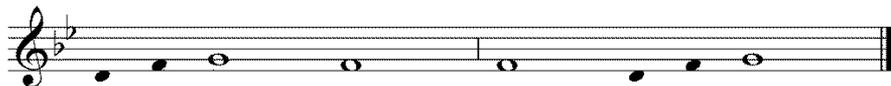


Sure - ly he has borne our griefs; he has car - ried our sor - rows.

We had all strayed like sheep,
but the Lord has laid on him the guilt of us all
Surely he has borne our griefs; he has carried our sorrows.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit.
Surely he has borne our griefs; he has carried our sorrows.

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 call 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

Hear, O Israel,
the Lord our God, the Lord is one.

Love the Lord your God
with all your heart,
with all your soul,
with all your mind,
and with all your strength.

This is the first and the great commandment.

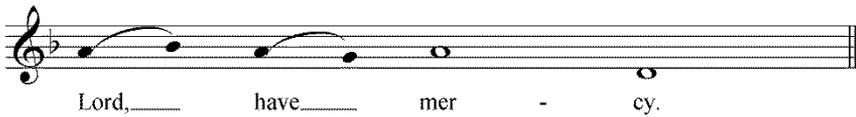
The second is like it:

Love your neighbour as yourself.

There is no commandment greater than these.

The Litany

Response *(sung by the assembly)*



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

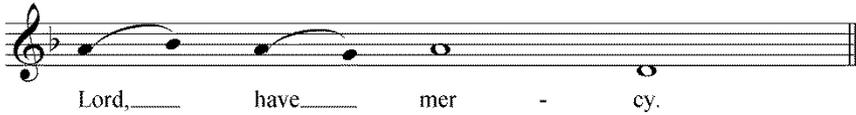
Lord, have mercy

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



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.

O God, by the passion of your blessed Son,
you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life.
May our lives be so transformed by his passion that we may witness to his grace;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Nunc Dimittis

(sung by all)



LORD, NOW you let your servant go **in** peace;*
your word has **been** fulfilled.

My own eyes have seen the **salvation** *
which you have prepared in the sight of **ev'ry** people;

A light to reveal you to the **nations** *
and the glory of your **people** Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy **Spirit**: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. **A-men.**

The Lord's Prayer

Standing at the foot of the cross
and gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Hymn – I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

TEXT: Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)

MUSIC: English traditional melody adapted by Ralph Vaughan-Williams. KINGSFOLD



I__ heard the voice of Je - sus say, "come un - to me__ and rest; lay_
I__ heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold I free - ly give the_
I__ heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I__ am this dark world's light; look
down, thou wear - y one, lay down thy__ head up - on__ my breast." I__
liv - ing wa - ter, thirs - ty one, stoop down and drink and live." I__
un - to me, thy morn shall rise, and__ all thy day__ be bright." I__
came to Je - sus as I was, so__ wear - y__ worn and sad; I__
came to Je - sus as I drank of__ that life__ giv - ing stream; my__
looked to Je - sus and I found in__ him my__ star, my sun; and__
found in him__ a__ rest - ing place and he has made me glad.
thirst was quenched, my__ soul re - vived, and now I live__ in him.
in that light__ of__ life I'll walk till__ travel - ling days__ are done.

The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord

Thanks be to God

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

Amen.

Organ: Ciacona in e

Dietrich Buxtehude

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