

**Sunday, April 5, 2020– Christ’s Church Cathedral**  
**A SERVICE OF EVENING PRAYER FOR**  
**THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION**

*Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. It is through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed as the people of God. One of the glories of the Episcopal Church is its liturgical worship. Liturgy refers to the patterns, forms, words, and actions through which public worship is conducted. The people’s responses are in bold. This type of note, offering directions about the service is called a “rubric,” which comes from the Latin word rubrica (red)—referring to a time when these instructional notes were always written in red.*

*When the service is accompanied by music, it often begins with an instrumental piece of music, during which the congregation can prepare for worship.*

**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**

Officiant All

Light and peace in Christ Jesus our hope Thanks be to God

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.

Officiant All

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Blessed be God for - ever.

Officiant All

Holy, immortal one have mercy up - on us.

All

A - - - - - men.

## Hymn – Prepare the Royal Highway

*Sung by the assembly*

Pre- pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!\_\_\_ Let  
God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: your own e - ter - nal king!\_\_\_ Palm  
Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!\_\_\_ Your  
His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.\_\_\_ His

ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!\_\_\_ Then  
bran - ches strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!\_\_\_ God's  
king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.\_\_\_ All  
rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.\_\_\_ So

greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry: Ho -  
pro - mise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail\_\_\_ you!  
lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:  
let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so\_\_\_ a - bound - ing:

san - na to\_\_\_ the\_\_\_ Lord,\_\_\_ for he ful - fills God's word!\_\_\_

**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.

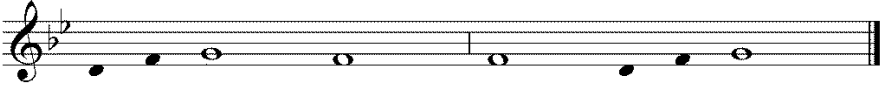
**You stretched out your arms.....**

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.

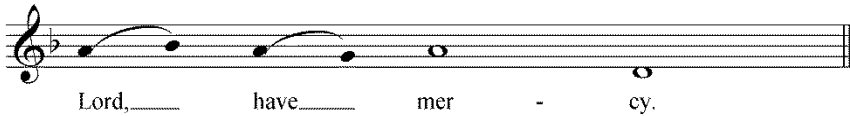
Glory to the Father and to the **Son**; and to the **Holy Spirit**  
As it was in the beginning, is **now**, and will be for **ever**. Amen.

## Affirmation of Faith

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 *(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.

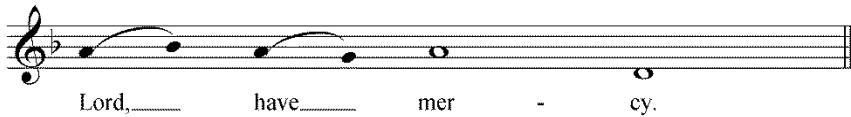
### Lord, have mercy

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



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**

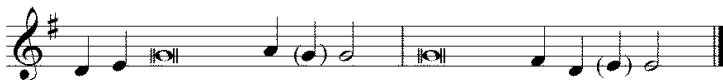
## Collect

*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.*

Sovereign God, you have established your rule over the human heart, not by force but by the servant example of Jesus Christ. Move us by your Spirit to join the joyful procession of those who confess Christ Jesus with their tongues and praise him with their lives. **Amen.**

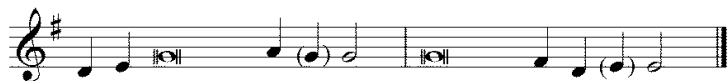
## Nunc Dimittis

*(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



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.**