



***The Holy Eucharist***  
***The Fifth Sunday of Lent***  
***Passion Sunday***

*Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March*  
*at 11.15am*

*President: The Revd Canon Ivor Moody*  
*Preacher: The Revd Canon Kate Moore*

**Welcome to Chelmsford Cathedral.** Everything you need for this celebration is in this booklet. Please ensure that your mobile phone is switched off and keep your belongings with you.

**Music.** The mass is sung to the Missa Brevis by Lennox Berkeley (1903-1989). The choir is conducted by Thomas Corns, the Interim Director of Music. The organ is played by Samuel Bristow, the Assistant Director of Music.

**Receiving communion.** All who have been baptised are invited to receive Holy Communion or to receive a blessing as is your custom. Baptised children who receive communion must do so with their adult carer. Please come in two single files down the centre of the nave to one of the communion stations, and hold out your hands to receive the consecrated bread. **Please do not intinct** (dip) the wafer into the consecrated wine. To receive a blessing please bow your head. Gluten-free wafers are also available; please speak to one of the stewards on duty.

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**Music before the service**

Crucifixus (Mass in b minor BWV 232)

*JS Bach (1685-1750)  
arr. Samuel Bristow*

# The Gathering

Before the service begins, the congregation is welcomed. Please stand to sing

## Hymn

GONFALON ROYAL

Percy Buck 1871-1947



The royal banners forward go;  
the cross shines forth in mystic glow;  
where he the Life, did death endure  
and by that death did life procure.

There while he hung, his sacred side  
by soldier's spear was opened wide,  
to cleanse us in the precious flood  
of water mingled with his blood.

Fulfilled is all his words foretold;  
then spread the banners, and unfold  
love's crowning power, that all may see  
he reigns and triumphs from the tree.

O tree of grace, the conquering sign,  
which dost in royal purple shine,  
Gone is thy shame; for, lo, each bough  
proclaims the prince of glory now.

Father of all, life's source and spring,  
may every soul thy praises sing;  
may those obey the rule of heaven,  
for whom the perfect life was given. Amen.

*Venantius Fortunatus (530-609) tr J M Neale (1818-1866) & Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)*

## The Greeting

*President* In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

*All* **Amen.**

*All* The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

## The Prayers of Penitence

*Deacon* God shows his love for us  
in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.  
Let us then show our love for him  
by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

*All* **Most merciful God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned  
in thought, word and deed.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
In your mercy forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be;  
that we may do justly, love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God.  
Amen.**

*The Choir sings the Kyrie eleison.*

## Kyrie eleison

Kyrie eleison.  
Christe eleison,  
Kyrie eleison.

*Lord have mercy,  
Christ, have mercy,  
Lord have mercy.*

*Music: Missa Brevis by Lennox Berkeley (1903-1989)*

*President* Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

## **The Collect**

*President* Let us pray.

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.



A - men.

*Please be seated*

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

**The First Reading**  
*Jeremiah 31:31-34*

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took

them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt – a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, ‘Know the Lord’, for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

This is the word of the Lord.

*All*           **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 51:1-13**

1. Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness;  
    In your great compassion blot out my offences.
2. Wash me through and through from my wickedness;  
    And cleanse me from my sin.
3. For I know my transgressions,  
    and my sin is ever before me.
4. Against you only have I sinned  
    and done what is evil in your sight.
5. And so you are justified in your words  
    and righteous in your judgement.
6. Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth,  
    a sinner from my mother’s womb.
7. For behold, you look for truth deep within me,  
    and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
8. Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure;  
    wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
9. Make me hear of joy and gladness,  
    that the bones you have broken may rejoice.
10. Hide your face from my sins  
    and blot out all my iniquities.
11. Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
    and renew a right spirit within me.

12. Cast me not away from your presence  
and take not your holy Spirit from me.
13. Give me again the joy of your salvation  
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

**The Second Reading**  
*Hebrews 5:5-10*

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, 'You are my Son, today I have begotten you'; as he says also in another place, 'You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.' 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, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

This is the word of the Lord.

*All*        **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

**Gospel Acclamation**



*Choir*        Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

*All*        **Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

Christ humbled himself and became obedient unto death,  
even death on a cross.

Therefore God has highly exalted him  
and given him the name that is above every name.

*All*        **Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

## The Gospel Reading

John 12:20-33

Deacon The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to John.



Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, ‘Sir, we wish to see Jesus.’ Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, ‘The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. ‘Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say - “Father, save me from this hour”? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.’ Then a voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’ The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, ‘An angel has spoken to him.’ Jesus answered, ‘This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.’ He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



*Please be seated*



## The Sermon

*The Revd Canon Kate Moore*

*Please stand*

### The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit  
and the Virgin Mary and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

*President* Let us bring to the Father our prayers of intercession  
through Christ who gave himself for the life of the world.

*The congregation sits or kneels.*

*At the end of the prayers the intercessor may say*

*All* Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers, for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*At the end of the intercessions, please stand.*

## ***The Liturgy of the Sacrament***

### **The Peace**

*President* Since we are justified by faith,  
we have peace through God through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has given us access to his grace.

*All* The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

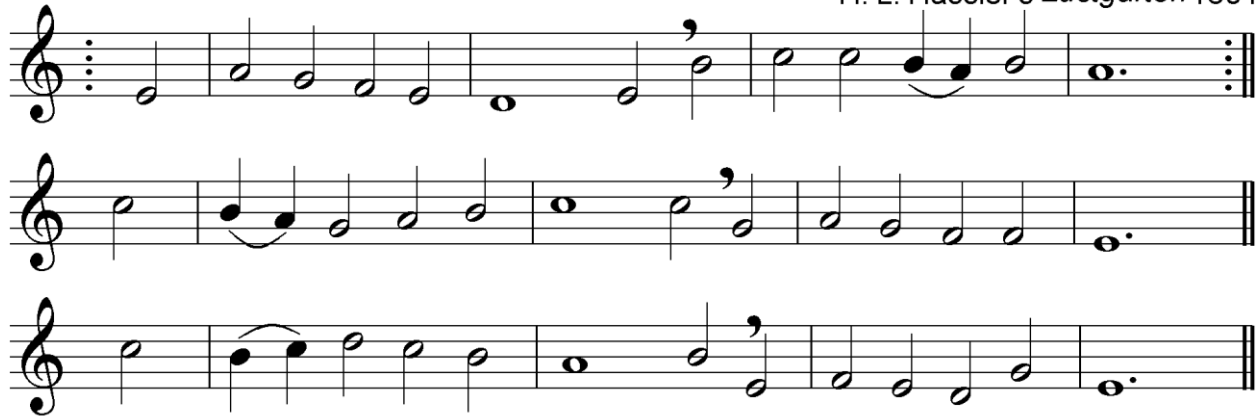
*Deacon* Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*We remain standing to sing the offertory hymn.*

## Hymn (NEH 90)

PASSION CHORALE

Traditional secular melody in  
H. L. Hassler's *Lustgarten* 1601



1 O sacred head, sore wounded,  
defiled and put to scorn;  
O kingly head, surrounded  
with mocking crown of thorn:  
what sorrow mars thy grandeur?  
Can death thy bloom deflower?  
O countenance whose splendour  
the hosts of heaven adore!

2 I pray thee, Jesus, own me,  
me, shepherd good, for thine;  
who to thy fold hast won me,  
and fed with truth divine.  
Me guilty, me refuse not,  
incline thy face to me,  
this comfort that I lose not,  
on earth to comfort thee.

3 In thy most bitter passion  
my heart to share doth cry,  
with thee for my salvation  
upon the cross to die.  
Ah, keep my heart thus movèd  
to stand thy cross beneath,  
to mourn thee, well-belovèd,  
yet thank thee for thy death.

4 My days are few, O fail not,  
with thine immortal power,  
to hold me that I quail not  
in death's most fearful hour:  
that I may fight befriended,  
and see in my last strife  
to me thine arms extended  
upon the cross of life.

*Paulus Gerhardt (1607-1676) tr R S Bridges (1844-1930)*

*Please remain standing.*

## The Eucharistic Prayer



The Lord be with you *R:* And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. *R:* We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *R:* It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy,  
at all times and in all places  
to give you thanks and praise,  
holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

And now we give you thanks  
because, for our salvation,  
he was obedient even to death on the cross.  
The tree of shame was made the tree of glory;  
and where life was lost, there life has been restored.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and singing:

*The choir sings the Sanctus and Benedictus*

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus,  
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.  
Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.  
Hosanna in excelsis.

Benedictus qui venit  
in nomine Domini.  
Hosanna in excelsis.

*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.*

*Music: Missa Brevis by Lennox Berkeley (1903-1989)*

All glory be to you, our heavenly Father,  
who, in your tender mercy,  
gave your only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ  
to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption;  
who made there by his one oblation of himself once offered  
a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice,  
oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world;  
he instituted, and in his holy gospel  
commanded us to continue,  
a perpetual memory of his precious death  
until he comes again.

Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray,  
and grant that, by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
we receiving these gifts of your creation,  
this bread and this wine,  
according to your Son  
our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution,  
in remembrance of his death and passion,  
may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood;  
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
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.

*Deacon* Jesus Christ is Lord  
*All* **Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free.  
You are the Saviour of the world.**

Therefore, Lord and heavenly Father,  
in remembrance of the precious death and passion,  
the mighty resurrection and glorious ascension  
of your dear Son Jesus Christ,  
we offer you through him this  
our sacrifice of praise  
and thanksgiving.

Grant that by his merits and death,  
and through faith in his blood,  
we and all your Church may receive forgiveness of our sins  
and all other benefits of his passion.

Although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins,  
to offer you any sacrifice,  
yet we pray that you will accept this  
the duty and service that we owe.

Do not weigh our merits, but pardon our offences,  
and fill us all who share in this holy communion  
with your grace and heavenly blessing;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever.

*All* **Amen.**

*Please sit or kneel*

## The Lord's Prayer

*President* Let us pray with confidence in the words our Saviour gave us

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

## Breaking of the Bread

*President* We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

*All* **Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

*The choir sings the Agnus Dei*

## Agnus Dei

Agnus Dei,  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.

*Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.*

Agnus Dei,  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.

*Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.*

Agnus Dei,  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
dona nobis pacem.

*Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us peace.*

*Music: Missa Brevis by Lennox Berkeley (1903-1989)*

## The Giving of Communion

*President* Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

*All* **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*To indicate if you wish to receive Communion, please hold out your hands. If you simply wish to receive a blessing, please keep your head bowed.*

### Motet

*Salvator mundi, salva nos,  
qui per crucem et sanguinem redemisti  
nos; auxiliare nobis te deprecamur,  
Deus noster.*

*Saviour of the world, save us:  
you who have redeemed us by your  
cross and blood; our God, we beseech  
you to come to our aid.*

*Words: Salvator mundi*

*Music: Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)*

*We remain sitting for the communion hymn.*

### Hymn (NEH 294)

SAFFRON WALDEN

Arthur Henry Brown 1830-1926



Just as I am, without one plea  
but that thy blood was shed for me,  
and that thou bidst me come to thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about  
with many a conflict, many a doubt,  
fightings within and fears without,  
O Lamb of God, I come.



Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;  
sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
Yea, all I need, in thee to find,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive,  
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve:  
because thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am (thy love unknown  
has broken every barrier down),  
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, of that free love  
the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,  
here for a season, then above,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

*Charlotte Elliott (1789-1871)*

## **Prayer after Communion**

*President* Let us pray.

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.

*All* **Amen.**

*All* **Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory.  
Amen.**

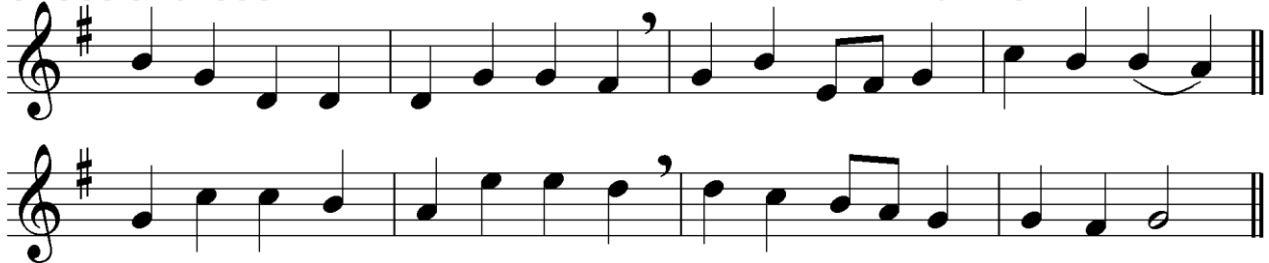
# The Dismissal

Please stand

Hymn

CROSS OF JESUS

John Stainer 1840-1901



Cross of Jesus, cross of sorrow,  
where the blood of Christ was shed,  
perfect man on thee did suffer,  
perfect God on thee has bled!

Here the King of all the ages,  
throned in light ere worlds could be,  
robed in mortal flesh is dying,  
crucified by sin for me.

O mysterious condescending!  
O abandonment sublime!  
Very God himself is bearing  
all the sufferings of time!

Cross of Jesus, cross of sorrow,  
where the blood of Christ was shed,  
perfect man on thee did suffer,  
perfect God on thee has bled!

W. J. Sparrow-Simpson (1859-1952)


## The Blessing

*The president blesses the people*

Christ crucified draw you to himself,  
to find in him a sure ground for faith,  
a firm support for hope,  
and the assurance of sins forgiven;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

All

Deacon   
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All   
In the name of Christ. A - men.

## Organ Voluntary

Prelude in b minor BWV 544

*J S Bach (1685-1750)*

*Please remain standing as the ministers depart.*

## Music Notes

Taken from Bach's Mass in b minor, the text for this movement describes Christ's death on the cross for mankind under Pontius Pilate. The cantata, *Weinen, Klagen, Sorgen, Zagen* BWV 12 is used as source material for this chromatically descending passacaglia. A true sense of anguish underpins the writing, through the employment of harsh melodic leaps and frequent dissonance.

Today's final voluntary, the magnificent Prelude in b minor BWV 544, stands at the pinnacle of Bach's exploration of this musical form, dating from approximately 1730. The Prelude opens with anguished harmony sounding above a B pedal, with captivating on- and off- beat shifts, such that the natural accents shift. The expansive initial exposition weaves a complex and winding musical tapestry, pausing for a moment as the section concludes. The episodes in between these larger sections are contrasting in scale: often manuals only and scalic, yet retaining the reverential affect of the composition.

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	8.15am: Eucharist
	10.30am: Thursdays only Said Eucharist
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