

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY'S PULBOROUGH



GOOD FRIDAY
Commemoration of the Lord's
Suffering and Death

12noon 29th March, 2024

Celebrant & Preacher: Bishop John Ford

Organist: Michael Pioli

Reading: Christine Lindsay

*This Liturgy begins in silence. When the altar party enter please
kneel or sit*

All stand when Bishop John stands to pray:

The Collect

Almighty Father,
look with mercy on this your family
for which our Lord Jesus Christ was content to be betrayed
and given up into the hands of sinners
and to suffer death upon the cross;
who is alive and glorified with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please sit

The Reading: Hebrews 4. 14-16; 5. 7-9

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Gradual Hymn: NEH 90 v1, 4 and 5
***O Haupt voll Blut und Wunden* Paulus Gerhardt (1607-1676)**
attributed after Arnuf von Loewen (1200-1250) translated
Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930)

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!**

4 **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.**

5 **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.**

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Please remain standing or sit if necessary. The story of Christ's suffering and death are now told according to John. Candles and formal responses are not used for this reading.

Please stand

During the following hymn Fr Paul and acolytes leave the sanctuary to collect the crucifix for veneration.

- 1** **How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss -
The Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.**

- 2** **Behold the man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life -
I know that it is finished.**

- 3** **I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer;
But this I know with all my heart -
His wounds have paid my ransom.**

The Proclamation of the Cross

*The crucifix is unveiled and carried through the church.
Fr Paul stops three times and invites the people to reverence the
crucifix repeating the following words after him:*

This is the wood of the cross, on which our Redeemer hung.
Come, come let us adore.
Come, come let us adore the Saviour of the world.

*(Each time these words are used the congregation is invited to bow
the head as a sign of reverence)*

**This is the wood of the cross, on which our Redeemer hung.
Come, come let us adore.
Come, come let us adore the Saviour of the world.**

*When the crucifix is in place in front of the altar the congregation is
invited to kneel or sit and then come forward to venerate or to
remain in their seats and venerate from afar. Following this the
crucifix is placed on the altar with candles either side. During the
veneration the following chant and hymn are sung:*

O&N 931

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom
(Repeated)

NEH 95

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

**1 When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of Glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.**

- 2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
save in the death of Christ my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.**
- 3 See from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingling down:
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?**
- 4 His dying crimson like a robe,
spreads o'er his body on the Tree'
then am I dead to all the globe,
and all the globe is dead to me.**
- 5 Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.**

Please sit or kneel

The Intercessions

These general intercessions which follow comprise a bidding and a time of silence which ends with a collect.

Bishop John introduces the prayers

God sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Therefore we pray to our heavenly Father for people everywhere according to their needs.

Parish Reader

Let us pray for the Church of God throughout the world:
for unity in faith, in witness and in service,
for bishops and other ministers, and those whom they serve,
for Martin, our bishop, and the people of this diocese,
for all Christians in this place,
for those to be baptized,
for those who are mocked and persecuted for their faith,
that God will confirm his Church in faith,
increase it in love, and preserve it in peace.

Silence is kept.

Bishop John:

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church
is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Parish Reader

Let us pray for the nations of the world and their leaders:
for Charles our King and the Parliaments of this land,
for those who administer the law and all who serve in public office,
for all who strive for justice and reconciliation,
that by God's help the world may live in peace and freedom.

Silence is kept.

Bishop John:

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Most gracious God and Father,
in whose will is our peace,
turn our hearts and the hearts of all to yourself,
that by the power of your Spirit
the peace which is founded on justice
may be established throughout the world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Parish Reader

Let us pray for God's ancient people, the Jews,
the first to hear his word:
for greater understanding between Christian and Jew,
for the removal of our blindness and bitterness of heart,
that God will grant us grace to be faithful to his covenant
and to grow in the love of his name.

Silence is kept.

Bishop John:

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Lord God of Abraham,
bless the children of your covenant, both Jew and Christian;
take from us all blindness and bitterness of heart,
and hasten the coming of your kingdom,
when the Gentiles shall be gathered in,
all Israel shall be saved,
and we shall dwell together in mutual love and peace
under the one God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Parish Reader

Let us pray for those who do not believe the gospel of Christ:
for those who have not heard the message of salvation,
for all who have lost faith, for the contemptuous and scornful,
for those who are enemies of Christ and persecute those who
follow him,
for all who deny the faith of Christ crucified,
that God will open their hearts to the truth
and lead them to faith and obedience.

Silence is kept.

Bishop John:

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Merciful God,
creator of all the people of the earth,
have compassion on all who do not know you,
and by the preaching of your gospel with grace and power,
gather them into the one fold of the one Shepherd;
Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Parish Reader

Let us pray for all those who suffer:
for those who are deprived and oppressed,
for all who are sick,
for those in darkness, in doubt and in despair, in loneliness and in
fear, for prisoners, captives and refugees,
for the victims of false accusations and violence,
for all at the point of death and those who watch beside them,
that God in his mercy will sustain them
with the knowledge of his love.

Silence is kept.

Bishop John

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Almighty and everlasting God,
the comfort of the sad, the strength of those who suffer:
hear the prayers of your children who cry out of any trouble,
and to every distressed soul grant mercy, relief and refreshment,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Parish Reader

Let us commend ourselves and all God's children to his unfailing
love, and pray for the grace of a holy life,
that, with all who have died in the peace of Christ,
we may come to the fullness of eternal life
and the joy of the resurrection.

Silence is kept.

Bishop John:

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light,
look favourably on your whole Church,
that wonderful and sacred mystery,
and by the tranquil operation of your perpetual providence
carry out the work of our salvation:
and let the whole world feel and see
that things which were cast down are being raised up
and things which had grown old are being made new
and that all things are returning to perfection
through him from whom they took their origin,
even Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

The Communion

The Sacrament is now brought in silence from the Altar of Repose

Bishop John says;

Standing at the foot of cross, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

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

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

Post-Communion Hymn: NEH 93 vv1-3 and 5

**1 Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
*Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble,
tremble.*
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?**

- 2 **Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
*Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble,
tremble.*
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?**
- 3 **Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
*Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble,
tremble.*
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?**
- 4 **Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
*Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble,
tremble.*
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?**

The Conclusion

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. **Amen**

The Liturgy ends in silence