

The Season of Passiontide



Order of Service

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Introduction to the Season

It is still uncertain when Christians first began to make an annual (as opposed to a weekly) memorial of the death and resurrection of Christ. This *Pascha* (a word derived indirectly from *pesach*, Hebrew 'Passover') was at first a night-long vigil, followed by the celebration of the Eucharist at cock-crow, and all the great themes of redemption were included within it: incarnation, suffering, death, resurrection, glorification. Over time, the *Pascha* developed into the articulated structure of Holy Week and Easter. Through participation in the whole sequence of services, the Christian shares in Christ's own journey, from the triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday to the empty tomb on Easter morning. The procession with palms, which was already observed in Jerusalem in the fourth century, is accompanied by the reading or singing of the Passion Narrative, in which the whole story of the week is anticipated. Maundy Thursday (from *mandatum*, 'commandment', because of the use of John 13.34 in the Antiphon) contains a rich complex of themes: humble Christian service expressed through Christ's washing of his disciples' feet, the institution of the Eucharist, the perfection of Christ's loving obedience through the agony of Gethsemane. After keeping vigil ('Could you not watch with me one hour?') Thursday passes into Good Friday with its two characteristic episodes. The veneration of the Cross is older; the sequence of meditations and music known as the Three Hours' Devotion was introduced into the Church of England in the nineteenth century. The first is now sometimes incorporated into the structure of the second. It is a widespread custom for there not to be a celebration of the Eucharist on Good Friday, but for the consecrated bread and wine remaining from the Maundy Thursday Eucharist to be given in communion. The church remains stripped of all decoration. It continues bare and empty through the following day, which is a day without a liturgy: there can be no adequate way of recalling the being dead of the Son of God, other than silence and desolation. But within the silence there grows a sense of peace and completion, and then rising excitement as the Easter Vigil draws near. This solemn season preserves some of the oldest texts still in current use, and rehearses the deepest and most fundamental Christian memories. At the same time, the services and ceremonies of Holy Week have in the course of Christian history been the occasion of, or have actively encouraged, hostility towards the Jews. The '*Ioudaioi*' of St John's Gospel have all too easily been identified with 'the Jews' as a whole, or more specifically those Jews who were neighbours of a Christian church. This places a double responsibility on those who lead the keeping of Holy Week today: to be faithful to the act of collective memory, but also to be sensitive to the ways in which an unreflecting use of traditional texts (like the Reproaches) can perpetuate a strain of Christian anti-Semitism.



The Liturgy for Passtiontide

When the bell rings please stand

A hymn may be announced or music may be played as the procession enter

Priest In the name of the + Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
All Amen.

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

All **Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

Priest Christ himself carried up our sins in his body to the tree, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds we have been healed. *1 Peter 2.24*
Let us confess our sins.



silence is kept for reflection and personal confession

**All Father eternal,
giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,
in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love,
and marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed,
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past;
and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light. Amen.**

Kyrie may be said or sung

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

Priest 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 bring you to life eternal,
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All AMEN

The Collect

Priest Let us pray

The priest says/sings the collect for the day

All AMEN

Sit for the first readings

Each reading ends with the words

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

A hymn or song may be announced

Gospel Acclamation

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.

Philippians 2.8,9

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

The Gospel

Minister The Lord be with you



All **And also with you.**

Minister Hear the + Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N.*

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

We listen attentively to the Gospel reading

Minister This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sit

SERMON



The Nicene Creed

On Sundays and Principal Holy Days an authorized translation of the Nicene Creed is used

**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 *sit, kneel or stand before God*

This form or another form may be used

Minister Let us pray to the Father through his Son
who suffered on the cross for the world's redemption.
Fill with your Spirit Christ's broken body, the Church ...
Give to Christian people everywhere a deep longing
to take up the cross and to understand its mysterious glory.
By the Saviour's cross and passion,
Lord, save us and help us.

Bless those who lead the Church's worship
at this solemn time ...
In the preaching of the word and the celebration
of the sacraments draw your people close to you.
By the Saviour's cross and passion,
Lord, save us and help us.

Strengthen those [among us] who are preparing for baptism,
together with their teachers, sponsors and families ...
Teach them what it means to die and rise with Christ
and prepare them to receive the breath of his Spirit.
By the Saviour's cross and passion,
Lord, save us and help us.

Look in your mercy upon the world you loved so much
that you sent your Son to suffer and to die ...
Strengthen those who work to share
the reconciliation won at such a cost upon the cross.
By the Saviour's cross and passion,
Lord, save us and help us.

Bring healing by the wounds of Christ
to all who are weighed down by pain and injustice ...
Help the lonely and the betrayed, the suffering and the dying,
to find strength in the companionship of Jesus,
and in his passion to know their salvation.
By the Saviour's cross and passion,
Lord, save us and help us.

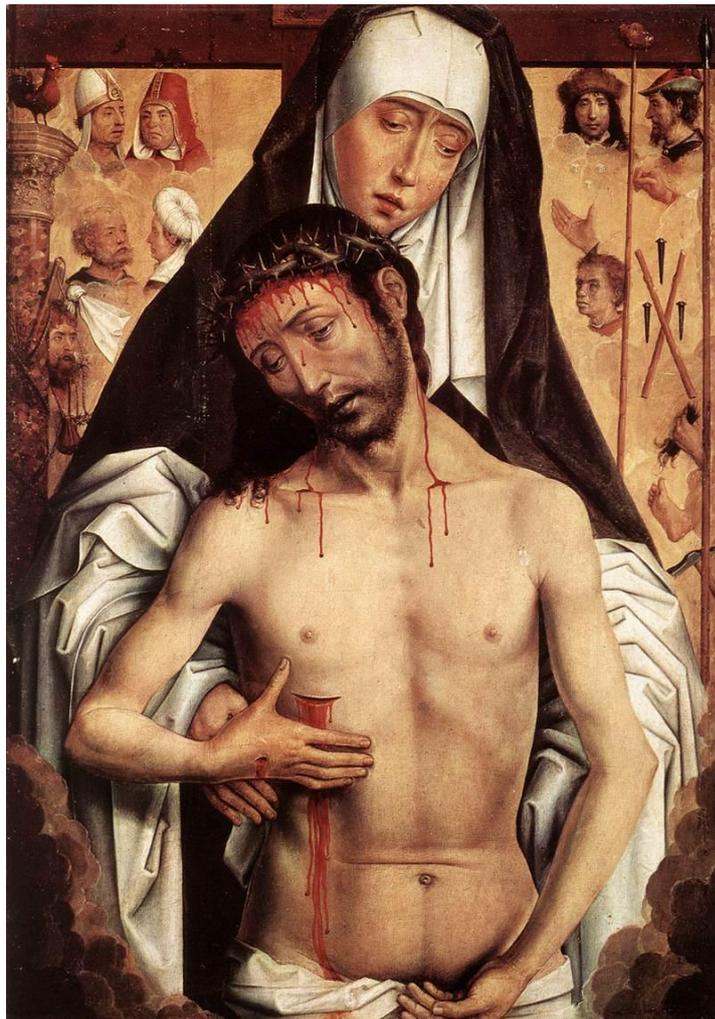
Welcome into paradise all who have left this world
in your friendship ...

According to your promises,
bring them with all your saints
to share in all the benefits of Christ's death and resurrection.
By the Saviour's cross and passion,
Lord, save us and help us.

Let us pray for ourselves, our hopes and needs, our joys and
our anxieties.....

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
St Matthew and all the saints, we commend ourselves and all
people to your unfailing love.

Merciful father,
Accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.



Stand

The Peace

Priest Once we were far off, but now in union with Christ Jesus we have been brought near through the shedding of Christ's blood, for he is our peace. *Ephesians 2.13,14*

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

Minister Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace,



Preparation of the Table

During the preparation we sing the hymn

Priest Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

**All All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.**

Jesus, true vine and bread of life,
ever giving yourself that the world might live,
let us share your death and passion:
make us perfect in your love.
Amen.



The Eucharistic Prayer

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

 Lift up your hearts
All **We lift them to the Lord**

 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
All **It is right to give thanks and praise**

It is indeed right and just,
our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
For as the time of his passion and resurrection draws near
the whole world is called to acknowledge his hidden majesty.
The power of the life-giving cross
reveals the judgement that has come upon the world
and the triumph of Christ crucified.

He is the victim who dies no more,

the Lamb once slain, who lives for ever,
our advocate in heaven to plead our cause,
exalting us there to join with angels and archangels,
for ever praising you and *saying/singing*:

All say **Holy holy holy Lord**
God of power and might
Heaven and earth are full of your glory
Hosanna in the highest

All say **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord**
Hosannas in the highest



Priest Lord, you are holy indeed,
the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the + body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

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.*

Minister Great is the mystery of faith:

**All say Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

Priest And so, Father,
calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins
of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and
one cup, so that we, in the company
of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
St Matthew and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
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



Sit or kneel for a moment of silent adoration

The Lord's Prayer

Priest As our Saviour taught us so we pray

**All 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.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

Priest 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.**

As the bread is broken the we sing "Lamb of God".

Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world have mercy on us
Bread of life you take away the sin of the world have mercy on us
Saving God you take away the sin of the world have mercy on us
Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world Grant us your peace

Priest 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.**

Communion Antiphon is said

If you normally receive Holy Communion in your Church you are welcome to do so here at St Matthew's.

Please come to the communion rail. Please hold your hands out clearly in front of you.

If you do not want to receive Holy Communion please come forward and keep your head bowed to receive a blessing.



Music is used as an aid to prayer during communion and the clearing of the altar

silence is held

Prayer after Communion

Priest Let us pray

the post communion prayer is said

**All Father of all, we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off you met us
in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace,
and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hymn & any notices are given out

The Blessing and Dismissal

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

Let us bow our heads and pray for God's blessing

One of these blessing is used

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 ...

May the Father,
who so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
bring you by faith to his eternal life.
Amen.

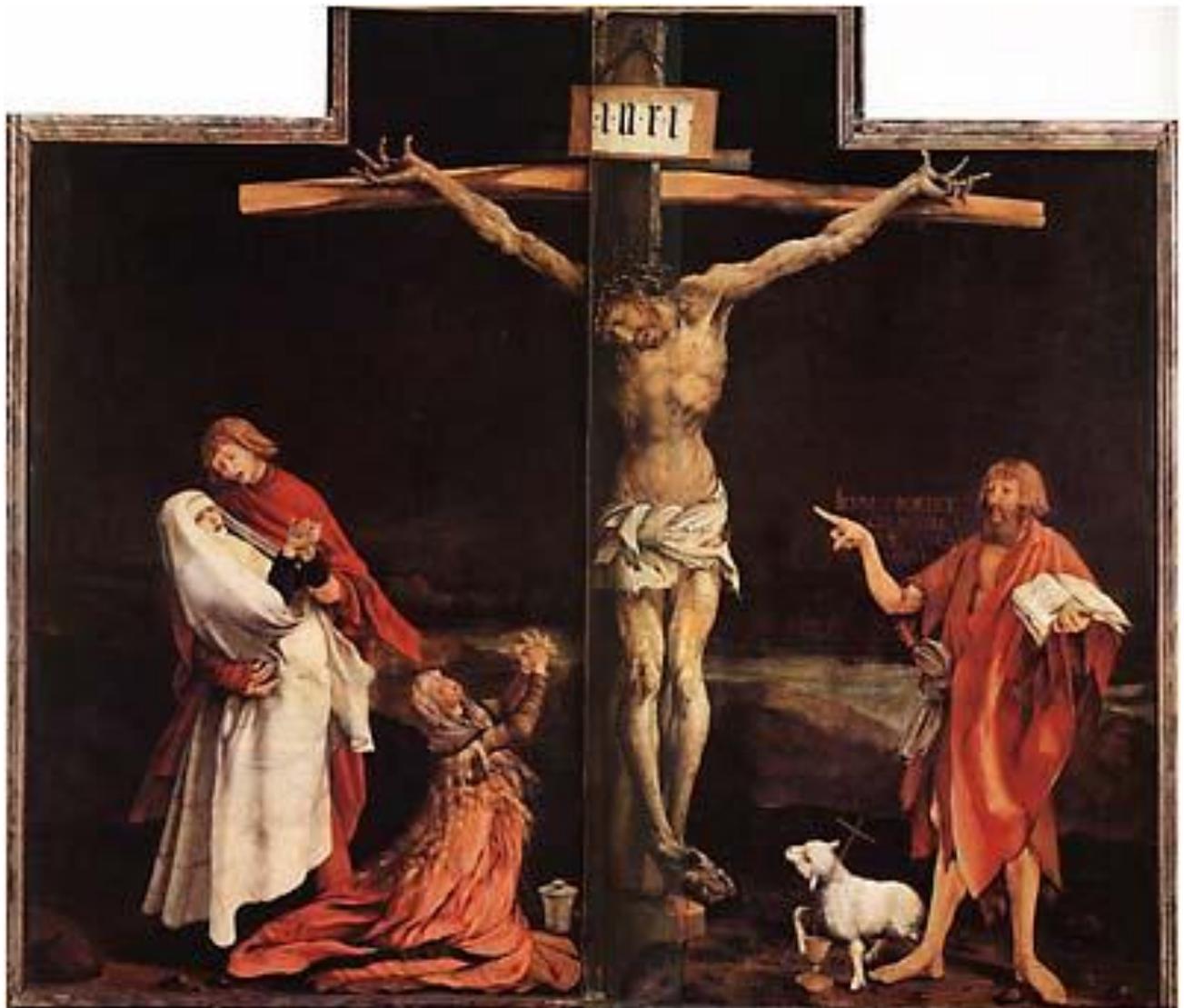
May Christ,
who accepted the cup of sacrifice
in obedience to the Father's will,
keep you steadfast as you walk with him the way of his cross.
Amen.

May the Spirit,
who strengthens us to suffer with Christ
that we may share his glory,
set your minds on life and peace.
Amen.

And the blessing...

All Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Music may be played as the ministers depart, on Sundays you are invited to join us for a cup of coffee and say hello to other people



A Litany for Lent

God the Father, **have mercy upon us.**
God the Son, **have mercy upon us.**
God the Holy Spirit, **have mercy upon us.**
Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, **have mercy upon us.**

From all evil and mischief; from pride, vanity, and hypocrisy;
from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all evil intent,
good Lord, deliver us.

From sloth, worldliness and love of money; from hardness of heart
and contempt for your word and your laws,
good Lord, deliver us.

From sins of body and mind; from the deceits of the world, the flesh and the devil,

good Lord, deliver us.

In all times of sorrow; in all times of joy; in the hour of death, and at the day of judgement,

good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your birth, childhood and obedience; by your baptism, fasting and temptation,

good Lord, deliver us.

By your ministry in word and work; by your mighty acts of power; and by your preaching of the kingdom,

good Lord, deliver us.

By your agony and trial; by your cross and passion; and by your precious death and burial,

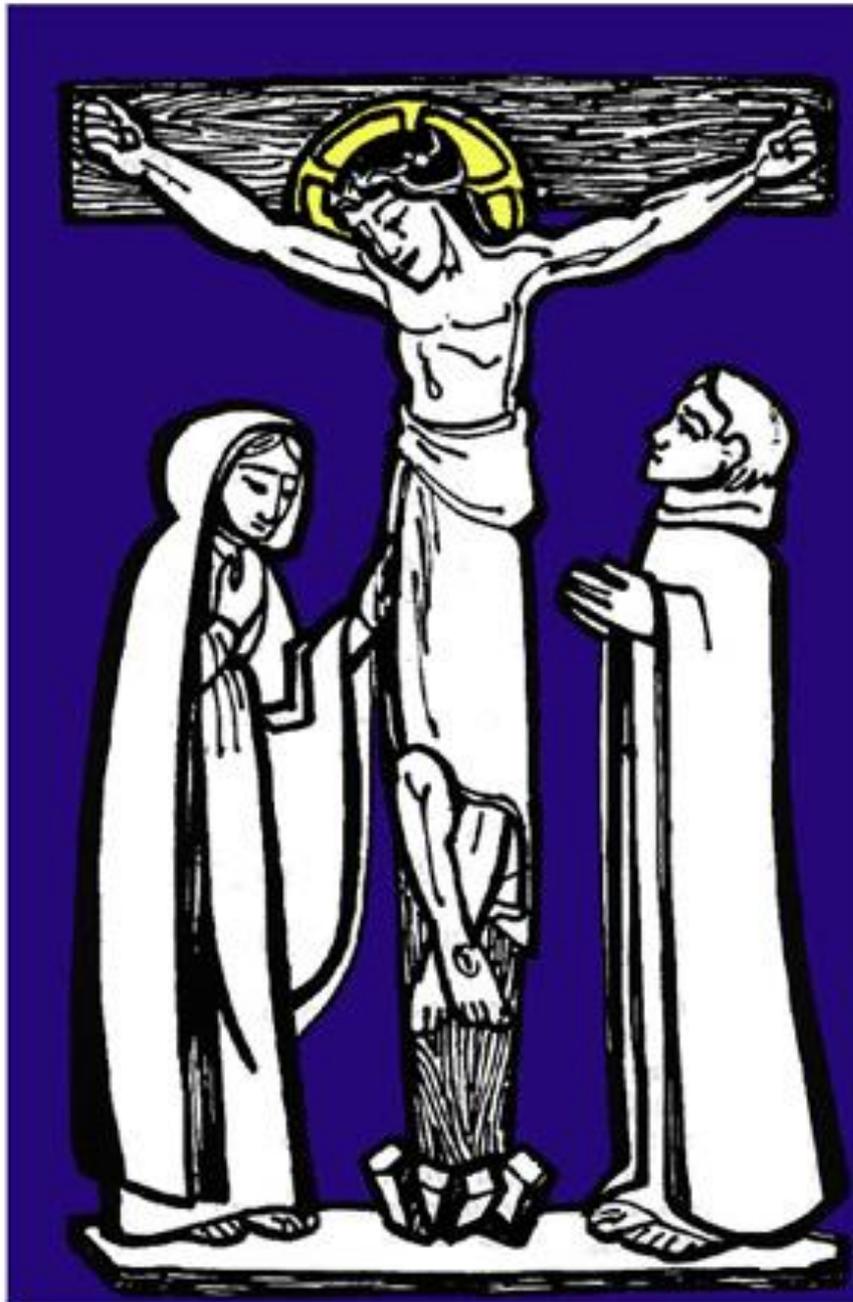
good Lord, deliver us.

By your mighty resurrection; by your glorious ascension; and by your sending of the Holy Spirit,

good Lord, deliver us.

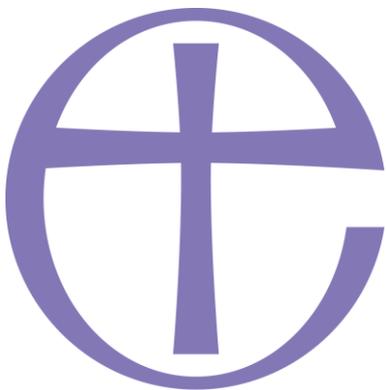
Give us true repentance;
forgive us our sins of negligence and ignorance
and our deliberate sins;
and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit
to amend our lives according to your holy word.

**Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.**



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