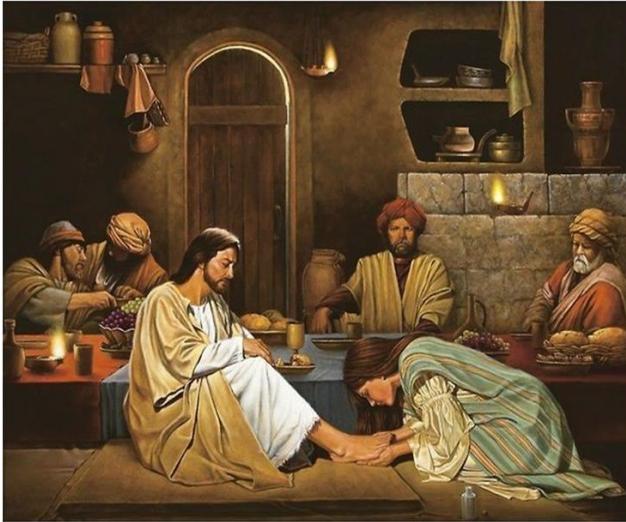


The Parish Church of St Matthew
Northampton

Monday of Holy Week



The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume

Mass with homily

Monday 29th March 2021

7.30 pm



A Corporate Preparation for Mass

After a period of silent recollection ...

All I will go to the altar of God
to the God of my joy and gladness.

Give judgement for me, O God,
and defend my cause against an ungodly people:
deliver me from the deceitful and the wicked.
All **For you are the God of my refuge;**
why have you cast me from you,
and why go I so heavily, while the enemy oppresses me?

O send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me:
and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.
All **That I may go to the altar of God,**
to the God of my joy and gladness;
and on the lyre I will give thanks to you, O God my God.

Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul,
and why are you so disquieted within me?
All **O put your trust in God;**
for I will yet give him thanks,
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

I will go to the altar of God.
All **To the God of my joy and gladness.**

From Psalms 42 and 43

The altar is revered

Order of Service

¶ The Gathering

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

Contend, O Lord, with my contenders; fight those who fight me.
Take up shield and buckler, arise to my defence, Lord, and help me.

The Greeting

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

The Mass is introduced

Invitation to Confession

O God, you are my helper and deliverer;
make haste to help me; O Lord, do not tarry.
By the shedding of his own blood,
Christ has secured an eternal redemption for us.
So in penitence for our sins let us turn to serve the living God.

Confession

All **Lord God,**
we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore us to the joy of your salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Kyries

Lord Jesus, you are the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world:

Kyrie eleison.

All Kyrie eleison.

You yourself bore our sins in your own body on the tree:

Christe eleison.

All Christe eleison.

And by your wounds we are healed:

Kyrie eleison.

All Kyrie eleison.

Absolution

May the Father † forgive you your sins
by the death of his Son
and strengthen you to live in the power of the Spirit
all your days.

All Amen.

The Collect

Let us pray.

God, our hope,
look upon us in your compassion,
for we grow faint through human weakness.
Make us draw new breath by the suffering
and victory of your Only-Begotten Son,
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

All Amen.

¶ The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Isaiah 42.1-9

Reader A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.
Thus says God, the Lord,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,
to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
I am the Lord, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.
See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 36.5-11

Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens
and your faithfulness to the clouds.
Your righteousness stands like the strong mountains,
your justice like the great deep;
you, Lord, shall save both man and beast.

All With you, O God, is the well of life.

How precious is your loving mercy, O God!
All mortal flesh shall take refuge
under the shadow of your wings.

All With you, O God, is the well of life.

They shall be satisfied with the abundance of your house;
they shall drink from the river of your delights.
For with you is the well of life
and in your light shall we see light.

All With you, O God, is the well of life.

O continue your loving-kindness to those who know you
and your righteousness to those who are true of heart.
Let not the foot of pride come against me,
nor the hand of the ungodly thrust me away.

All With you, O God, is the well of life.

Holy Gospel

John 12.1-11

Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.
Hail to you, our King!
You alone have had compassion on our sins.

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

The Lord our redeemer be with you
and also with you.

All

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

All

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came not only because of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus to death as well, since it was on account of him that many of the Jews were deserting and were believing in Jesus.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Homily

Prayers of the Faithful

Lord God of our salvation, hear us as we pray,
through Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith,
who endured the cross, despising the shame,
and who lives to make intercession for us.

After each petition

All **By the Saviour's cross and passion,
Lord, save us and help us.**

At the end

By his holy and glorious wounds
may Christ our Lord guard us and keep us
and may his Passion bring us, at the end,
to be numbered with Blessed Mary
and all the redeemed in glory everlasting.

All **Amen.**

¶ The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Sign of Peace

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.

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

As we are able, let us offer one another a sign of Christ's peace.

The Offertory

The altar is prepared

Invitation to Prayer

Pray, my brothers and sisters,
that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God,
the almighty Father.

All **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

Prayer over the Gifts

Look graciously, O Lord,
upon the sacred mysteries we celebrate here,
and may what you have mercifully provided
to cancel the judgement we incurred
bear for us fruit in eternal life.
Through Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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

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

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For the days of his saving passion
and glorious resurrection are approaching,
by which the pride of the ancient foe is vanquished
and the mystery of our redemption in Christ is celebrated.

Through him the host of angels adores your majesty
and rejoices in your presence for ever.
May our voices, join with theirs
for ever praising you and saying:

All

**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.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us his body and his 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.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

All

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

Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit,
inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:

All **Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Blessed Sacrament is elevated and bells are rung

The Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom,
as we pray in the words you 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

All We break this bread,
and receive Christ's body once broken.

Agnus Dei

**Jesus, Lamb of God,
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins,
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world,
grant us peace.**

Invitation to Communion

All Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin 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 and I shall be healed.**

Giving of Communion

Hide not your face from me in the day of my distress.
Incline your ear to me; when I call, make haste to answer me.

Spiritual Communion – *for those at home*

It is an ancient practice of the Church that, when you are prevented from attending the Holy Eucharist, people are invited to express, in the words of St Thomas Aquinas, “an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Holy Sacrament and a loving embrace as though we had already received Him.” Therefore, during this time you are invited to pray this prayer, which may be said as often as you desire:

Act of Reception

All **In union, blessed Jesus,
with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church
where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day,**

(and remembering particularly my own parish ...)

**I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving,
for creation and all the blessings of this life,
for the redemption won for us by your life, death,
and resurrection,
for the means of grace and the hope of glory.**

(and particularly for the blessings given me ...)

**I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament,
and, since I cannot at this time receive communion,
I pray you to come into my heart.
I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart,
my soul, and my mind.
Let nothing separate me from you;
let me serve you in this life until, by your grace,
I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace.
Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray:

God, ever present, stand by your people
and with watchful kindness keep us faithful to you,
that by your grace
we may safeguard the gift which your loving kindness
has bestowed on us.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

¶ Sending Out

The Lord our redeemer be with you
and also with you.

All

The Blessing

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 upon you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

The Dismissal

The Mass is ended, go in peace.

All **Thanks be to God.**