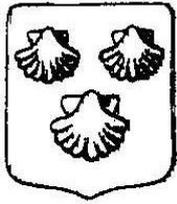
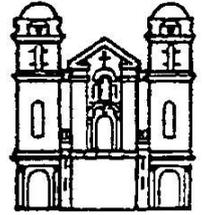


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**21 MARCH 2021
PASSION SUNDAY**

Prayer for the Week

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.

Our Prayers are asked for:

All prevented from worshipping with us, remembering this week

Conceição Fernandes : Gwen Leather :
Marilyn Dorum : Margaret Norman
and all those currently unable to attend services.

Unwell

Michael Quigley : Ann Blanchard : Anthony Green :
Owen Shepherd : Josephine Chizema

Recovering

The Very Reverend Derek Hole

Welcome to St James the Greater

Sunday 21ST March 2021

10:30am

Welcome to our weekly online service. To be able to join us please ensure you have downloaded Zoom to your computer, mobile phone or tablet and click on the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81897708742?pwd=OXV5UIBkZ2ZlYWtjMjYveVU5RjEzQT09>

Meeting ID: 818 9770 8742

Passcode: 364834

A Service of Morning Prayer For Passion Sunday

*Please join in the responses in **bold type**, but ensure your microphone is muted.*

Preparation

Grace, mercy and peace,
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you

All: **And also with you.**

This is the day that the Lord has made.

All: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

The minister may say

We have come together in the name of Christ
to offer our praise and thanksgiving,
to hear and receive God's holy word,
to pray for the needs of the world,
and to seek the forgiveness of our sins,
that by the power of the Holy Spirit
we may give ourselves to the service of God.

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart God will not despise. Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion, and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

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.

May the Father of all mercies
cleans you from your sins,
and restore you in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Blessed is the Lord,

All: **for he has heard the voice of our prayer;**

therefore, shall our hearts dance for joy

All: **and in our song will we praise our God.**

Blessed are you, Lord our God,
creator and redeemer of all;
to you be glory and praise for ever.
From the waters of chaos, you drew forth the world
and in your great love fashioned us in your image.
Now, through the deep waters of death,
you have brought your people to new birth
by raising your Son to life in triumph.
May Christ your light ever dawn in our hearts
as we offer you our sacrifice of thanks and praise.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

All: **Blessed be God for ever.**

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence, O God,
set our hearts on fire with love for you;
now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

The Word of God

Jeremiah 31. 31 – 34

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.**

John 12. 20 – 33

Now 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 word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead.

All: **And Christ shall give you light.**

You have died and your life is hid with Christ in God.

All: **Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead.**

Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on the earth.

All: **And Christ shall give you light.**

When Christ our life appears you will appear with him in glory.

All: **Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead,
and Christ shall give you light.**

Gospel Canticle

The Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah) is said:

All:

- 1. Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,
who has come to his people and set them free.**
- 2. He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,
born of the house of his servant David.**
- 3. Through his holy prophets God promised of old
to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all that hate us,**
- 4. To show mercy to our ancestors,
and to remember his holy covenant.**
- 5. This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,**
- 6. Free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.**
- 7. And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,**
- 8. To give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of all their sins.**
- 9. In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,**
- 10. To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

Luke 1.68-79

All:

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

A sermon is preached

The Creed

All:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Prayers

Intercessions are offered.

At the end of each petition:

Lord in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer.

The Collect is said.

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.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer is said

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught 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.**

The Conclusion

The Blessing

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil,
and keep us in eternal life.

All: **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

You are welcome to stay online for a chat – feel free to remain logged in while you make a drink!

Wednesday 24TH March 2021

6:30pm

A Service of Compline

Welcome to our weekly online service of Compline for Lent, which this week is led by David Brunning. To be able to join us please ensure you have downloaded Zoom to your computer, mobile phone or tablet and click on the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84151332530?pwd=RDUlamlWWHE5STlzcXRpMUVuVWp3QT09>
Meeting ID: 841 5133 2530 Passcode: uXh4E8

A copy of the Order of Service can be downloaded from the church's website by visiting: <http://www.stjamesthegreater.org.uk/resources/Order%20of%20Service%20-%20Online%20Compline.pdf>

You can join in the responses, but just make sure you've muted your microphone. There will also be some parts sung by a small group from the choir and the words of the service will also be shown on screen.

The Vicar Writes ...

Two months ago we heard about Philip being called by Jesus, and in turn inviting Nathanael to "come and see" Jesus. Now, towards the end of Lent, we hear Philip still acting as this conduit, but by now strangers are coming to him asking to see Jesus.



Yet Jesus offers words of warning – that what they seek will be hidden, like a seed in the earth, or not where they expect – lifted up in suffering. Perhaps more than ever we have experienced this hiddenness of God this past year, but perhaps, through the suffering, we can also find him in places we do not expect.

National Day of Remembrance

This coming Tuesday, 23rd March, marks one year since the first UK lockdown. Since then, many people have been bereaved, both as a result of Covid-19 and other causes. The restrictions we've all been living under have meant that many people have had to grieve without the comfort of having friends and family around them.

Marie Curie, a charity which supports people around the event of a terminal diagnosis, has organised a National Day of Reflection to acknowledge grief and loss over the last year. The Church of England is one of several organisations across the UK who are supporting it. There will be a minute's silence at 12:00 pm on Tuesday to create a moment that shows support for the millions of people who've been bereaved.

Special prayers have also been written to commemorate the day, that you may wish to include as part of your daily prayers.

Dear God,

Be with us as we think about all that has changed this year,

And help us to trust that you are always with us.

Be close to us as we remember those who have died,

And help us to trust they are at peace with you.

Show us how to reach out to others with kindness and care,

So that hope shines out in every heart and home,

Amen

*God of Love,
As we think about all that has changed this year,
help us to trust that you are always with us.
As we remember those who have died,
help us to trust they are at peace with you.
As we reach out to others with kindness and care,
may hope shine out in every heart and home.
Amen*

Leicester Cathedral will be hosting a Memorial of Lament, a live-streamed service on Tuesday evening. Words, music and reflections, including contributions from the Lord-Lieutenant, leaders in public health, the police, volunteers, NHS staff and the bereaved with the Dean, Canons and Choir of the Cathedral. During the ceremony one candle will be lit for every life lost to Covid-19 in Leicester and Leicestershire. The service will be available to watch on the Cathedral's YouTube channel from 7:00pm onwards.

Lent 2021

Whilst we're unable to meet in person to mark Lent this year, there are a large number of online resources, in addition to our own Lent Course, which you can use to prepare for Easter.

ONLINE LENT RETREAT BBC Radio 4's Sunday Worship and Daily Service programmes are following the themes of an Ignatian Lent Retreat. The online resources provide images, readings, prayers and music for each day. Details can be found online at <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/3gGFW2dW4dqbsFxRMjqzdmD/pathways-to-prayer-lent-retreat-2021> and <https://www.onlineprayer.net/>.

CHRISTIAN EVIDENCE SOCIETY Are hosting a weekly webinar series, every Tuesday evening at 8:00pm, which this Lent tackles "Questions of our Times."

Their final webinar takes place this coming Tuesday, 23rd March and this week it is led by the Rev Dr Lord Rowan Williams whose talk is titled: 'Prayer and Spirituality: Is God really listening?' It's free to join the series, you just need to go to their website at: christianevidence.org.

#LIVELENT: GOD'S STORY, OUR STORY This Lent you can sign up for daily lent reflections from the Church of England. They've also launched a #LiveLent app for smartphones and tablets. You can find more details by visiting their website at: <https://tinyurl.com/t7vuf8d4>.

MAUNDY THURSDAY DIOCESAN EUCHARIST On 1st April, clergy and lay ministers of the diocese would usually gather in Leicester Cathedral for the Diocesan (Chrism) Eucharist, with the renewal of ordination vows and blessing of the oils. Unfortunately, due to the continuing high numbers of COVID cases in Leicestershire, the difficult decision has been made to move the service online for a second year.

The Bishops and those with other key roles to play in the service will be in the Cathedral and the service will be livestreamed through the Cathedral's YouTube and Facebook page at 11:00am, and also available to watch later. Bishop Martyn will preside and the preacher will be The Rt Revd Rob Freeman, one of our Honorary Assistant Bishops. You'll be able to download the order of service from the diocesan website from 29th March onwards.

LEICESTERSHIRE AT THE CROSS 2021 On Good Friday, many churches and denominations from around Leicestershire, along with the Bishop of Leicester, are coming together for 'Leicestershire at the Cross'. This will be an amazing event, with many people involved. We are invited to come and enjoy powerful music, words and performances, as we celebrate and remember the cross of Jesus Christ. Everyone is welcome to join, as we celebrate Jesus as a county this Good Friday. The event will be streamed on the **Praying for Leicestershire YouTube channel** on Friday 2nd April (streaming from 5.45pm, with the event beginning at 6pm).

LENT APPEAL At the start of Lent, we launched our Lent Appeal for 2021. In most years, we would usually support the Bishop's Lent Appeal. However, this year with churches in Leicester and Leicestershire unable to open, an appeal isn't being held. Because of this, we'd like to encourage you to take this opportunity to help a charity of your choice.

We know many of you already support charities both locally, nationally and abroad. However, if you're unsure of a charity to back, or would like to help a different one, maybe you'd like to consider making a donation to one of the fantastic organisations listed below. We've included a link to their website to allow you to learn more about them.

- **Open Hands** Is a Leicester charity, whose primary purpose is to show compassion, support and care to those in need, to invest hope in and through people and to empower individuals to work towards a better future.
<https://www.openhandsleicester.org.uk/>
- **Leicester South Foodbank** This is the nearest foodbank to St James and we've supported them in previous Harvest Thanksgiving and Christmas appeals.
<https://leicestersouth.foodbank.org.uk/>

- **One Roof** Provide accommodation, support and advice to people who are homeless, destitute refugees, asylum seekers and vulnerably housed in Leicester. <https://www.oneroof.org.uk/>
- **Menphys** Is a local charity that provides a range of specialist services to support children and young adults with additional needs and disabilities, and their families. <https://www.menphys.org.uk/>
- **After 18** Is a charity which specialises in supporting unaccompanied asylum-seeking children and young refugees under 25 to adjust to living in Leicestershire, consider their options and prepare for their future. <https://www.after18.org.uk/>
- **Christian Aid** Whilst Christian Aid week will take place in late May, last year's appeal was greatly impacted by the first Covid lockdown and they still need our support. <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/>

The last twelve months have been difficult for all of us, but this Lent it would be good if we could show our Christian charity by displaying our support for those who are less fortunate as ourselves.

EVERYDAY SPIRITUALITY The 'Shaped by God Together' initiative has revealed that a number of people have been engaging afresh with spiritual practices to deepen their faith during the COVID-19 pandemic. After Easter, the Diocese of Leicester, Leicester Cathedral, Launde Abbey and the Community of the Tree of Life are joining together to offer a series of spirituality workshops, where people can gather to learn together a range of spiritual habits.

These are to take place online on Tuesday 20th April between 7:00pm and 9:00pm and Saturday 24th April between 9:30am and 11:30am. The sessions are open to anyone – the curious, those who are novices in spiritual practices and the more seasoned pilgrim.

You can register by emailing liz.rawlings@leicestercofe.org or by visiting the diocesan website at: <https://www.leicester.anglican.org/news/notices/everyday-spirituality.php>.

Dates For Your Diary

TEA AT THE VICARAGE This week sees the last of our Thursday morning, catch ups before Easter. You can drop in anytime between 11 and 12 for a chat and catch-up with everyone online. To join, you just need to have Zoom installed on a computer, tablet or mobile phone and use the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/yy7qmm3j>.

LENT COURSE Our online course takes place every Friday evening at 7:00pm during Lent. To join us, you just need to click on the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/yxz8dv3r>. It doesn't matter if you've been unable to attend any of the previous sessions, you

ONLINE HOUSE GROUPS The next two sessions take place on Tuesday 23rd March at 7:30pm, led by Alastair Jackson. As well as Monday 29th March, at the new time of 2:30pm, led by Val Bailey. The next hymn to be discussed by the groups is 'Praise to the Holiest in the Height'. For more details on how to join, please contact Angela Jagger at: A.F.Jagger@dunelm.org.uk.

CONTACTING THE TEAM Andrew can be contacted by email at: revdaquigley@gmail.com or 0116 254 4113. The Church Office can be contacted by email at: office@stjamesthegreater.org.uk or by telephoning 0116 254 2111 and leaving a message. Please don't hesitate to get in touch, further details are on our website www.stjamesthegreater.org.uk

YOUR GIVING TO ST JAMES Did you know that in a normal year over 35% of the church's income is made up of regular Direct Debits and Standing Orders from members of the congregation?

If you already give by Direct Debit or Standing Order, thank you! Of course, if you are able to increase the amount you give, that would be very welcome. We do not hold Gift Aid declarations for some people and if this applies to you, we will be in touch to ask if you can fill one in for us.

If you are not already a regular giver, please consider starting a Direct Debit through the Church of England's Parish Giving Scheme. They offer a very friendly service and will help you set everything up over the phone. They make sure that Gift Aid tax relief is claimed (this adds 25p to every £1 that you give), and they pass every penny of your donation straight through to St James the Greater.

You can contact the Parish Giving Scheme on 0333 002 1271 (local call rates apply).

Resources for Home Worship

Broadcast Media

Daily Service	Monday – Friday at 9.45am	Radio 4 LW
Choral Evensong	Wednesday at 3.30pm and Sunday at 3pm	Radio 3
Sunday Worship	Sunday at 8.10am	Radio 4
Lent Worship	Sunday morning – check schedule for time	BBC I
Songs of Praise	Sunday – check schedule for time	BBC I

There is also a service on Radio Leicester at 8:00am on a Sunday morning

Online

www.churchofengland.org

www.leicestercathedral.org

DAILY HOPE TELEPHONE SERVICE offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line. The line – which is available 24 hours a day on 0800 804 8044 – has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services during the period of restrictions in mind. This is a Freephone number.

Options available include materials also available digitally by the Church of England's Communications team such as Prayer during the Day and Night Prayer updated daily, from Common Worship, and a recording of the Church of England weekly national online service. A section called Hymn Line offers callers a selection of hymns, updated daily. An option entitled 'Hymns We Love', provides an increasing range of hymns and reflections on them. More options have been added.

The options are detailed below:

1. Hymns we love – one each day with a spoken reflection based on it.
2. Hymn line – favourite hymns on a repeating loop.
3. Chair exercises – a different set of exercise for each day of the week.
4. Daily Reflection for these times – read by Pam Rhodes.
5. Access to more options (6 – 9).
6. Weekly service from C of E.
7. Morning and Evening Prayer from Common Worship.
8. Latest Government advice on Coronavirus.
9. Mother's Union Midday Service.

Pressing 0 returns you to the top menu (1 – 5) and * gives access to the full text of the Archbishop of Canterbury's introduction. It is helpful to have the telephone on speakerphone to avoid having to hold the handset for a long time.

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