

Holy Trinity Eltham

Holy Monday 2021

The Psalms of Holy Week

This week's sermons find their starting point and theme in the Psalms set for use at each day's liturgy. We frequently skim over the Psalms, but they contain a magnificent wealth of prayerful poetry that embraces with often stark honesty the gamut of human emotion. We're invited to take the Response to each Psalm as a meditation point which might filter into our minds and hearts as we move from one day to the next.

This year therefore, we won't be singing the Holy Week Song as we have in recent years, but look to the Psalm response to give a musical and textual theme for each day's liturgy. For this reason the Psalm is also printed for you to take away and reflect on. When this is only a portion, you might like to look up the whole Psalm and read it together with the poem.

The Psalms do not foretell Jesus, but when we read them through Christian eyes, we discover many powerful echoes which deepen our insight into the Christ-event.

All this arises from some evocative poetry by Malcolm Guite, His most recent book *David's Crown* is a series of poetic meditations on each of the 150 Psalms. The poem relating to each Psalm in Holy Week will be printed in these liturgy sheets as an additional resource for our prayer and meditation from palms to empty tomb.

Greeting

Priest ✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

Priest The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Penitential Rite

Priest Lord Jesus, illuminate the darkness in our hearts:
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Priest Lord Jesus, open our eyes to your saving love:
Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Priest Lord Jesus,
unstop our ears to hear your living word:
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

The priest pronounces the absolution.

Collect

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 42.1-9

Psalm

36.5-11

R **With you is the well of life,
and in your light we see light.**

- 5 Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens,
and your faithfulness to the clouds.
- 6 Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,
your justice like the great deep;
you save both human and beast, O Lord. **R**
- 7 How priceless is your love, O God!
your people take refuge
under the shadow of your wings.
- 8 They feast upon the abundance of your house;
you give them drink
from the river of your delights.
- 9 For with you is the well of life,
and in your light we see light. **R**
- 10 Continue your loving-kindness
to those who know you,
and your favour to those who are true of heart.
- 11 Let not the foot of the proud come near me,
nor the hand of the wicked push me aside. **R**

Gospel Acclamation

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

Gospel

John 12.1-11

Priest The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Priest ✠ Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John.

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

At the conclusion

Priest This is the gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Intercessions

Reader Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Greeting of Peace & Preparation of the Altar

After the altar is prepared, the priest introduces the Prayer over the Gifts.

- Priest** 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.**

Eucharistic Prayer

- Priest** The Lord be with you.
- All** **And also with you.**
- Priest** Lift up your hearts.
- All** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- Priest** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- All** **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

The Preface follows, leading into

- 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.**

After the Institution Narrative

- All** Praise to you, Lord Jesus:
**Dying you destroyed our death,
Rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Lord's Prayer

Fraction

- 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.**

Agnus Dei

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

Invitation

- Priest** This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Happy 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.**

Holy Communion

Before he receives, the priest will hold up the Blessed Sacrament and say
The Body of Christ.
The Blood of Christ.

All who intend to receive respond
Amen.

Please remain in your seat until a steward invites you to move to receive the Blessed Sacrament, which will be administered in one kind.

Music during Holy Communion

*Cantata 199 Tief gebückt, liebster Gott vor Dir
J.S. Bach*

'Deeply bowed before God, how precious is your love and merciful kindness, for your love reaches to the heavens.'

Post-Communion Prayer

Blessing and Dismissal

Psalm 36: XXXVI Dixit injustus

As pilgrim souls on whom your light has shone
Let us leave judgement to your tender mercy
And turn instead to you, keep pressing on

Towards the steadfast heights, the mountain country
Of your holy presence. Let us drink
From your swift river, our true ecstasy.

Refresh us Christ, and bring us to the brink
Of that deep well where life itself is light,
And goodness, more than we can dream or think,

Flows from your plenteousness, from your delight
In all your words, and where your loving-kindness
Shines through our day and comforts us at night,

Like soft wings safely overarching us,
That we might put our utter trust in you
And fret no more for passing wickedness.

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