

The Cathedral of
St John the Baptist

SOLEMN
LITURGY OF
THE PASSION

10th April 2020
1500

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Bishop of East Anglia



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SOLEMN ENTRANCE

¶ The rattle sounds. As the bishop reaches the altar and prostrates himself, all kneel in silent prayer.

Opening Prayer

Bishop: O God, who by the Passion of Christ your Son, our Lord, abolished the death inherited from ancient sin by every succeeding generation, grant that just as, being conformed to him, we have borne by the law of nature the image of the man of earth, so by the sanctification of grace we may bear the image of the Man of heaven. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First reading

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

At the end:

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps. 30:2,5, 12-12, 15-17, 25. R. Lk.23:46



F ather, into your hands I commend my spi-rit.

Second Reading

Hebrews 4:14-16,5:7-9

At the end:

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Christus factus est pro nobis obediens usque ad mortem, mortem autem crucis. Propter quod et Deus exaltavit illum et dedit illi nomen, quod est super omne nomen.

Christ became obedient for us unto death, even to the death, death on the cross. Therefore God exalted Him and gave Him a name which is above all names.

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

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Homily The Bishop

THE SOLEMN INTERCESSIONS

I. For the Church

Reader: Let us pray, dearly beloved, for the holy Church of God,
that our God and Lord be pleased to give her peace,
to guard her and to unite her throughout the whole world
and grant that, leading our life in tranquillity and quiet,
we may glorify God the Father almighty.

¶ Prayer in silence.

Bishop: Almighty ever-living God,
who in Christ revealed your glory to all the nations,
watch over the works of your mercy,
that your Church, spread throughout all the world,
may persevere with steadfast faith in confessing your name.
Through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

II. For the Pope

Reader: Let us pray also for our most Holy Father Pope Francis,
that our God and Lord,
who chose him for the Order of Bishops,
may keep him safe and unharmed for the Lord's holy Church,
to govern the holy People of God.

¶ Prayer in silence.

Bishop: Almighty ever-living God, by whose decree all things are founded,
look with favour on our prayers
and in your kindness protect the Pope chosen for us,
that, under him, the Christian people,
governed by you their maker, may grow in merit by reason of their faith.
Through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

III. For all orders and degrees of the faithful

Reader: Let us pray also for our Bishop Alan,
for all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons of the Church
and for the whole of the faithful people.

¶ Prayer in silence.

Bishop: Almighty ever-living God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church
is sanctified and governed,
hear our humble prayer for your ministers,
that, by the gift of your grace,
all may serve you faithfully.
Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

IV. For catechumens

Reader: Let us pray also for our catechumens,
that our God and Lord may open wide the ears of their inmost hearts
and unlock the gates of his mercy,
that, having received forgiveness of all their sins through the waters of rebirth,
they, too, may be one with Christ Jesus our Lord.

¶ Prayer in silence.

Bishop: Almighty ever-living God,
who make your Church ever fruitful with new offspring,
increase the faith and understanding of our catechumens,
that, reborn in the font of Baptism,
they may be added to the number of your adopted children.
Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

V. For the unity of Christians

Reader: Let us pray also for all our brothers and sisters who believe in Christ,
that our God and Lord may be pleased, as they live the truth,
to gather them together and keep them in his one Church.

¶ Prayer in silence.

Bishop: Almighty ever-living God, who gather what is scattered
and keep together what you have gathered,
look kindly on the flock of your Son,
that those whom one Baptism has consecrated
may be joined together by integrity of faith
and united in the bond of charity.
Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

VI. For the Jewish people

Reader: Let us pray also for the Jewish people,
to whom the Lord our God spoke first,
that he may grant them to advance in love of his name
and in faithfulness to his covenant.

¶ Prayer in silence.

Bishop: Almighty ever-living God,
who bestowed your promises on Abraham and his descendants,
graciously hear the prayers of your Church,
that the people you first made your own
may attain the fullness of redemption.
Through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

VII. For those who do not believe in Christ

Reader: Let us pray also for those who do not believe in Christ,
that, enlightened by the Holy Spirit,
they, too, may enter on the way of salvation.

¶ Prayer in silence.

Bishop: Almighty ever-living God,
grant to those who do not confess Christ
that, by walking before you with a sincere heart, they may find the truth
and that we ourselves, being constant in mutual love
and striving to understand more fully the mystery of your life,
may be made more perfect witnesses to your love in the world.
Through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

VIII. For those who do not believe in God

Reader: Let us pray also for those who do not acknowledge God,
that, following what is right in sincerity of heart,
they may find the way to God himself.

¶ Prayer in silence.

Bishop: Almighty ever-living God,
who created all people to seek you always by desiring you
and, by finding you, come to rest,
grant, we pray, that, despite every harmful obstacle,
all may recognize the signs of your fatherly love and the witness of the good works
done by those who believe in you, and so in gladness confess you,
the one true God and Father of our human race.
Through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

IX. For those in public office

Reader: Let us pray also for those in public office,
that our God and Lord may direct their minds and hearts according to his will for
the true peace and freedom of all.

¶ Prayer in silence.

Bishop: Almighty ever-living God,
in whose hand lies every human heart and the rights of peoples,
look with favour, we pray, on those who govern with authority over us,
that throughout the whole world, the prosperity of peoples,
the assurance of peace,
and freedom of religion may through your gift be made secure.
Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

IX.b For the afflicted in time of pandemic

Reader: Let us pray also for all those who suffer the consequences of the current
pandemic, that God the Father may grant health to the sick, strength to those who
care for them, comfort to families and salvation to all the victims who have died.

¶ Prayer in silence.

Bishop: Almighty ever-living God,
only support of our human weakness,
look with compassion upon the sorrowful condition of your children
who suffer because of this pandemic;
relieve the pain of the sick,
give strength to those who care for them,
welcome into your peace those who have died
and, throughout this time of tribulation,
grant that we may all find comfort in your merciful love.
Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

X. For those in tribulation

Reader: Let us pray, dearly beloved, to God the Father almighty,
that he may cleanse the world of all errors,
banish disease, drive out hunger,
unlock prisons, loosen fetters,
granting to travellers safety, to pilgrims return,
health to the sick, and salvation to the dying.

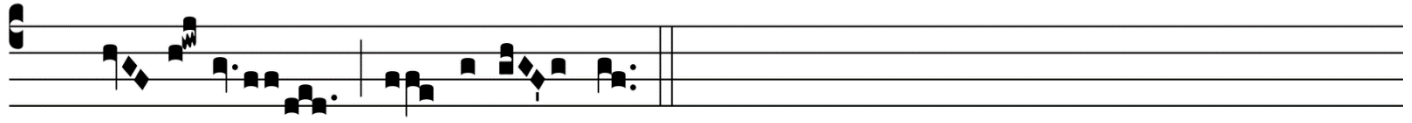
¶ Prayer in silence.

Bishop: Almighty ever-living God, comfort of mourners, strength of all who toil,
may the prayers of those who cry out in any tribulation
come before you, that all may rejoice,
because in their hour of need your mercy was at hand.

All: Amen.

THE ADORATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Priest: Ecce lignum Crucis, in quo salus mundi pependit.
Behold the wood of the Cross, on which hung the salvation of the world.



All: Ve- ní-te, a- doré- mus.
Come, let us adore.

VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

¶ The Bishop then comes forward and venerates the cross. The cross is placed on the altar, with candles on the left and right.

Hymn

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 mingled 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 I am dead to all the globe,
And all the globe is dead to me.

5. Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were an offering far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

Music: ROCKINGHAM
adap. Edward Miller (1730-1807)

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

HOLY COMMUNION

¶ A cloth and corporal are placed on the altar. The Bishop brings the Ciborium to the altar.

Bishop: At the saviour's command,
and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: **Our Father...**

Bishop: Deliver us [...] saviour, Jesus Christ.

All: **For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and forever.**

Bishop: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

Hymn

1. My song is love unknown,
My Saviour's love to me;
Love to the loveless shown,
That they might lovely be.
O who am I, that for my sake
My Lord should take frail flesh and die?

2. He came from His blest throne
Salvation to bestow;
But men made strange, and none
The longed-for Christ would know:
But O! my Friend, my Friend indeed,
Who at my need His life did spend.

3. Sometimes they strew His way,
And His sweet praises sing;
Resounding all the day
Hosannas to their King:
Then "Crucify!" is all their breath,
And for His death they thirst and cry.

4. Why, what hath my Lord done?
What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run,
He gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries! Yet they at these
Themselves displease, and 'gainst him rise.

5. They rise and needs will have
My dear Lord made away;
A murderer they save,
The Prince of life they slay,
Yet cheerful He to suffering goes,
That He His foes from thence might free.

6. In life, no house, no home
My Lord on earth might have;
In death no friendly tomb
But what a stranger gave.
What may I say? Heav'n was His home;
But mine the tomb wherein He lay.

7. Here might I stay and sing,
No story so divine;
Never was love, dear King!
Never was grief like Thine.
This is my Friend, in Whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend.

Prayer after Communion

Bishop: Almighty ever-living God,
who have restored us to life
by the blessed Death and Resurrection of your Christ,
preserve in us the work of your mercy,
that, by partaking of this mystery,
we may have a life unceasingly devoted to you.
Through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Dismissal

Bishop: May abundant blessing, O Lord, we pray,
descend upon your people,
who have honoured the Death of your Son
in the hope of their resurrection:
may pardon come, comfort be given, holy faith increase,
and everlasting redemption be made secure.
Through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

¶ The Bishop and ministers depart in silence.

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Saturday 20th April · Holy Saturday

1000 Sung Tenebrae

2000 Solemn Vigil and First Mass of Easter

Sunday 21st April · Easter Sunday

1000 Solemn Mass