

Tuesday of Holy Week – 30th March 2021



Opening Responses

We come to you to hear words Words full of meaning, rather than empty chatter

And to take them into our hearts

We come to you to learn what is important and to put to one side, the less important and the unnecessary

And to take it all into our hearts

We come to you to see your words, words of action

And to take the vision into our hearts

We come to you to feel your words, words of compassion, touching the core of our beings

And to take your touch into our hearts

The Collect for Tuesday in Holy Week

O God, who by the passion of your blessed Son, made an instrument of shameful death, to be for us the means of life: grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ, that we may gladly suffer pain and loss for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ: who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever Amen.

Psalm 71 verses 1 – 14 – A Prayer to God for help in old age.

Appeal for help.

¹ In you, LORD, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame.

² In your righteousness, rescue me and deliver me; turn your ear to me and save me.

³ Be my rock of refuge, to which I can always go; give the command to save me,
for you are my rock and my fortress.

⁴ Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of those who are evil and cruel.

Confession that the Lord has always been his hope.

⁵ For you have been my hope, Sovereign LORD, my confidence since my youth.

⁶ From birth I have relied on you; you brought me forth from my mother's womb.
I will ever praise you.

⁷ I have become a sign to many; you are my strong refuge.

⁸ My mouth is filled with your praise, declaring your splendour all day long.

Prayer for continual help in waning years.

⁹ Do not cast me away when I am old; do not forsake me when my strength is gone.

¹⁰ For my enemies speak against me; those who wait to kill me conspire together.

¹¹ They say, "God has forsaken him; pursue him and seize him, for no one will rescue him."

¹² Do not be far from me, my God; come quickly, God, to help me.

¹³ May my accusers perish in shame; may those who want to harm me be covered with scorn and disgrace.

Central confession of unfaltering hope.

¹⁴ As for me, I will always have hope; I will praise you more and more.

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.



God's Word to Us – John 12 verses 20 – 36

²⁰ Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹ They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²² Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.

²³ Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ 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. ²⁵ Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

²⁷ "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. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name."

Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." ²⁹ The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." ³⁰ Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹ Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people^[a] to myself." ³³ He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

³⁴ The crowd answered him, "We have heard from the law that the Messiah^[b] remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?"

³⁵ Jesus said to them, "The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you. If you walk in the darkness, you do not know

where you are going. ³⁶ While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light.”

Reflection



Music - The Servant King by Graham Kendrick

From heaven you came helpless babe, entered our world, your glory veiled
Not to be served but to serve, and give Your life that we might live

*This is our God, The Servant King, He calls us now to follow Him
To bring our lives as a daily offering, Of worship to The Servant King*

There in the garden of tears, my heavy load he chose to bear
His heart with sorrow was torn, 'Yet not My will but Yours, ' He said

*This is our God, The Servant King, He calls us now to follow Him
To bring our lives as a daily offering, Of worship to The Servant King*

Come see His hands and His feet, the scars that speak of sacrifice
Hands that flung stars into space, to cruel nails surrendered

*This is our God, The Servant King, He calls us now to follow Him
To bring our lives as a daily offering, Of worship to The Servant King*



The Prayers

The Greeks wanted to see Jesus....

May we see Jesus....

May we open our eyes and look for him in the most unlikely of people and places...

To see him in the unlovely and the unlovable as well as the lovely...

Lord, we look to you for guidance

Lead us forward in faith

The people did not really understand Jesus ...

we bring you our lack of faith...

our failure to follow and serve you

Our refusal to trust your words...

Lord, we look to you for guidance

Lead us forward in faith

Jesus' soul was troubled...we pray for all tonight whose hearts, minds or souls are troubled..

the ill, the bereaved, the anxious... those living in fear, those who fear the future

Lord, we look to you for guidance **Lead us forward in faith**

Jesus promises to draw all people to himself ...

We remember those who have drawn us to Jesus drawn us to God...

Our parents, grandparents, teachers, ministers, youth leaders

and we thank God for their faithfulness Help us to be faithful too...

Lord, we look to you for guidance **Lead us forward in faith**

Jesus tells us to believe in the light..... May we become children of light...

Following Jesus' way in our daily lives.... By the power of the Holy Spirit...

Lord, we look to you for guidance **Lead us forward in faith**

A time of open Prayer.....

As our Saviour Christ has taught us so we pray –

**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 Blessing for Passiontide and Holy Week

Christ draw you to himself and grant that you find in his cross, 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. **Amen**