

TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK 2022 – SERVICE OF THE WORD

PREPARATION

May the grace, healing and forgiveness of the Lord
be with you this Holy Week
and also with you.

**O Saviour of the world,
by your Cross and precious blood you have redeemed us:
save us and help us, we humbly pray. Amen.**

GREETING

INTRODUCTION

We gather together this evening to continue our journey with the Lord through this Holy Week of our salvation. The Tuesday in Holy Week is often associated with that scene in the Gospels where a woman anoints Jesus with precious perfume, as though preparing him for his death and burial. This is a reminder to us, in this week of all weeks, that the great love of Jesus, in giving all for us, calls forth our love and devotion, and our offering of all that is of value to us, not least our hearts and lives.

Silence

O God, you know my foolishness
and my sins are not hidden from you.
Lord, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

PENITENCE

Let not the flood overwhelm me
nor the depths swallow me up:
let not the pit shut its mouth upon me.
Christ, have mercy
Christ, have mercy

Hear me, O Lord, as your loving-kindness is good;
turn to me, as your compassion is great.
Lord, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

**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.**

Ministry of the Word

A PSALM

Psalm 71: 1-14

*Refrain: In you, O Lord, do I take refuge
let me never be put to shame.*

In your righteousness deliver me and set me free:
incline your ear to me and save me.
Be for me a stronghold to which I may ever resort:
send out to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.
Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked:
from the grasp of the evildoer and the oppressor.
**In you, O Lord, do I take refuge
let me never be put to shame.**

For you are my hope, O Lord God;
my confidence, even from my youth.
Upon you have I leaned from my birth,
when you drew me from my mother's womb:
my praise shall be always of you.
**In you, O Lord, do I take refuge
let me never be put to shame.**

I have become a portent to many:
but you are my refuge and my strength.
Let my mouth be full of your praise:
and your glory all the day long.
Do not cast me away in the time of old age:
forsake me not when my strength fails.
**In you, O Lord, do I take refuge
let me never be out to shame.**

For my enemies are talking against me:
and those who lie in wait for my life take counsel together.
They say 'God has forsaken him; pursue him and take him:
because there is none to deliver him'.
**In you, O Lord, do I take refuge
let me never be put to shame.**

O God, be not far from me:
come quickly to help me, O my God.
Let those who are against me be put to shame and disgrace:
let those who seek to do me evil be covered with scorn and reproach,
But as for me, I will hope continually:
and will praise you more and more.#
**In you, O Lord, do I take refuge
let me never be put to shame.**

A CANTICLE

THE SONG OF ISAIAH Isaiah 12: 2-6

Surely God is my salvation:

I will trust and will not be afraid.

**For the Lord God is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation.**

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation:
and you will say in that day:

**Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name;
make known his deeds among the nations:
proclaim that his name is exalted.**

Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously:
let this be known in all the earth.

**Shout aloud and sing for joy, O Royal Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.**

A READING

John 12: 20-36

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. The crowd answered him, ‘We have heard from the law that the Messiah remains for ever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?’ 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. While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light.’

Meditation on the reading

RESPONSE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**Christ suffered for us, leaving us an example,
that we should follow in his steps.
He committed no sin, no guile was found on his lips,
when he was reviled, he did not revile in turn.
when he suffered, he did not threaten,
but he trusted himself to God, who judges justly.**

**Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree,
that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.
By his wounds we have been healed,
for we were straying like sheep,
but have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of our souls.**

1 Peter 2:21b-25

PRAYER

Kneel

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

INTERCESSIONS AND THANKSGIVINGS

Let us pray that we may take up Christ's cross daily
and follow him in his way.

INTERCESSIONS

Giver of life, we wait with you to offer the hope
that comes from the cross to earth's darkest places.

Where pain is deep and affection is denied:

let love break through.

Where justice is destroyed,
let sensitivity to right spring up.

Where hope is crucified,

let faith persist.

Where peace has no chance,

let passion live on.

Where truth is trampled underfoot,

let the struggle continue.

Where fear paralyzes,

let forgiveness break through.

Eternal God, reach into the silent darkness of our souls
with the radiance of the cross.

O you who are the bearer of all pain,

have mercy on us.

Giver of life,

have mercy on us.

Merciful God,

have mercy on us. Amen.

THANKSGIVINGS

Gracious God,
you have done so much for us,
giving us a world rich in wonder
and filling our lives with so much that is special.
Receive our thanks.

But above all we come to thank you
for your most precious gift of all -
the great love you have shown to us in Christ.
Receive our thanks.

In him you came and lived amongst us,
fully part of our world.
Through him you revealed your grace, your mercy,
your will, your kingdom.
By him you identified yourself
with the sin and suffering of our world,
opening the way through his death and resurrection
to forgiveness and eternal life.
Receive our thanks.

Gracious God,
you have given to us without counting the cost,
not just a little but all.
Your Son emptied yourself,
taking the form of a servant,
and was sanctified for our sakes.
Receive our thanks.

And the wonder is you ask so little in return -
you make no extortionate demands,
you set no stringent conditions to your love,
you ask simply that we love you in return.
Receive our thanks.

Gracious God,
teach us to offer you our willing and joyful discipleship,
and to play our part in working for your kingdom.
**Receive our thanks,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**May we never boast of anything
except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
by which the world has been crucified to us,
and us to the world.
In his name we pray. Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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,
one God now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say
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 ENDING

May Christ, who bore our sins on the cross,
set us free to serve him with joy. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

BLESSING