**Passion Sunday**

**March 21st 2021**

**THE GATHERING**

**Isla welcomes us to worship**

**First hymn - Jesu, lover of my soul**

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| President | In the name of the Father,  and of the Son,  and of the Holy Spirit. |
| All | **Amen.** |

**The Greeting**

*The president greets the people.*

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|  | The Lord be with you |
| *All* | **and also with you.** |

*Words of welcome are said and the theme introduced.*

**Prayer of Preparation**

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|  | **Almighty God,**  **to whom all hearts are open,**  **all desires known,**  **and from whom no secrets are hidden:**  **cleanse the thoughts of our hearts**  **by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,**  **that we may perfectly love you,**  **and worthily magnify your holy name;**  **through Christ our Lord. Amen.** |

**Prayers of Penitence**

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| *Minister of*  *the Word* | 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.  We confess to you our selfishness  and lack of love: fill us with your Spirit.  Lord, have mercy. |
| *All* | **Lord, have mercy.** |
| *Minister of*  *the Word* | We confess to you our fear and failure  in sharing our faith: fill us with your Spirit.  Christ, have mercy. |
| *All* | **Christ, have mercy.** |
| *Minister of*  *the Word* | We confess to you our stubbornness and lack of trust: fill us with your Spirit.  Lord, have mercy. |
| *All* | **Lord, have mercy.** |

*We sing The Kyrie*

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| *Cantor:*  *All:*  *Cantor:*  *All:*  *Cantor:*  *All:* | Lord have mercy  **Lord have mercy**  Christ have mercy  **Christ have mercy**  Lord have mercy  **Lord have mercy** |

*We keep a period of silence.*

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| *President* | Almighty God,  who forgives all who truly repent,  have mercy upon *you*,  pardon and deliver *you* from all *your* sins,  confirm and strengthen *you* in all goodness,  and keep *you* in life eternal;  through Jesus Christ our Lord. |
| *All* | **Amen.** |

*There is no Gloria in Lent.*

**The Collect**

*The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words ‘Let us pray’ or a more specific bidding. The Collect is said, and all respond* ***Amen***

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| *President* | Gracious Father,  you gave up your Son  out of love for the world:  lead us to ponder the mysteries of his  passion, that we may know eternal peace  through the shedding of our Saviour’s blood,  Jesus Christ our Lord. |
| *All* | **Amen.** |

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**Old Testament – read by Michael**

## A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

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. *Jeremiah 31 v 31 – 34*

*at the end of the reading …*

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| *Reader* | This is the word of the Lord. |
| *All* | **Thanks be to God.** |

**New Testament – read by Harriet**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,  
‘You are my Son,  
   today I have begotten you’;   
as he says also in another place,  
‘You are a priest for ever,  
   according to the order of Melchizedek.’

## In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek. *Hebrews 5 v 5 – 10*

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| *Reader* | This is the word of the Lord. |
| *All* | **Thanks be to God.** |

**Gradual Hymn - Meekness and majesty**

## **Gospel Reading – read by Deborah**

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| *Gospel reader* | Praise to you, O Christ,  King of eternal glory.  The Lord is a great God:  O that today you would listen to his voice.  Harden not your hearts.  Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John  **Glory to you, O Lord** |

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. *John 12 v 20 - 33*

This is the gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ**

**Sermon – Revd Joe preaches**

*After the sermon, there is a period of silence.*

**Affirmation of Faith**

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| *Liz* | Do you believe and trust in God the Father,  source of all being and life,  the one for whom we exist? |
| *Isla* | **We believe and trust in him.** |
| *Liz* | Do you believe and trust in God the Son,  who took our human nature,  died for us and rose again? |
| *Isla* | **We believe and trust in him.** |
| *Liz* | Do you believe and trust in God  the Holy Spirit,  who gives life to the people of God  and makes Christ known in the world? |
| *Isla* | **We believe and trust in him.** |
| *Liz* | This is the faith of the Church. |
| *Isla* | **This is our faith.**  **We believe and trust in one God,**  **Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.** |

##### ****Intercessions – led by Michael and Barbara****

*Prayers are offered for the Church of Christ, Creation, human society, the Sovereign and those in authority, the local community, those who suffer, and the communion of saints.*

*After each prayer …*

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| *Intercessor* | Lord, in your mercy  **hear our prayer.** |
| *(or)* | Lord, hear us.  **Lord, graciously hear us.** |

*After the final prayer …*

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| *Intercessor* | God of mercy,  **hear our prayer.**  **and make us one in heart and mind**  **to serve you with joy forever.**  **Amen.** |

**LITURGY OF THE**

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**The Peace**

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| *President* | Since we are justified by faith,  we have peace with God  through our Lord Jesus Christ,  who has given us access to his grace.  The peace of the Lord be always with you |
| *All* | **and also with you.** |
| *President* | Let us offer one another a sign of peace. |

*Please use chat to exchange the peace*

**Offertory Hymn - O Jesus, I have promised**

**Preparation of the Table**

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| *President* | God of our journey, as we walk with you  on your path of obedience, sustain us  on our way and lead us to your glory;  through Jesus Christ our Lord. |
| *All* | **Amen.** |

**The Eucharistic Prayer**

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| *President* | The Lord is here. |
| *All* | **His Spirit is with us.** |
| *President* | Lift up your hearts. |
| *All* | **We lift them to the Lord.** |
| *President* | Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. |
| *All* | **It is right to give thanks and praise.** |
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| *President* | Almighty God, good Father to us all,  your face is turned towards your world.  In love you gave us Jesus your Son  to rescue us from sin and death.  Your Word goes out to call us home  to the city where angels sing your praise.  We join with them in heaven’s song: |
| *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.** |

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| *President* | Father of all, we give you thanks  for every gift that comes from heaven.  To the darkness Jesus came as your light.  With signs of faith and words of hope  he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean.  This is his story. |
| *All* | **This is our song:**  **Hosanna in the highest.** |

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| *President* | The crowds came out to see your Son,  yet at the end they turned on him.  On the night he was betrayed  he came to table with his friends  to celebrate the freedom of your people.  This is his story. |
| *All* | **This is our song:**  **Hosanna in the highest.** |
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| *President* | Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;  he took bread, gave thanks,  broke it and said:  This is my body, given for you all.  Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;  he took the cup, gave it and said:  This is my blood, shed for you all  for the forgiveness of sins.  Do this in remembrance of me.  This is our story. |
| *All* | **This is our song:**  **Hosanna in the highest.** |
|  | Therefore, Father, with this bread  and this cup we celebrate the cross  on which he died to set us free.  Defying death he rose again, and is alive  with you to plead for us and all the world.  This is our story.  **This is our song:**  **Hosanna in the highest.** |

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| *President* | Send your Spirit on us now  that by these gifts we may feed on Christ  with opened eyes and hearts on fire.  May we and all who share this food  offer ourselves to live for you  and be welcomed at your feast in heaven  where all creation worships you,  Father, Son and Holy Spirit: |
| *All* | **Blessing and honour**  **and glory and power**  **be yours for ever and ever.**  **Amen.** |

**The Lord’s Prayer**

*Please sit or kneel.*

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| *President* | As our Saviour taught us, so we pray. |
| *All* | **Our Father in heaven,**  **hallowed be your name,**  **your kingdom come,**  **your will be done,**  **on earth as in heaven.**  **Give us today our daily bread.**  **Forgive us our sins**  **as we forgive those who sin against us.**  **Lead us not into temptation**  **but deliver us from evil.**  **For the kingdom, the power,**  **and the glory are yours**  **now and for ever.**  **Amen.** |

**Breaking of the Bread**

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

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| *President* | 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**

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|  | *All:*  **Lamb of God, you take away**  **the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**  **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**  **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.** |

**Invitation to Communion**

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| *President* | Jesus is the Lamb of God  who takes away the sin of the world.  Blessed 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.** |

**Prayer before Distribution**

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| *All* | **Most merciful Lord,**  **your love compels us to come in.**  **Our hands were unclean,**  **our hearts were unprepared;**  **we were not fit even to eat the crumbs**  **from under your table.**  **But you, Lord,**  **are the God of our salvation,**  **and share your bread with sinners.**  **So cleanse and feed us with the**  **precious body and blood of your Son,**  **that he may live in us and we in him;**  **and that we, with the whole company of**  **Christ, may sit and eat in your kingdom.**  **Amen.** |

**Communion Music – Christus factus est by Felice Anerio**

**Prayer after Communion**

*Silence is kept. The Post Communion prayer is said.*

Lord Jesus Christ,

you have taught us

that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters

we do also for you:

give us the will to be the servant of others

as you were the servant of all,

and gave up your life and died for us,

but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

**Amen**

**Notices – given by Joseph**

**Final Prayer**

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| *Minister of*  *the Word* | **Almighty God,**  **we thank you for feeding us**  **with the body and blood**  **of your Son Jesus Christ.**  **Through him**  **we offer you our souls and bodies**  **to be a living sacrifice.**  **Send us out in the power of your Spirit**  **to live and work**  **to your praise and glory.**  **Amen.** |

**THE BLESSING**

**AND SENDING OUT**

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| *President* | The Lord be with you  **and also with you.**  Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,  to deny yourselves, take up your cross,  and follow him;  and the blessing of God almighty,  Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  come down upon you  and remain with you always.  **Amen.** |
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|  | Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  **In the name of Christ. Amen.** |

**Final Hymn - The royal Banners Forward go**

*Our worship is over: our service begins.*