

**PASSION SUNDAY
17 MARCH 2024
THE GATHERING**

JUDITH welcomes people to worship

HYMN

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.

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Words of welcome are said and the theme introduced.

Prayer of Preparation

**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

JUDITH – let's confess our sins to God

Minister The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart
of God will not despise.

the Word 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 We confess to you our fear and failure in sharing our faith: fill us
of with your Spirit.

the Word Christ, have mercy.
All **Christ, have mercy.**

Minister We confess to you our stubbornness and lack of trust: fill us with
of your Spirit.
the Word Lord, have mercy.
All **Lord, have mercy.**

We keep a period of silence.

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***

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading – read by Judith

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.

at the end of the reading ...

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

New Testament Reading – read by Florence

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.

at the end of the reading ...

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

Hymn

Gospel Reading – read by Ali

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.

All Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to John
Glory to you, O Lord.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

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.

at the end of the reading ...

Reader This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon – Revd Liz

After the sermon, there is a period of silence.

Affirmation of Faith

Please stand.

President Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

All **We believe and trust in him.**

President Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

All **We believe and trust in him.**

President 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?

All **We believe and trust in him.**

President This is the faith of the Church.

All **This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Intercessions – led by Michael

President *Let us pray for the church and for the world
and let us be thankful for God’s goodness*

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 ...

Intercessor Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

(or) Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

After the final prayer ...

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 SACRAMENT

The Peace

Please stand.

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.

All The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

President Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn

Preparation of the Table

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

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.**

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.**

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.**

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.**

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.

All This is our story.
**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.**

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.

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.

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

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.**

(or)

**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.**

Invitation to Communion

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.**

(or)

President God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

All **Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

Prayer before Distribution

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 Hymn

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept. The Post Communion or other suitable prayer is said.

Notices

Final Prayer - JUDITH

Minister **Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us
of with the body and blood of your Son Jesus
the Word 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

Please stand.

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.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Recessional Hymn

Our worship is over: our service