

The United Benefice of Henley-on-Thames with Remenham
THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN
Registered Charity

Good Friday
April 19th 2019

Welcome to this ancient Parish Church. If you are a visitor or a new member of the congregation, you will find the order of service in the booklets. The hymns are not announced - they can be found on this sheet.

In this celebration of the passion and death of Christ we listen to the words of scripture, we pray for the needs of the whole world, we adore the cross as the symbol of his triumph, and finally we enter into sacramental communion with him who is our Saviour and our Life.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The First Reading: Isaiah 52:13-end of 53

The Suffering Servant

See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up,
and shall be very high.

Just as there were many who were astonished at him

- so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance,
and his form beyond that of mortals - so he shall startle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which had not been told them they shall see, and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate.

Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account.

Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted.

But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed.

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By a perversion of justice he was taken away.

Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain.

When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the Lord shall prosper. Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.

The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.

Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

The Second Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9

Jesus the Great High Priest

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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.

The Responsorial Psalm Psalm 22:1-11

R/ My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me,
and are so far from my salvation, from the words of my distress?
O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer;
and by night also, but I find no rest. **R/**

Yet you are the Holy One, enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
Our forebears trusted in you; they trusted, and you delivered them.
They cried out to you and were delivered;
they put their trust in you and were not confounded. **R/**

But as for me, I am a worm and no man,
scorned by all and despised by the people.
All who see me laugh me to scorn;
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying, **R/**

'He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him;
let him deliver him, if he delights in him.'
But it is you that took me out of the womb
and laid me safe upon my mother's breast. **R/**

On you was I cast ever since I was born;
you are my God even from my mother's womb.
Be not far from me, for trouble is near at hand
and there is none to help. **R/**

The Passion Reading: John 18:1-end of 19

THE ADORATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Anthem: O Vos omnes *David Ogden*

O vos omnes qui transitis per viam,
attendite et videte si est dolor sicut dolor meus.

All ye that pass by, behold,
and see if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow.

Words: Lamentations 1:12

Hymn: **97** At the Cross her station keeping

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Communion Hymn: **93** Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

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The Prayer After Communion concludes the service

Please leave the Church in silence