

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

March 29, 2026 5:00 pm

The Order for Solemn Choral Evensong

¶ *All stand as the Choir and Ministers enter*

Introit

Christus factus est pro nobis obediens
usque ad mortem, mortem autem crucis.
Propter quod et Deus exaltavit
illum et dedit illi nomen
quod est super omne nomen.

Christ became obedient for us
unto death, even death on the cross.
Therefore God exalted Him
and gave Him the name
which is above all names.

Words: Philippians 2:8-9

Music: Felice Anerio (1560-1614)

Opening Sentence

Officiant All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way;
and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. *Isaiah 53:6*

Confession of Sin

Officiant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

¶ *Officiant and People together, all kneeling*

Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,
we have offended against thy holy laws,
we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done;
And there is no health in us.
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
spare thou those who confess their faults,
restore thou those who are penitent,
according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord;
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,

that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

¶ *The Officiant alone stands and says*

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution ✠ and remission of all your sins,
true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit.

People Amen.

¶ *All stand*

The Invitatory

Philip Moore (b.1943)

Cantor O Lord, open thou our lips.

Choir And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Cantor O God, make speed to save us.

Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.

Cantor Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

Choir As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.

Cantor Praise ye the Lord.

Choir The Lord's name be praised.

¶ *All are then seated as the Choir sings the appointed Psalm*

The Psalmody

Psalm 103 Chant in E-flat

Kellow J. Pye (1812-1901)

Praise the Lord, O my soul; *
and all that is within me, praise his holy Name.

Praise the Lord, O my soul, *
and forget not all his benefits.

Who forgiveth all thy sin, *
and healeth all thine infirmities;

Who saveth thy life from destruction, *
and crowneth thee with mercy and loving-kindness.

Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things, *
making thee young and lusty as an eagle.

The Lord executeth righteousness and judgment *
for all them that are oppressed with wrong.

He showed his ways unto Moses, *
and his works unto the children of Israel.

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, *
long-suffering, and of great goodness.

He will not always be chiding; *
neither keepeth he his anger for ever.

He hath not dealt with us after our sins; *
nor rewarded us according to our wickednesses.

For look how high the heaven is in comparison of the earth; *
so great is his mercy also toward them that fear him.

Look how wide also the east is from the west; *
so far hath he set our sins from us.

Yea, like as a father pitieth his own children; *
even so is the Lord merciful unto them that fear him.

For he knoweth whereof we are made; *
he remembereth that we are but dust.

The days of man are but as grass; *
for he flourisheth as a flower of the field.

For as soon as the wind goeth over it, it is gone; *
and the place thereof shall know it no more.

But the merciful goodness of the Lord endureth for ever and ever
upon them that fear him; *
and his righteousness upon children's children.

Even upon such as keep his covenant, *
and think upon his commandments to do them.

The Lord hath prepared his seat in heaven, *
and his kingdom ruleth over all.

○ praise the Lord, all ye angels of his, ye that excel in strength; *
and hearken unto the voice of his word.

○ praise the Lord, all ye his hosts; *
ye servants of his that do his pleasure.

○ speak good of the Lord, all ye works of his, in all places of his dominion: *
praise thou the Lord, O my soul.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, *
world without end. Amen.

The Lessons

The First Lesson

Zechariah 12:9-11, 13:1, 13:7-9

The word of the Lord concerning Israel: “And on that day I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of compassion and supplication, so that, when they look on him whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for an only child, and weep bitterly over him, as one weeps over a first-born. On that day the mourning in Jerusalem will be as great as the mourning for Hadad-rim’mon in the plain of Megid’do. On that day there shall be a fountain opened for the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to cleanse them from sin and uncleanness.” “Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, against the man who stands next to me,” says the Lord of hosts. “Strike the shepherd, that the sheep may be scattered; I will turn my hand against the little ones. In the whole land, says the Lord, two thirds shall be cut off and perish, and one third shall be left alive. And I will put this third into the fire, and refine them as one refines silver, and test them as gold is tested. They will call on my name, and I will answer them. I will say, ‘They are my people’; and they will say, ‘The Lord is my God.’”

¶ *All stand for the singing of the Office Hymn and Magnificat*

Hymn 160



1 Cross of Je - sus, cross of sor - row, where the
 2 Here the King of all the a - ges, throned in
 3 O mys - ter - ious con - de - scend - ing! O a -
 4 Cross of Je - sus, cross of sor - row, where the

blood of Christ was shed, per - fect Man on
 light ere worlds could be, robed in mor - tal
 ban - don - ment sub - lime! Ve - ry God him -
 blood of Christ was shed, per - fect Man on

thee did suf - fer, per - fect God on thee has bled!
 flesh is dy - ing, cru - ci - fied by sin for me.
 self is bear - ing all the suf - fer - ings of time!
 thee did suf - fer, per - fect God on thee has bled!

Words: William J. Sparrow-Simpson (1860–1952)
Music: Cross of Jesus, John Stainer (1840–1901)

✠ My soul doth magnify the Lord,
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded
the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold from henceforth
all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me,
and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him
throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm;
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat,
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel,
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

¶ All are seated following the singing of the Magnificat

The Second Lesson

Luke 19:41-48

And when Jesus drew near and saw the city he wept over it, saying, "Would that even today you knew the things that make for peace! But now they are hid from your eyes. For the days shall come upon you, when your enemies will cast up a bank about you and surround you, and hem you in on every side, and dash you to the ground, you and your children within you, and they will not leave one stone upon another in you; because you did not know the time of your visitation." And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who sold, saying to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be a house of prayer'; but you have made it a den of robbers." And he was teaching daily in the temple. The chief priests and the scribes and the principal men of the people sought to destroy him; but they did not find anything they could do, for all the people hung upon his words.

¶ Following the Lesson, all stand

✠ Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace,
according to thy word;
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles,
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed

¶ *Said by all*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, ✠
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

¶ *The Officiant and Choir sing the following*

Officiant The Lord be with you.

Choir And with thy spirit.

Officiant Let us pray.

¶ *The People kneel*

Choir Lord have mercy upon us.
Christ have mercy upon us.
Lord have mercy upon us.

¶ *Then the Choir sings the short form of the Lord's Prayer*

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. Amen.

¶ *Then follow these Suffrages*

Cantor O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

Choir And grant us thy salvation.

Cantor O Lord, save the State.

Choir And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Cantor Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

Choir And make thy chosen people joyful.

Cantor O Lord, save thy people.

Choir And bless thine inheritance.

Cantor Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Choir Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

Cantor O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Choir And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

¶ *The following Collects are sung; the Choir sings “Amen.”*

The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A Collect for Peace

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of all enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

A Collect for Aid against Perils

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Benedicamus Domino

Officiant

People



Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Grace

Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *People* Amen.

¶ *Then the Congregation is seated*

The Greeting

Anthem

O Saviour of the world,
Who by thy Cross and precious Blood hast redeemed us:
Save us, and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.
Amen.

*Words: Collect for the Visitation of the Sick
Music: John Goss (1800-1880)*

¶ During the anthem, a collection will be received

Closing Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

¶ The Officiant then offers prayers for mission and for the world

The Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant:
Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight; and the blessing ✠ of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. ¶ *People* Amen.

¶ All stand and join in the singing of the Hymn overleaf

Hymn 156



1 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! Hark! all the
2 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! In low - ly
3 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! The an - gel
4 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! Thy last and
5 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! In low - ly



1 tribes ho - san - na cry; thy hum - ble beast pur - sues his
2 pomp ride on to die; O Christ, thy tri - umphs now be -
3 ar - mies of the sky look down with sad and won - dering
4 fierc - est strife is nigh; the Fa - ther on his sap - phire
5 pomp ride on to die; bow thy meek head to mor - tal



1 road with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.
2 gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
3 eyes to see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
4 throne ex - pects his own a - noint - ed Son.
5 pain, then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

Words: Henry Hart Milman (1791-1868)

Music: The King's Majesty, Graham George (1912-1993)

g All remain standing as the Choir and Ministers depart

Holy Week has begun — please observe a reverent silence while leaving the Church

Participants in the Service

The Rev. Thomas Roy Albinson, Officiant
Joseph Andrew Arndt, Choirmaster and Organist
The Choir of St. Michael & St. George
David Laping Sinden, Organist

This Evening's Liturgy

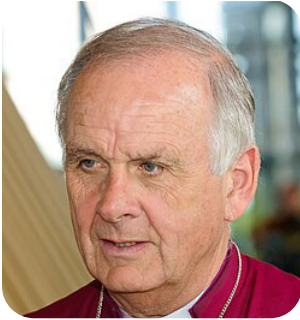
† In his biography of **Herbert Howells** (1892-1983), author Paul Spicer draws attention to Howells' Celtic heritage and his deep attachment to places and land. Thus it is no coincidence that among the 20 Evensong canticle settings Howells composed, the majority were dedicated to a specific church and choir. The ones sung today were composed in 1950 and dedicated to St. Paul's Cathedral in London. Howells clearly had the vast acoustics of St. Paul's in mind with more frequent sustained tones and harmonic shifts occurring over broad phrases.

† The Office of Evensong is sung at the close of each day in cathedrals, collegiate chapels, monastic communities, and parish churches throughout the Anglican Communion. Derived from the ancient offices of Vespers and Compline, it is a service of rare beauty offered through the singing of psalms and canticles, the reading of scripture, and prayer. This liturgy of sung prayer has been offered daily throughout the Christian era and it enables us to join with all those who have gone before, those today who offer their evening prayers, and those who will continue their sung praise, petitions, and thanksgivings in times to come.

† The worshipper offers praise through association with the choir and sits awash in sung prayer as it resonates throughout this sacred space. Natural time is suspended as word and music combine to capture the holy rhythms of the spheres and the worshipper is transported beyond chronological time to a place where creation and eternity coalesce into one.

Holy Week 2026

Holy Week Preacher



The Rt. Rev. Dr. Barry Morgan served as Archbishop of Wales from 2003-17 when he retired. He was also the Bishop of Llandaff during this period, having previously been Bishop of Bangor. He has spent his whole ministry in the Church in Wales, as a parish priest, university chaplain and lecturer, Director of Ministry and archdeacon. He is Pro Chancellor of the University of Wales and a Fellow of several Universities in the Principality.

Holy Week 2026

Holy Monday, March 30

5:30 PM Evensong

Holy Tuesday, March 31

5:30 PM Evensong

Holy Wednesday, April 1

5:30 PM Evensong

Maundy Thursday, April 2

5:30 PM A Family Service with Footwashing and Holy Eucharist
(St. George's Chapel) Simple Supper will follow.

7:00 PM The Mandatum, Holy Eucharist, and Stripping of the Altar

9:00 PM Vigil at the Altar of Repose starts

Good Friday, April 3

7:00 AM Stations of the Cross

Noon Vigil at the Altar of Repose ends

Noon The Good Friday Liturgy

Holy Saturday: The Eve of Easter, April 4

7:00 PM The Great Vigil of Easter Incense will be used.
A reception with dessert will follow.

The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day, 5

7:30 AM Holy Eucharist

8:45 AM Festival Music for Organ and Brass

9:00 AM Choral Eucharist

The nursery (0 - 3 yrs.) will be available, register online

10:45 AM Festival Music for Organ and Brass

11:00 AM Choral Eucharist

5:00 PM Holy Eucharist (St. George's Chapel)

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