



The Parish Church of
St John the Evangelist
Palmers Green

Holy Week Care Package from Rev Julie:

- **Palm Sunday** – Gospel Reading: Matthew 27: 1-54, with a Palm Cross

- **Holy Week (Mon to Wed) Compline** – Bible Readings:
 - **Mon:** Lamentations 2: 8-19, Col. 1: 18-23
 - **Tue:** Lamentations 3: 40-51, Gal. 6: 11-end
 - **Wed:** Isaiah 63: 1-9, Rev. 14: 18-chapter 15: 4

- **Maundy Thursday** – Shalom Prayer used at a Passover Meal and The Lord's Prayer.
Scripture Readings: John 13: 1-17, 31b-35

- **Good Friday:**
 - Scripture Reading: John 18: 1-end of chapter 19
 - Poem 'Myrrh – A Reflection', with a handheld cross that has been blessed

- **Easter Day** – Booklet, with a chocolate treat!

The Palm Sunday Gospel – Matthew 27.1-54

Narr. The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death; and they bound him and led him away and delivered him to Pilate the governor. When Judas, his betrayer, saw that he was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders:

Judas I have sinned in betraying innocent blood.

ALL: What is that to us? See to it yourself.

Narr. And throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself. But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said:

ALL: It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money.

Narr. So they took counsel, and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in. Therefore that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken by the prophet Jeremiah, saying: 'And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him on whom a price had been set by some of the sons of Israel, and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord directed me.'
Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him:

Pilate Are you the King of the Jews?

Jesus You have said so.

Narr. But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he made no answer. Then Pilate said to him:

Pilate Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?

Narr. But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge; so that the governor wondered greatly.

Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. And they had then a notorious prisoner, called Barabbas. So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them:

Pilate Whom do you want me to release for you, Barabbas or Jesus who is called Christ?

Narr. For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up. Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him:

P's W: Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much over him today in a dream.

Narr. Now the chief priests and elders persuaded the people to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. The governor again said to them:

Pilate Which of the two do you want me to release for you?

ALL: BARABBAS!

Pilate Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?

ALL: LET HIM BE CRUCIFIED.

Pilate Why? What evil has he done?

ALL: (louder) LET HIM BE CRUCIFIED.

Narr. So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd:

Pilate I am innocent of this man's blood. See to it yourselves.

ALL: His blood be on us and on our children!

Narr. Then Pilate released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the praetorium, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe upon him, and plaiting a crown of thorns they put it on his head, and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him they mocked him:

ALL: Hail, King of the Jews!

Narr. And they spat upon him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe, and put his own clothes on him, and led him away to crucify him. As they were marching out, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name; this man they compelled to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means 'the place of a skull'), they offered him wine to drink, mingled with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots; then they sat down and kept watch over him there. And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, 'This is Jesus the King of the Jews.' Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads:

ALL: You who would destroy the Temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.

Narr. So also the chief priests and elders mocked him:

ALL: **He saved others; he cannot save himself.**

He is the King of Israel;

let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him.

He trusts in God;

let God deliver him now, if he desires him;

for he said: 'I am the Son of God.'

Narr. And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way.

Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice:

Jesus Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?

Narr. That is, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' And some of the bystanders hearing it said:

ALL: **This man is calling Elijah.**

Narr. And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with vinegar, put it on a reed, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said:

ALL: **Wait. Let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.**

Narr. And Jesus cried again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

(PAUSE).

And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom; and the earth shook, and the rocks were split; the tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe, and said:

ALL: **Truly,**
this was the Son of God.

An Order for Night Prayer (Compline)

Preparation

The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end.
Amen.

Our help is in the name of the Lord
who made heaven and earth.

A period of silence for reflection on the past day may follow.

**Most merciful God,
we confess to you,
before the whole company of heaven and one another,
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed
and in what we have failed to do.
Forgive us our sins,
heal us by your Spirit
and raise us to new life in Christ. Amen.**

○ God, make speed to save us.
○ Lord, make haste to help us.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.
Allelulia.**

Hymn

Before the ending of the day,
Creator of the world, we pray
That you, with steadfast love, would keep
Your watch around us while we sleep.

From evil dreams defend our sight,
From fears and terrors of the night;
Tread underfoot our deadly foe
That we no sinful thought may know.

O Father, that we ask be done
Through Jesus Christ, your only Son;
And Holy Spirit, by whose breath
Our souls are raised to life from death.

The Word of God

Psalm 4

- 1 Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness; •
 you set me at liberty when I was in trouble;
 have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
- 2 How long will you nobles dishonour my glory; •
 how long will you love vain things and seek after falsehood?
- 3 But know that the Lord has shown me his marvellous kindness; •
 when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.
- 4 Stand in awe, and sin not; •
 commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still.
- 5 Offer the sacrifices of righteousness •
 and put your trust in the Lord.
- 6 There are many that say, 'Who will show us any good?' •
 Lord, lift up the light of your countenance upon us.
- 7 You have put gladness in my heart, •
 more than when their corn and wine and oil increase.
- 8 In peace I will lie down and sleep, •
 for it is you Lord, only, who make me dwell in safety.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Scripture Reading

Responsory

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

For you have redeemed me, Lord God of truth.

I commend my spirit.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

Keep me as the apple of your eye.

Hide me under the shadow of your wings.

The Nunc Dimittis

**Save us, O Lord, while waking,
and guard us while sleeping,
that awake we may watch with Christ
and asleep may rest in peace.**

1 Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace:
your word has been fulfilled.

2 My own eyes have seen the salvation
which you have prepared in the sight of every people;

3 A light to reveal you to the nations
and the glory of your people Israel.

Luke 2.29-32

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**Save us, O Lord, while waking,
and guard us while sleeping,
that awake we may watch with Christ
and asleep may rest in peace.**

Prayers

Intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered here.

The Collect

Visit this place, O Lord, we pray,
and drive far from it the snares of the enemy;
may your holy angels dwell with us and guard us in peace,
and may your blessing be always upon us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Conclusion

In peace we will lie down and sleep;
for you alone, Lord, make us dwell in safety.

Abide with us, Lord Jesus,
for the night is at hand and the day is now past.

As the night watch looks for the morning,
so do we look for you, O Christ.

[Come with the dawning of the day
and make yourself known in the breaking of the bread.]

The Lord bless us and watch over us;
the Lord make his face shine upon us and be gracious to us;
the Lord look kindly on us and give us peace.

Amen.

“Myrrh – A Reflection” from “Let justice roll”

Three Kings came
Cradled the Babe in bejewelled arms,
Gave of their gifts and left a different path,
I wonder at their gifts as I
Cradle the Babe in homespun arms.

Gold is a useful gift.
The Babe likes the glitter and clink of it
And we are glad of the security it offers;
As we walk a different path to a new land.
I cradle the Babe in my lap
And wonder at God’s mercy on it.

Frankincense – what to make of that then
Sweet smell and curled smoke rising.
A fitting sacrifice for God’s Son in Jerusalem’s Temple.
‘A sword shall pierce my heart!’
I wonder at those two old dears and their words surprising.

Myrrh – myrrh causes my heart to tremble
As I cradle the Babe against my breast.
Myrrh betokens all the world’s pain and all the world’s loss
Anointing the dead – ah let me hold Him yet awhile –
Sweet, sweet child, grow not away too fast.
Abba, heavenly Father, let me know what is best.

Myrrh anoints all the world’s pain
and all the world’s loss.
‘Blessed are they who mourn for they shall be comforted!’
‘Talithi cumi – give her something to eat.’
‘If you want you can cure me.’
‘Of course I want to be cured.’
‘Do not cry. Young man, I say to you get up.’
As salve takes the sting from the pain
Abba’s son and mine restore them to life again?

I wonder at this gift of myrrh
As I watch his body on the gibbet racked (wracked?)
My heart pierced by the pain he bears,
His head upon my breast and he, inert upon my lap.
Once more I embrace my son and wonder what we lacked. That Abba allowed it thus.

I wonder at this gift of myrrh
As I walk with the women to the tomb
How his body we need to anoint – the last comfort give.
And as I grasp the myrrh’s portent; believe:
in entering the pain
Break the barriers to find him living again.
Oh Abba, loving Father, Amen, Amen.