



St George's Anglican Church | Malvern

**Sunday of the Passion (Palm Sunday)**

**29 March 2015**

**Sentence** At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. *Phil.8.76-11*

**Collect**

Everlasting God, in your tender love for the human race  
you sent your Son to take our nature,  
and to suffer death upon the cross:  
in your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will  
and in the glorious victory of his resurrection;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.**

*This passage was written during or after the exile in Babylon. It stresses the obedience of the Lord's (suffering) Servant and the early church received this imagery as foreshadowing the suffering of the Messiah.*

The Lord GOD has given me  
the tongue of a teacher,  
that I may know how to sustain  
the weary with a word.  
Morning by morning he wakens—  
wakens my ear  
to listen as those who are taught.  
The Lord GOD has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backwards.

I gave my back to those who struck me,  
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;  
I did not hide my face  
from insult and spitting.  
The Lord GOD helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;  
he who vindicates me is near.  
Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together.  
Who are my adversaries?  
Let them confront me.  
It is the Lord GOD who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?  
All of them will wear out like a garment;  
the moth will eat them up. *Isaiah 50.4-9a*  
Reader For the word of the Lord  
**All Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 31.9-18 APBA page 250**

*A prayer for trust in God in times of opposition, suffering and rejection.*

**A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians.**

*In this key passage in the Christian scriptures, most likely an early hymn of the Church, Paul sets before us the self-emptying or "kenosis" of Jesus Christ, even to death, for which God awarded him the name "Lord" which is above all other names.*

Let the same mind be in you that was\* in Christ Jesus,  
who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
but emptied himself,

taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.  
Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father. *Philippians 2.5-11*

Reader            May your word live in us.  
**All            And bear much fruit to your glory.**

***The gospel is read without introduction today.***

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO  
MARK.

**PLEASE SIT DURING THIS LONG READING.**

*Marks' gospel is the earliest to be written, somewhere around 65AD. The community whose wrote it was either Greek-speaking Jews or contained Gentile converts living outside Palestine. Mark's is the shortest gospel, startling in its realism; it is not biography but a theological presentation of who Jesus is and the demands of following him. The passion narrative shows Jesus abandoned and emptied by his experiences. There are two transition points in the story. Prior to his arrest (up to 14.51) Jesus speaks thirteen times and initiates action. After the arrest he is passive and speaks only four times. The second transition comes at the climax of the passion when the centurion*

*confesses faith in Jesus. This serves a dual purpose: it acclaims Jesus' identity as God's anointed son and affirms the presence of God, not only in power and glory or in teaching, but in suffering, brokenness and abandonment. This is the radical assertion of the gospel: in Jesus' suffering and our own, God brings new life from disaster, darkness and even death.* Chapter 14.1-15.27

Reader For the Gospel of the Lord  
**All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

### **Prayers for the Week**

O God, the source of our passion, who took upon you our unprotected flesh, kindle in us your anger and desire; that in suffering we may not be consumed, but hold fast to you through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Christ, whose feet were caressed with perfume and a woman's hair; you humbly took basin and towel and washed the feet of your friends. Wash us also in your tenderness as we touch one another; that embracing your service freely, we may accept no other bondage in your name, Amen.

### **THE CHURCH'S LECTIONARY FOR HOLY WEEK (Eucharist)**

<b>MONDAY</b>	ISAIAH 42.1-19	PSALM 36.5-11
7:30PM	HEBREWS 9.11-15	JOHN12. 1-11
<b>Tuesday</b>	Isaiah 49.1-7	Psalm 71.1-14
7:30pm	1 Cor. 1.18-31	John12.20-36
<b>Wednesday</b>	Isaiah 50.4-9a	Psalm 70
7:30pm	Hebrews 12.1-3	John13.21-32
<b>Holy (Maundy)</b>		
<b>Thursday</b>	Ex.12.1-14	Psalm 116.1-2, 11-18
8:00pm	1 Cor 11.23-26	Jn13.1-17, 31b-32

**Bible Readings next week**      **5 April 2015**  
**Vigil 6:00am** Gen 1.1-2.4a      Ex. 14.10-31;15.20-21  
Isa. 55.1-11      Ezek. 36.24-28  
*Followed immediately by the* **First Eucharist of Easter**  
Rom. 6.3-11   Psalm 114   Hymn to the Risen Christ  
Matt 28.1-10

**Easter Day**  
8am & 10am Acts 10.34-43   Hymn to the Risen Christ  
I Cor 15.1-11   John 20.1-18

**Pray for the Faithful Departed**  
We remember before God: Helen Reddrop; Joyce Helen  
Granger; Gertrude Edington and  
Charles Matthew Cooch Bennett  
*whose anniversaries occur this week.*