

EASTER CAROLS

Lent, Passiontide and Easter

7pm Sunday March 26th 2023



St Peter's Brighton Beach

Please ensure all mobiles phones are switched off

Please sanitise your hands upon entry.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

The congregation will be invited to stand when the Choir is ready in the narthex, so that all may be silent when the Choir sings.

INTROIT

Lent Prose

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

¶ *The congregation remains standing as the organ introduction is played, and joins the Choir in singing the hymn, as the Choir processes to the stalls.*

1. Lord Jesus, think on me, and purge away my sin;
from earthbound passions set me free, and make me pure within.
2. Lord Jesus, think on me, by care and woe oppressed; let me thy
loving servant be, and taste your promised rest.
3. Lord Jesus, think on me, that, amid the bitter strife, through all
my pain and misery, become my health and life.

4. Lord Jesus, think on me, nor let me go astray;
through darkness and perplexity point to the heavenly way.
5. Lord Jesus, think on me, that, when the trial is past,
I may your radiant glory see, and share your joy at last.

The bishop greets all in the name of the Lord

In the name of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The priest says the sentence of the day.

If you want to become a disciple of Jesus, deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow him.

Mark 8.34

The priest introduces the prayer of confession.

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. Let us confess our sins, remembering before God the times when we have fallen from temptation into sin.

Silence is kept.

**All: Merciful God,
our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
and in what we have failed to do:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you
in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The bishop pronounces the absolution.

Almighty God,
who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith:
pardon you and set you free from all your sins,
strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

FIRST READING

Hear the commandments which God gave his people Israel.

1. I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of slavery; you shall have no other gods but me.
2. You shall not make for yourself a graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them.
3. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
4. Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.
5. Honour your father and your mother.
6. You shall do no murder.
7. You shall not commit adultery.
8. You shall not steal.
9. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.
- 10 You shall not covet anything that is your neighbour's.

For the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Exodus 20:2-17 (from A Prayer Book for Australia)

SERMON Bishop Paul Barker

CHOIR PSALM 130

Chant melody, James Thurle (after Purcell)

Out of the deep have I called unto Thee O Lord

Lord, hear my voice.

O Let thine ears consider well

The voice of my complaint

If thou Lord would be extreme to mark what is done amiss

O Lord, who May abide it

For there is mercy with Thee

Therefore, shalt thou be feared

I look to the Lord, My soul doth wait for him

In His word is my trust

My soul fleeth unto the Lord

Before the morning watch I say,

Before the morning watch

O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy

And with Him is plenteous redemption
For he shall redeem Israel
From all his sins.

The priest says

The last days of the earthly life of Jesus of Nazareth threw even his most loyal disciples into disarray. The things he said and did provoked anguish, confusion and fear. It was only afterwards, in the light of the resurrection, that they began to see the triumph in the suffering, and the glory in the shame.

Now we hear again the story of Easter as told by the evangelist John. Through his eyes we see Jesus enter Jerusalem in triumph, humbly wash his disciples' feet and stand defiantly before Pilate. We hear his loving words from the cross, and see that same love confound all fears when he rises from the dead.

SECOND READING

Jesus prays on the Mount of Olives.

Jesus came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he said

to them, “Pray that you may not come into the time of trial.” Then he withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, knelt down, and prayed, “Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me, yet not my will but yours be done.” [Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground.] When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, and he said to them, “Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial.”

CHORAL ITEM

Legend (Tchaikovsky).

THIRD READING

Jesus washes his disciples’ feet.

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had

given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.

John 13: 1-14

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

¶ *All stand as the organ introduction is played.*

1. How are you broken, beloved?

Where are you lost and in pain?

I am your hope and your healing,

I am your starting again.

2. What are you paying, beloved?

What does it cost to survive?

I am the whole of your ransom,

I am your coming alive.

3. Why are you weeping, beloved?

Whose is the body you seek?

I am your love and your laughter,

I am the gospel you speak.

4. Where are you going, beloved?

When did your travelling start?

I am your source and your ending,

I am the home of your heart.

5. God of my joy and delighting,

Spirit on whom I depend,

Jesus, I'll come at your calling,
name you my lover and friend.

¶ *The congregation sits.*

FOURTH READING

Jesus is tried by Pontius Pilate.

Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate's headquarters. It was early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the headquarters, so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the Passover. So Pilate went out to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" They answered, "If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you." Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law." The Jews replied, "We are not permitted to put anyone to death." (This was to fulfill what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.)

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were

from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.” Pilate asked him, “What is truth?”

After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them, “I find no case against him. But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover. Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?” They shouted in reply, “Not this man, but Barabbas!” Now Barabbas was a bandit.

John 18: 28-40

CHOIR ANTHEM

I shall lead them back (P. Wainwright).

FIFTH READING: JESUS IS CRUCIFIED

Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

So they took Jesus; and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. Pilate also had an

inscription written and put on the cross. It read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.” Many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but, ‘This man said, I am King of the Jews.’” Pilate answered, “What I have written I have written.” When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. So they said to one another, “Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it.” This was to fulfill what the scripture says, “They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots.”

And that is what the soldiers did.

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, “Woman, here is your son.” Then he said to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in

order to fulfill the scripture), “I am thirsty.” A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the wine, he said, “It is finished.” Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

John 19: 16-30

CONGREGATIONAL SPIRITUAL

¶ *The congregation stands as the organ introduction is played.*

1. Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

3. Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

4. Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

5. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Words: American Spiritual Music: arr. Bob Chilcott

¶ *All sit.*

SIXTH READING

Jesus is mistaken for a gardener.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have

not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

John 20: 11-18

OFFERTORY

An offering will be taken up during the singing of the hymn.

The congregation stands as the organ introduction is played.

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

1. Mary, weep not, weep no longer, now thy heart hath gained its goal; here, in truth, the Gardener standeth, but the Gardener of thy soul, who within thy spirit's garden by his love hath made thee whole.
2. Now from grief and lamentation lift thy drooping heart with cheer; while for love of him thou mournest, lo, thy Lord regained is here; fainting for him, thou hast found him; all unknown, behold him near!
3. Whence thy sorrow, whence thy weeping, since with thee true

bliss abides? In thy heart, thou undiscovered, balm of consolation hides: holding all, thou canst no longer lack the cure that health provides.

4. Nay, no wonder if she knows not till the Sower's seed be sown, till from him, the Word eternal, light within her heart is thrown. Now he calls her; and "Rabboni," she in turn her Lord doth own.

5. Faith that washed the feet of Jesus, fed with dew the Fount of Grace, win for us a like compassion, that, with all the ransomed race, at the glory of his rising we may see him face to face!

6. Glory be to God and honor, who, preferring sacrifice, far above the rich man's bounty, sweetness found in Mary's sighs, who for all, his love foretasting, spreads the banquet of the skies. Amen.

¶ *The congregation sits.*

SEVENTH READING

Jesus empowers his disciples.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be

with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

¶ *All stand as the organ introduction is played.*

CAROL

1. This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow!

My Love, the Crucified, hath sprung to life this morrow.

*Had Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst his three-day prison,
our faith had been in vain: but now hath Christ arisen.*

2. My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a season slumber:

till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number.

3. Death's flood hath lost his chill, since Jesus cross'd the river:

Lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver.

The bishop pronounces the blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal 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 amongst you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

All remain standing as the Choir and Clergy depart. Thank you for worshipping with us today. Please join us for

refreshments after the service.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO FOLLOW JESUS? WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME A MEMBER AT ST PETER'S?

If you like to become a follower of Jesus, if you would like to know more about Jesus, and/or if you would like to become a member at St Peter's, please contact the vicar, the Rev'd Jonathan Chamberlain, on 0488 770 277, or vicar@saintpeters.org.au.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME A CHORISTER AT ST PETER'S?

If you like singing and enjoy music, and would like to become a chorister at St Peter's, do please consider contacting the Director of Music, Pamela Wainwright, on pamela.wainwright@gmail.com.