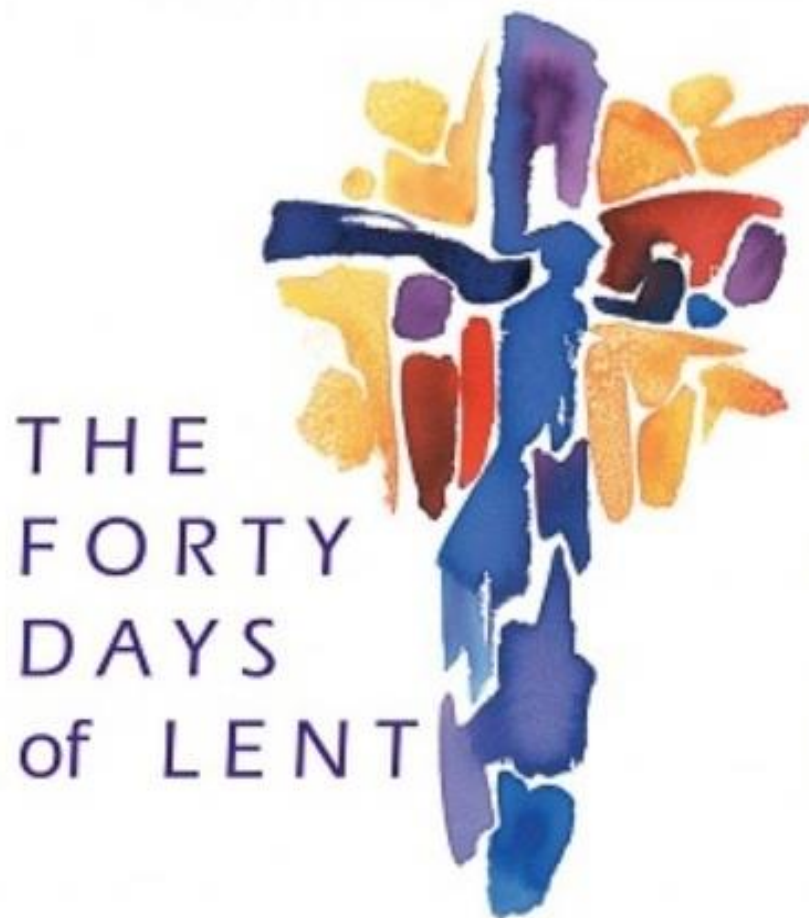


The Holy Eucharist

Fifth Sunday of Lent



Church of the Resurrection
and St Barnabas, Eastlands

A place of worship and welcome, sharing Christ's love

Traditionally the final two weeks of Lent are used as an immediate preparation for the sorrowful events of the Easter drama. It is a period of time to focus more and more on the Passion and death of Jesus and so accompany him on his way to Calvary.

The Fifth Sunday of Lent is also known as "Passion Sunday" marking the beginning of a special sub-season called Passiontide, which extends up until Holy Saturday. During this time, the Church's liturgy becomes more somber and a sorrowful mood is reflected in the various practices that occur in the liturgy. The most obvious example of a more somber mood is the veiling of statues and images in the church.

The Guitar music playing is based on the tune Love Unknown by John Ireland, associated with the popular Passiontide hymn "My Song is Love Unknown".

The Gathering

Gathering Hymn – *Lift high the cross*

sung by St Martin's Voices

***Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.***

**Come, let us follow where our Captain trod,
our King victorious, Christ the Son of God. *Refrain***

**O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw us unto thee. *Refrain***

**Let every race and every language tell
of him who saves our souls from death and hell. *Refrain***

**Set up thy throne, that earth's despair may cease
beneath the shadow of its healing peace. *Refrain***

**For thy blest cross which doth for all atone
creation's praises rise before thy throne. *Refrain***

*Michael Robert Newbolt (1874-1956),
George William Kitchin (1827-1912)
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Words of welcome and introduction may be said, then the president says

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

All Amen.

The Greeting

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

The Prayer of Preparation

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

The first commandment is this:

'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.'

The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

All Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Prayers of Penitence

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God, though we have rebelled against him.

Let us then renounce our wilfulness and ask his mercy by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Silence is kept followed by Kyrie Confession.

Wash away all my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin:

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Against you, you only have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight:

Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within me:

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

The president pronounces Absolution.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Collect

*The president says the Collect, and all responds **Amen.***

The Liturgy of the Word

First and Second Reading

At the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.
The Lord is the great God, O that today you would listen to his
word. Harden not your hearts.

All Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N.*

All Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Creed

Let us declare our faith in God.

All **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Prayers end

Merciful Father

All **accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Hymn - *It is a thing most wonderful*

sung by St Martin's Voices

**It is a thing most wonderful,
almost too wonderful to be,
that God's own Son should come from heav'n,
and die to save a child like me.**

**And yet I know that it is true:
He chose a poor and humble lot,
and wept and toiled and mourned and died
for love of those who loved Him not.**

**But even could I see Him die,
I could but see a little part
of that great love which, like a fire,
is always burning in His heart.**

**It is most wonderful to know
His love for me so free and sure;
but 'tis more wonderful to see
my love for Him so faint and poor.**

**And yet I want to love Thee, Lord;
O light the flame within my heart,
and I will love Thee more and more,
until I see Thee as Thou art.**

William Walsham How (1823-1897)

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Since we are justified by faith,
we have peace with God
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has given us access to his grace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you

All and also with you.

The Offering

You are encouraged to continue to give for your church even when we are unable to meet in our church building. May these words encourage you to continue to put the money in your envelopes or set up a Standing Order via your bank:

Offertory Prayer

**All Gracious God, accept these gifts,
and with them our lives,
to be used in your service;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Preparation of the Table

God of our journey, as we walk with you
on your path of obedience, sustain us on our way and leads to
your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer (Prayer E)

The Lord be with you
All and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and just,
our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For as the time of his passion and resurrection draws near the whole world is called to acknowledge his hidden majesty. The power of the life-giving cross reveals the judgement that has come upon the world and the triumph of Christ crucified. He is the victim who dies no more, the Lamb once slain, who lives for ever, our advocate in heaven to plead our cause, exalting us there to join with angels and archangels, for ever praising you and saying:

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died
he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we
proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**All Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.
Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with *St Barnabas* and all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Lord Jesus, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**All Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name;
your kingdom come; your will be done;
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

Every time we eat this bread
and drink this cup,

All we proclaim the Lord's death until he come.

The Agnus Dei is said

**All Jesus, Lamb of God,
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins,
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world,
grant us peace.**

Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

The President receives the Body and the Blood on behalf of the people.

The president lifts the priest wafer and says before receiving the bread

The Body of Christ.

All Amen.

The president lifts the wine and says before receiving the wine

The Blood of Christ.

All Amen.

The people are encouraged to say the words of Act of Spiritual Communion:

**My Jesus,
I believe that You are present
in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

*The president says the Post Communion prayer to which all respond **Amen**.
Then the following prayer is said*

All Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Dismissal

Notices

Blessing

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,
to deny yourselves, take up your cross,
and follow him; and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Final Hymn – My song is love unknown

sung by St Martin's Voices

**My song is love unknown,
My Saviour's love to me;
love to the loveless shown,
that they might lovely be.**

**O who am I,
that for my sake
my Lord should take
frail flesh and die?**

**He came from His blest throne
salvation to bestow;
but men made strange, and none
the longed-for Christ would know:
But O! my Friend,
my Friend indeed,
who at my need
His life did spend.**

**Sometimes they strew His way,
and His sweet praises sing;
resounding all the day
Hosannas to their King:
Then "Crucify!"
is all their breath,
and for His death
they thirst and cry.**

**They rise and needs will have
my dear Lord made away;
a murderer they save,
the Prince of life they slay,
Yet cheerful He
to suffering goes,
that He His foes
from thence might free.**

**Here might I stay and sing,
no story so divine;
never was love, dear King!
Never was grief like Thine.
This is my Friend,
in Whose sweet praise
I all my days
could gladly spend.**

Samuel Crossman (1623-1683) Copyright

The Sending Out

Our worship has ended, our service begins.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.


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