The Parish of St Paul, Wokingham

Love's Endeavour, Love's Expense

a sequence of Music and Readings



Palm Sunday 2024



Organ Prelude

Adagio for Strings

by Samuel Barber (1910-1981)

arranged by William Strickland (1914-1991)

Choir The Lent Prose

Poem Descent

Malcolm Guite (b.1957)

Hymn When I survey the wondrous cross (95)

Gathering and Opening Prayer

Choir God so loved the world

from "The Crucifixion" John Stainer (1840-1901)

God so loved the world, God so loved the world,

that he gave his only begotten son,

that whoso believeth,

believeth in him should not perish,

should not perish but have everlasting life.

The King enters His City

Reading Jesus enters Jerusalem

Luke 19: 29-40

Choir O Saviour of the world

by Arthur Somervell (1863-1937)

O Saviour of the world, who by the cross and precious

blood hast redeemed us: save us and help us,

we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

A New Commandment

Reading In the Upper Room

John 13:3-9 & Matthew 26.26-29

Choir Salvator Mundi

by Thomas Tallis (c.1505-1585)

O Saviour of the world, save us,

who by thy cross and blood hast redeemed us,

help us, we pray thee, O Lord our God.

Poem The Coming

R.S. Thomas (1913-2000)

Hymn It is a thing most wonderful (84)

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Reading The Betrayal of Jesus

Luke 22:39-53

Choir Were you there? *by Bob Chilcott* (b. 1955)

Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Oh were you there when they crucified my Lord? (Oooh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble) Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Reading Jesus is condemned and executed

[WE STAND] John 19:13-30

Choir Wir setzen uns from St Matthew Passion

by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

We sit down with tears and call to you in the grave: rest gently, gently rest! Rest, you exhausted limbs.

rest gently, rest well.

Prayers and the Lord's Prayer

Lord Jesus, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

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. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Hymn My song is love unknown (86, v 1-5)

A Short Reflection

The Blessing

Choir Thou knowest Lord,

from the Funeral Sentences, by Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

Man that is born of a woman hath but a short time to live.

In the midst of life we are in death.

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts.

Organ Voluntary

Meditation on the Passion Chorale, by David Bednall (b. c1980)







Services for Holy Week

{see www.spauls.org.uk for full details}

(N is St Nicholas' Church, Emmbrook Village Hall
P is St Paul's Church, Reading Road
W is Woosehill Community Church, behind Hawthorns School.
Services marked LS will be Livestreamed and then available
on the parish Youtube channel or via the website)

Mon (P) Tue (P) Wed (W)

8pm Mass with Reflection,

focusing on Jesus' Last Words from the Cross

Maundy Thursday (28th March)

(LS)

8pm P Mass with Foot Washing,

Stripping of the Altars & Vigil until Midnight

(organ piece from 7.45pm)

Good Friday (29th March)

10am P Messy Easter for Children and Families

2pm P Last Hour at the Foot of the Cross (LS)

3.30pm N Reflections on Good Friday

Holy Saturday (30th March)

8pm P Service of Readings and Reflection

Easter Day (31st March) *clocks go forward*

6am P First Mass of Easter

8am P BCP Mass

9.30am P Joyful All Together Mass for Easter (LS)

10am W Joyful Communion for Easter Day

11am N Joyful Eucharist for Easter Day