

TOGETHER

Newsletter for Catholics in Birkdale
5 April, 2020 + Palm Sunday & Holy Week +
Sundays Year A + Weekdays Year 2

From Archbishop Malcolm regarding Easter Duties

Many of the faithful will be aware of their Easter Duties; that is, to receive Holy Communion during the Easter Season. As it is not possible for the faithful to receive Holy Communion at this time and possibly for some time ahead, the Bishops of England and Wales have dispensed the Easter Duties for the year 2020, so that the consciences of people may be reassured and any scruples which they have be eased.

Masses that are live streamed/televised/broadcast

Archbishop Malcolm will preside at the Holy Week services at the Cathedral, which will be live streamed. The times of the services are as follows: Palm Sunday 11am Holy Thursday 7pm Good Friday 3pm Holy Saturday 8pm Easter Sunday 11am www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en> Pope Francis
<https://www.churchservices.tv/whats-on-now/> Great selection of Masses and other Church services

<https://www.lourdes-france.org/en/tv-lourdes/>
Mass and daily at 2pm the Rosary in English
<https://www.livemass.org> Extraordinary Form (1962 Missal)
CatholicTV.org and <http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/>
Sky channel 588

BBC Radio 4 and local radio stations will be broadcasting a short Easter Sunday service celebrated by Cardinal Vincent Nichols at 08.10 am on Easter Sunday morning.

I am hoping to share a link on YouTube for a **Good Friday meditation and the Mass Easter Sunday morning.**

Maria is looking into which platform we can use and I have found a tripod where I can secure my Ipad for recording it. Fingers crossed this will work so watch your emails!!
Fr Atli

How Do I Make a Spiritual Communion?

Alone or together with others in your household

Make the sign of the cross

You could read the Gospel of the day

Then share prayer intentions quietly or aloud

Say the Lord's Prayer

Then make an act of spiritual communion

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present
in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,
and I 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.

St. Alphonsus Liguori

Close with the sign of the cross.



Masses Intentions 5 April—12 April

Sat. Thomas and Margaret Kennedy A

Palm Sunday Parishioners

Mon. Sante Grilli

Tues. Eileen Goss Birthday rem.

Wed. Ted Manley A

Maundy Thursday Sandra Caven

Good Friday

Holy Saturday The sick and those who care for them

Easter Sunday Parishioners



George has a little pray to Mary when we walk past with the dog, that everyone stays safe and well x. Sue, George's Mum

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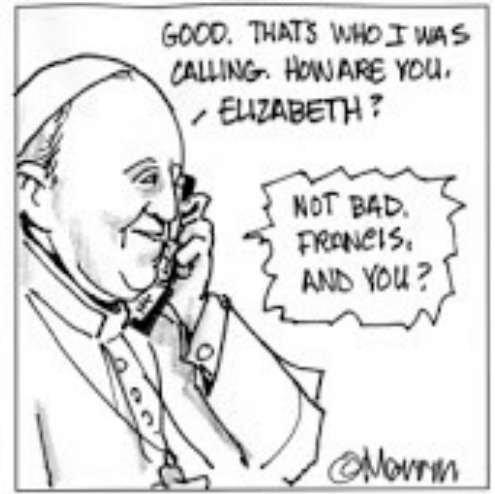
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Other Catholic churches in Southport:

St John Stone & Sacred Heart Tel. 577722 * St Marie & St Patrick Tel. 531229 * Holy Family Tel. 532613



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Important Information

- Seek help from people you know – e.g. family, trusted neighbours and friends, or reputable charities, local advice agencies and established faith organisations
 - Only give cash to someone you know and trust and for a specific purpose which you have agreed with them
 - Do not give your bank card and PIN number to anybody
- Do not give personal health or care details to anyone unless they are from the NHS or the Council and have a need to know.

You may also want to look at: <https://mysefton.co.uk/>

Shops that do local delivery Some may need a min. order
These businesses will **NOT** be knocking on your door unsolicited. Please take care with door-to-door sellers!

- Jennings Greengrocers** 553775
- Ainsdale Fruit and Veg** 577686
- Hallidays** 551524 / 07875082019
- Bates Diary** 567595
- Free delivery of milk, yoghurt, bread, cheese and juices. Can take payment over the phone.
- Birkdale Cheese Centre** 568822
- Delivers on Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Birkdale Health Shop** 564353
- Delivers on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays
- Brouchs Butchers** 574069
- Ask for Stephen Ashton, min. order £20
- Langdons of Southport** 224888
- Sandwiches and food £10 min order
- Nature's Remedies – The Original Southport Health Shop** 545666
- Email: naturesremedies@hotmail.co.uk
- <http://www.natures-remedies-southport.co.uk/>
- Peets Place** Call Kevin Peet 07877125999
- Fresh or frozen fish, Tuesday through to Sunday.
- Deliveries £3 Free for over £30; Email sales@peetsplaice.co.uk
- Stanley's Greengrocer** 568503
- Delivers milk, fruit and veg
- We Grow Co**, Tel. 212763 run by Autism Initiatives
- Organic veg, fruit, eggs delivery for £1 once a fortnight.
- Wesley Fish Shop** 542778
- £3.00 delivery charge for orders under £25.00
- Free over £50.
- Wiltshire Farm Foods** 0800 077 3100
- Deliver complete frozen meals
- Southport Cake Creations** 541137

Let's not get lonely!

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Facebook: Birkdale Catholics.
Our webpage has gone live:
www.birkdalecatholics.com

Please share with family and friends.
At this time we can only send out
the newsletter **TOGETHER**
Electronically.

Bin Collections as normal!

“please be patient with our teams as services may take longer than usual at this time. Please don't contact us about a missed bin as the service may be running a day behind in some areas. Please be considerate when parking cars, allowing space for the bin wagons to get through, and please look after your neighbours and put their bins out for collection if they need support during this time.”

Free Car Parking

Sefton Council has temporarily suspended all parking charges across Council car parks, and pay and display areas across the borough

#COVID19 [https://mysefton.co.uk/2020/03/27/sefton-council-suspends-parking-charges-during-covid-19-outbreak/ ...](https://mysefton.co.uk/2020/03/27/sefton-council-suspends-parking-charges-during-covid-19-outbreak/)

**Lord Jesus Christ,
send the Holy Spirit over the world
affected by the corona virus.
In your goodness: Heal the sick!
Protect those in danger of being infected.
Strengthen those who care for the sick.
My life is in your hands.
I trust in you.
Amen.**

Something to Think and Pray about

By now we may have fallen victim to daytime television. Perhaps you are watching programmes where celebrities whip up a sponge cake, dance a tango, hide in the jungle, hunt for antiques or go on a blind date.

A programme that made a show of some of the weakest and most vulnerable, the content of which seemed to mimic what should be said in the confessional, came to an abrupt end and thankfully will not be shown again.

On a positive note everyone likes a good show, a good celebration and some of us find celebrities inspirational and that they raise our moral.

The celebration of Palm Sunday is the beginning of Holy Week. As you read for yourselves the Gospel accounts of Jesus entering Jerusalem, the great welcome he receives, and then how the story of his last days on earth unfolds, you may notice how the crowds that welcomed him become the people who want him dead. I would hope that those anonymous bystanders, those who yelled out in spite and raised their fists, did so without thinking for themselves, that they were carried away in their weakness and when tempted to blame them, to some excuse for their actions was found.

In the early 1990s I met a French Dominican P. Gregoire who before entering the noviciate had travelled to the Olympic Games in Berlin 1936. He was present for the opening ceremony and as Hitler arrived the crowds rose and saluted. Father, looking back, recalled how tempting it was to raise his right arm and follow suit.

God has created us to think and choose for ourselves. He has given us freedom but hasn't left us helpless; the voice of our conscience, his word and the teaching of his church, his grace. God inspires us by people that show us the way. But we should not travel with them unthinkingly or be swept along as if we couldn't take independent decisions or had no will of our own.

And that's why we don't follow the crowd during the Passion, but Jesus, who identifies with the sufferings of his people, Jesus who rose to life and calls us to live in faith, hope and love.

I would like to think that Jesus would have joined all who Thursday night thanked the NHS and the key workers fighting the covid 19 pandemic. Our society needs their sense of duty. This *crowd* of good people is made up of individuals who are selfless, caring and giving. For us all that is a blessing.



*Lord, by your cross and resurrection,
you have set us free;
you are the Saviour of the world.*



Prayer with the Pope April 2020

We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.

<https://www.facebook.com/thepopevideo>

www.thepopevideo.org

We Pray for the Sick

Toby Peters aged two, Nella aged four,
Eddie Grant, Jack Rogan, Canon Bert Shaw,
Ciara Lee, Mgr Austin Hunt, Joyce Mountford,
Sheila Smith, Peter Molyneux, Harry Purcell,
Dorothy Gibb, Christopher Connolly, Terry Martin,
Peter Berry, Elvira McLay, Anne Dutch,
Sid Geoghegan, Kathleen Jenkinson, Pat Little,
Kathryn Harding, Emma Whittaker, Nola Nelson,
Audrey Garside, Lindsey Rodger, Minna Moffatt,
Mary Stanton, Anne Dodgson, Sian Williams,
Michael Walton, Gordon Lindsay, Doreen Grant,
Marian Ball, Valerie Spalding, Jemima Jenkins,
Harold Waters, Michael McCormack, Pat Mills,
Catherine (young mum), Muriel Appleton,
Michael McLroy, Megan Borthwick,
Richard Hughes, Michael & Dorothy Brady,
Deborah Herold

The Lately Dead

Kitty Turner, Elizabeth Mary (Betty) Beck,
Linda Conway, John Robert (Bob) Cookson,
Harry Purcell

Anniversaries

Thomas and Margaret Kennedy
Eileen Goss, Ted Manley

We pray for

Our parish,

that this time apart may help us to strengthen the
bond we have with God and each other

Our schools, the children, staff and governors.

The emergency services and all hospital workers

The sick and the housebound
All affected by the corona virus
All worried about their health.

Congratulations to Tom and Marie Murray
on their Diamond Wedding Anniversary.



Do you shop online? You can raise money for the parish, at no additional cost to yourself? Click on the link below and follow the simple instructions.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/birkdalecatholics/?invite=mv7m0f&referral->

MASS THIS SUNDAY

Isaiah 50:4-7

Preface of Palm Sunday Eucharistic Prayer II

Matthew 21:1-11

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!

When they drew near to Jerusalem
and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives,
Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them,
'Go into the village facing you,
and immediately you will find an ass tied,
and a colt with her: untie them and bring them to me.
If anyone says anything to you, you shall say,
"The Lord has need of them,"
and he will send them immediately.'

This took place to fulfil
what was spoken by the prophet, saying,
'*Tell the daughter of Sion,
Behold, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on an ass,
and on a colt, the foal of an ass.*'

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them;
they brought the ass and the colt,
and put their garments on them, and he sat thereon.
Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road,
and others cut branches from the trees
and spread them on the road.
And the crowds that went before him
and that followed him shouted,
'Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest!'
And when he entered Jerusalem,
all the city was stirred, saying, 'Who is this?'
And the crowds said,
'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth of Galilee.'

Entrance Antiphon

Six days before the Passover,
when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem,
the children ran to meet him;
in their hands they carried palm branches
and with a loud voice cried out:

*Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!*
O gates, lift high your heads;
grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory!
Who is this king of glory?
He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory.
*Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!*

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
who as an example of humility for the human race to follow
caused our Saviour to take flesh and submit to the Cross,
graciously grant that we may heed his lesson of patient
suffering
and so merit a share in his Resurrection.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

I did not cover my face against insult:
I know I shall not be shamed

The Lord has given me
a disciple's tongue.
So that I may know how to reply to the wearied
he provides me with speech.
Each morning he wakes me to hear,
to listen like a disciple.
The Lord has opened my ear.
For my part, I made no resistance,
neither did I turn away.
I offered my back to those who struck me,
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;
I did not cover my face
against insult and spittle.
The Lord comes to my help,
so that I am untouched by the insults.
So, too, I set my face like flint;
I know I shall not be shamed.

Psalms 21(22):8-9,17-20,23-24

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

All who see me deride me.
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.'

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet
I can count every one of my bones.

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me!

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons.'

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Philippians 2:6-11

Christ humbled himself but God raised him high

His state was divine,
yet Christ Jesus did not cling
to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave
and became as men are;
and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings
in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.



The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Key: *N. Narrator. □ Jesus. O. Other single speaker. C. Crowd, or more than one speaker.*

N. One of the Twelve, the man called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said,

O. What are you prepared to give me if I hand him over to you?

N. They paid him thirty silver pieces, and from that moment he looked for an opportunity to betray him.

Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus to say,

C. Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the passover?

N. He replied:

□ Go to so-and-so in the city and say to him, 'The Master says: My time is near. It is at your house that I am keeping Passover with my disciples.'

N. The disciples did what Jesus told them and prepared the Passover.

When evening came he was at table with the twelve disciples. And while they were eating he said:

□ I tell you solemnly, one of you is about to betray me.

N. They were greatly distressed and started asking him in turn,

C. Not I, Lord, surely?

N. He answered,

□ Someone who has dipped his hand into the dish with me will betray me. The Son of Man is going to his fate, as the scriptures say he will, but alas for that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! Better for that man if he had never been born!

N. Judas, who was to betray him, asked in his turn,

O. Not I, Rabbi, surely?

N. Jesus answered:

□ They are your own words.

N. Now as they were eating, Jesus took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to the disciples and said:

□ Take it and eat; this is my body.

N. Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, saying:

□ Drink, all of you, from this, for this is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. From now on, I tell you, I shall not drink wine until the day I drink the new wine with you in the kingdom of my Father.

N. After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them,

□ You will all lose faith in me this night, for the scripture says: *I shall strike the shepherd and the sheep of the flock will be scattered*, but after my resurrection I shall go before you to Galilee.

N. At this, Peter said,

O. Though all lose faith in you, I will never lose faith.

N. Jesus answered him,

□ I tell you solemnly, this very night, before the cock crows, you will have disowned me three times.

N. Peter said to him,

O. Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you.

N. And all the disciples said the same.

Then Jesus came with them to a small estate called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples,

□ Stay here while I go over there to pray.

N. He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee with him. And sadness came over him, and great distress. Then he said to them,

□ My soul is sorrowful to the point of death. Wait here and keep awake with me.

N. And going on a little further he fell on his face and prayed:

□ My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass me by. Nevertheless, let it be as you, not I, would have it.

N. He came back to the disciples and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter:

□ So you had not the strength to keep awake with me one hour? You should be awake, and praying not to be put to the test. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.

N. Again, a second time, he went away and prayed:

□ My Father, if this cup cannot pass by without my drinking it, your will be done!

N. And he came back again and found them sleeping, their eyes were so heavy. Leaving them there, he went away again and prayed for the third time, repeating the same words. Then he came back to the disciples and said to them,

□ You can sleep on now and take your rest. Now the hour has come when the Son of Man is to be betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up! Let us go! My betrayer is already close at hand.

N. He was still speaking when Judas, one of the Twelve, appeared, and with him a large number of men armed with swords and clubs, sent by the chief priests and elders of the people. Now the traitor had arranged a sign with them. He had said,

O. 'The one I kiss, he is the man. Take him in charge.'

N. So he went straight up to Jesus and said,

O. Greetings, Rabbi.

N. and kissed him. Jesus said to him,

□ My friend, do what you are here for.

N. Then they came forward, seized Jesus and took him in charge. At that, one of the followers of Jesus grasped his sword and drew it; he struck out at the high priest's servant, and cut off his ear. Jesus then said,

□ Put your sword back, for all who draw the sword will die by the sword. Or do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father who would promptly send more than twelve legions of angels to my defence? But then, how would the scriptures be fulfilled that say this is the way it must be?

N. It was at this time that Jesus said to the crowds,

□ Am I a brigand, that you had to set out to capture me with swords and clubs? I sat teaching in the Temple day after day and you never laid hands on me.

N. Now all this happened to fulfil the prophecies in scripture. Then all the disciples deserted him and ran away.

The men who had arrested Jesus led him off to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled. Peter followed him at a distance, and when he reached the high priest's palace, he went in and sat down with the attendants to see what the end would be.

The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for evidence against Jesus, however false, on which they might pass the death sentence. But they could not find any, though several lying witnesses came forward. Eventually two stepped forward and made a statement,

O. This man said: 'I have power to destroy the Temple of God and in three days build it up.'

N. The high priest then stood up and said to him,

O. Have you no answer to that? What is this evidence these men are bringing against you?

N. But Jesus was silent. And the high priest said to him,

O. I put you on oath by the living God to tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God.

N. Jesus answered:

□ The words are your own. Moreover, I tell you that from this time onward you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.

N. At this, the high priest tore his clothes and said,

O. He has blasphemed. What need of witnesses have we now? There! You have just heard the blasphemy. What is your opinion?

N. They answered,

C. He deserves to die.

N. Then they spat in his face and hit him with their fists; others said as they struck him,

C. Play the prophet, Christ! Who hit you then?

N. Meanwhile Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard, and a servant-girl came up to him and said,

O. You too were with Jesus the Galilean.

N. But he denied it in front of them all, saying:

O. I do not know what you are talking about.

N. When he went out to the gateway another servant-girl saw him and said to the people there,

O. This man was with Jesus the Nazarene.

N. And again, with an oath, he denied it:

O. I do not know the man.

N. A little later the bystanders came up and said to Peter,

C. You are one of them for sure! Why, your accent gives you away.

Then he started calling down curses on himself and swearing:

O. I do not know the man.

N. At that moment the cock crew, and Peter remembered what Jesus had said, 'Before the cock crows you will have disowned me three times.' And he went outside and wept bitterly.

When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people met in council to bring about the death of Jesus. They had him bound, and led him away to hand him over to Pilate, the governor.

When he found that Jesus had been condemned, Judas his betrayer was filled with remorse and took the thirty silver pieces back to the chief priests and elders, saying:

O. I have sinned. I have betrayed innocent blood.

N. They replied:

C. What is that to us? That is your concern.

N. And flinging down the silver pieces in the sanctuary he made off and hanged himself. The chief priests picked up the silver pieces and said,

C. It is against the Law to put this into the treasury: it is blood-money.

N. So they discussed the matter and bought the potter's field with it as a graveyard for foreigners, and this is why the field is called the Field of Blood today. The words of the prophet Jeremiah were then fulfilled: *And they took the thirty silver pieces, the sum at which the precious One was priced by children of Israel, and they gave them for the potter's field, just as the Lord directed me.*

Jesus, then, was brought before the governor, and the governor put to him this question:

O. Are you the king of the Jews?

N. Jesus replied,

It is you who say it.

N. But when he was accused by the chief priests and the elders he refused to answer at all. Pilate then said to him,

O. Do you not hear how many charges they have brought against you?

N. But to the governor's complete amazement, he offered no reply to any of the charges.

At festival time it was the governor's practice to release a prisoner for the people, anyone they chose. Now there was at that time a notorious prisoner whose name was Barabbas. So when the crowd gathered, Pilate said to them,

O. Which do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?

N. For Pilate knew it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. Now as he was seated in the chair of judgement, his wife sent him a message,

O. Have nothing to do with that man; I have been upset all day by a dream I had about him.

N. The chief priests and the elders, however, had persuaded the crowd to demand the release of Barabbas and the execution of Jesus. So when the governor spoke and asked them,

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

N. they said,

C. Barabbas.

N. Pilate said to them:

O. But in that case, what am I to do with Jesus who is called Christ?

N. They all said:

C. Let him be crucified!

N. Pilate asked:

O. Why? What harm has he done?

N. But they shouted all the louder,

C. Let him be crucified!

N. Then Pilate saw that he was making no impression, that in fact a riot was imminent. So he took some water, washed his hands in front of the crowd and said,

O. I am innocent of this man's blood. It is your concern.

N. And the people, to a man, shouted back,

C. His blood be on us and on our children!

N. Then he released Barabbas for them. He ordered Jesus to be first scourged and then handed over to be crucified.

The governor's soldiers took Jesus with them into the Praetorium and collected the whole cohort round him. Then they stripped him and made him wear a scarlet cloak, and having twisted some thorns into a crown they put this on his head and placed a reed in his right hand. To make fun of him they knelt to him saying,

C. Hail, king of the Jews!

N. And they spat on him and took the reed and struck him on the head with it. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the cloak and dressed him in his own clothes and led him away to crucify him.

On their way out, they came across a man from Cyrene, Simon by name, and enlisted him to carry his cross. When they had reached a place called Golgotha, that is, the place of the skull, they gave him wine to drink mixed with gall, which he tasted but refused to drink. When they had finished crucifying him they shared out his clothing by casting lots, and then sat down and stayed there keeping guard over him.

Above his head was placed the charge against him; it read: 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.' At the same time two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left.

The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said,

C. So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself! If you are God's son, come down from the cross!

N. The chief priests with the scribes and elders mocked him in the same way, saying:

C. He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the king of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He puts his trust in God; now let God rescue him if he wants him. For he did say, 'I am the son of God.'

N. Even the robbers who were crucified with him taunted him in the same way.

From the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour, Jesus cried out in a loud voice,

Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?

N. That is, 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood there heard this, they said,

C. The man is calling on Elijah.

N. and one of them quickly ran to get a sponge which he dipped in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it him to drink. The rest of them said:

C. Wait! See if Elijah will come to save him.

N. But Jesus, again crying out in a loud voice, yielded up his spirit.

Here all kneel and pause for a short time.

At that, the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom; the earth quaked; the rocks were split; the tombs opened and the bodies of many holy men rose from the dead, and these, after his resurrection, came out of the tombs, entered the Holy City and appeared to a number of people. Meanwhile the centurion, together with the others guarding Jesus, had seen the earthquake and all that was taking place, and they were terrified and said,

C. In truth this was a son of God.

N. And many women were there, watching from a distance, the same women who had followed Jesus from Galilee and looked after him. Among them were Mary of Magdala, Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of Zebedee's sons.

When it was evening, there came a rich man of Arimathea, called Joseph, who had himself become a disciple of Jesus. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate thereupon ordered it to be handed over. So Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean shroud and put it in his own new tomb which he had hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a large stone across the entrance of the tomb and went away. Now Mary of Magdala and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the sepulchre.

Next day, that is, when Preparation Day was over, the chief priests and the Pharisees went in a body to Pilate and said to him,

C. Your Excellency, we recall that this impostor said, while he was still alive, 'After three days I shall rise again.' Therefore give the order to have the sepulchre kept secure until the third day, for fear his disciples come and steal him away and tell the people, 'He has risen from the dead.' This last piece of fraud would be worse than what went before.

N. Pilate said to them:

O. You may have your guard. Go and make all as secure as you know how.

N. So they went and made the sepulchre secure, putting seals on the stone and mounting a guard.

Prayer over the Offerings

Through the Passion of your Only Begotten Son, O Lord, may our reconciliation with you be near at hand, so that, though we do not merit it by our own deeds, yet by this sacrifice made once for all, we may feel already the effects of your mercy. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Communion Antiphon

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

Mt 26: 42

Prayer after Communion

Nourished with these sacred gifts, we humbly beseech you, O Lord, that, just as through the death of your Son you have brought us to hope for what we believe, so by his Resurrection you may lead us to where you call. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer over the People

Look, we pray, O Lord, on this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ did not hesitate to be delivered into the hands of the wicked and submit to the agony of the Cross. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.



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 oh, 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.