

CHURCH OF ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS  
PARISH OF ABINGDON-ON-THAMES

## SOLEMN LITURGY OF OUR LORD'S PASSION

¶ Please stand in silence as the priest enters, then sit or kneel in silent prayer as the priest bows.

¶ Please stand with the priest who then says the collect.

**Priest** Almighty Father, look with mercy on this your family for which our Lord Jesus Christ was content to be betrayed and given up into the hands of sinners and to suffer death upon the cross; who is alive and glorified with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

READING Hebrews 4.14-16; 5.7-9

This is the word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

¶ A period of SILENCE may follow the reading. If you find yourself unable to stand throughout the Passion, please feel free to sit.

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, ACCORDING TO JOHN

*John 18.1-19.42*

¶ The Prayers of Intercession

**Priest** God sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Therefore we pray to our heavenly Father for people everywhere according to their needs.

**Priest** Let us pray for the Church of God throughout the world: for unity in faith, witness and in service...

¶ Silence is kept

Lord, hear us.

*All* **Lord, graciously hear us.**

**Priest** Almighty and everlasting God, by whose spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**Priest** Let us pray for the nations of the world and their leaders...

*¶ Silence is kept*

Lord, hear us.

*All* **Lord, graciously hear us.**

**Priest** Most gracious God and Father, in whose will is our peace, turn our hearts and the hearts of all to yourself, that by the power of your Spirit the peace which is founded on justice may be established throughout the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Priest** Let us pray for God's ancient people, the Jews, first to hear his word ...

*¶ Silence is kept*

Lord, hear us.

*All* **Lord, graciously hear us.**

**Priest** Lord God of Abraham, bless the children of your covenant, both Jew and Christian; take from us all blindness and bitterness of heart, and hasten the coming of your kingdom, when the Gentiles shall be gathered in, all Israel shall be saved, and we shall dwell together in mutual love and peace under the one God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**Priest** Let us pray for those who do not believe in the gospel of Christ ...

*¶ Silence is kept*

Lord, hear us.

*All* **Lord, graciously hear us.**

**Priest** Merciful God, creator of all the people of the earth, have compassion on all who do not know you, and by the preaching of your gospel with grace and power, gather them into the one fold of the one Shepherd; Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Priest** Let us pray for all those who suffer ...

*¶ Silence is kept*

Lord, hear us.

*All* **Lord, graciously hear us.**

**Priest** Almighty and everlasting God, the comfort of the sad, the strength of those who suffer: hear the prayers of your children who cry out of any trouble, and to every distressed soul grant mercy, relief and refreshment, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Priest** Let us commend ourselves and all God's children to his unfailing love, and pray for the grace of a holy life, that, with all who have died in the peace of Christ, we may come to the fullness of eternal life and the joy of the resurrection.

*¶ Silence is kept*

Lord, hear us.

*All* **Lord, graciously hear us.**

**Priest** O God of unchangeable power and eternal light, look favourably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery, and by the tranquil operation of your perpetual providence carry out the work of our salvation: and let the whole world feel and see that things which were cast down are being raised up and things which had grown old are being made new and that all things are returning to perfection through him from whom they took their origin, even Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

¶ *The priest moves in silence to the back of the church. Please turn to face the back. The Priest unveils the Cross and holds it up for all to see. The priest says*

**Priest** Behold the wood of the Cross, whereon was hung the Saviour of the world,

*All* **O come, let us worship.**

¶ *The people may kneel at each response. This is repeated in the middle of the labyrinth and at the crossing. The priest places the Cross in the stand in front of the altar and venerates the Cross.*

¶ *Those who wish may come forward and, from a safe distance, bow to the Cross as a response to the self-giving love of God on Calvary. The traditional form of veneration is not permitted this year.*

**Priest** Let us pray for the coming of the kingdom in the words our Saviour taught us:

**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.**

**Priest** Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross, we may triumph in the power of his victory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

¶ *Everyone departs in silence.*