

Reflection for Holy Week

There are a lot of words today and in the days ahead during Holy Week, perhaps too many words. Here is a poem (which has also been used as a hymn) by George Herbert (1593-1633). You might wish to consider this slowly in the course of the week.

The Call

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
Such a Way, as gives us breath:
Such a Truth, as ends all strife:
Such a Life, as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:
Such a Light, as shows a feast:
Such a Feast, as mends in length:
Such a Strength, as makes his guest.

Some, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
Such a Joy, as none can move:
Such a Love, as none can part:
Such a Heart, as joys in Love.

Fr David



If you wish to join us for the *meals* during Holy Week and the *Parish Supper* on Holy Saturday please sign the list at the back of the Church. There are also lists for the *Watch* on Maundy Thursday and the breakfast on Easter Day.

NEXT SUNDAY EASTER SUNDAY (21st April)

7.30am **at the Quayside** with St Thomas Methodists.
8.30am Breakfast at the Methodist Church
10.30am Blessing of the Easter Garden, Holy Eucharist & Easter Egg Hunt
3.00pm Easter Praise with St Thomas Methodists.

READINGS



OT Isaiah 65: 17-25
NT Acts 10: 34-43
GOSPEL Luke 24: 1-12

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St Thomas Exeter

Sunday 14th April 2019

Palm Sunday

Today

8am Eucharist

10.30am Blessing of Palms, Holy Eucharist & Dramatised Gospel

4pm Evensong

Monday 15th April

7pm Holy Eucharist followed by supper and Reflection *Christ Anointed*

Tuesday 16th April

7pm Holy Eucharist followed by supper and Reflection *Christ Troubled*

Wednesday 17th April

10am Holy Eucharist BCP

7pm Holy Eucharist followed by supper and Reflection *Christ Betrayed*

Maundy Thursday 18th April

10.30am at the Cathedral Chrism Mass

7.30pm Holy Eucharist of the Last Supper

9-12pm Watch of the Passion.

Good Friday 19th April

9.30am Stations of the Cross

11am Children's Worship

2pm Good Friday Liturgy

Easter Saturday 20th April

6pm Easter Rites and Parish Supper



Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Isaiah 50: 4-9a

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens— wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

Philippians 2: 5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Luke 19: 28-40

Palm Gospel

After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this: "The Lord needs it."' So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' They said, 'The Lord needs it.' Then they brought it to Jesus; and

after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

'Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!'

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.' He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.'

Post Communion

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father.

Amen

**Resources are available in the
Children's Corner,
please ask for assistance**

Note that the **Chrism Mass** at the Cathedral is at 10.30am.

Please speak to Fr Charles today if you would like to participate in the **Foot Washing** on Maundy Thursday. No training needed.