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**Holy Eucharist
for the 5th Sunday of Lent**

Sunday 29th March 2020

1030 am

Facebook page - Melbourne Parish Church

Thank you for joining us for this online act of worship - welcome!

A big thank you to those who were able to join us last Sunday at 1030 am and a warm welcome to those joining in for the first time today!

In the church calendar, today is known as 'Passion Sunday'. This takes its name from the Latin *patior, passus sum* which translates as "to suffer, bear, endure", it also from where we get the words "patience, patient". It represents a change in the pace of Lent focussing more and more on the 'passion', the suffering of Jesus as we approach Palm Sunday and Holy Week.

Before the worship begins, you might like to prepare some bread and wine (or juice or something similar) to share when it comes time for the receiving of communion. Technically speaking this won't be consecrated bread and wine but it is still being set aside for the purposes of spiritual communion, what in times past early Christians would have called an 'agape' meal, a meal of love and thanksgiving.

You'll see that our service today includes some hymns and songs, please do join in with these at home! Please also join in with the words in bold type.

***Welcome then to Melbourne Rectory Dining Room
once again!***



We Worship God Together

The Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you
and also with you.

Opening Hymn

**Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here;
Come bow before him now with reverence and fear:
In him no sin is found - we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.**

**Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned:
How awesome is the sight - our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.**

**Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place;
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace -
No work too hard for him. In faith receive from him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.**

Words and music: DAVID J. EVANS (b. 1957)

We say sorry

The priest introduces a time of confession.

God shows his love for us
in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
Let us then show our love for him by confessing our sins.

A time of quiet is kept.

We are often slow to follow the example of Christ.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

We often fail to be known as Christ's disciples.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

We often fail to walk the way of the cross.

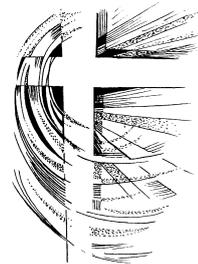
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

God's forgiveness is declared.

May the God of love
bring us back to himself,
✠forgive you your sins,
and assure us of his eternal love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



The Collect

The priest prays the special prayer set for today.

Let us pray.

Gracious Father,
you gave up your Son out of love for the world:
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,
that we may know eternal peace
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray to the Father through his Son
who suffered on the cross for the world's redemption.

Fill with your Spirit Christ's broken body, the Church ...
Give to Christian people everywhere a deep longing
to take up the cross and to understand its mysterious glory.
By the Saviour's cross and passion,
Lord, save us and help us.

Look in your mercy upon the world you loved so much
that you sent your Son to suffer and to die ...
Strengthen those who work to share
the reconciliation won at such a cost upon the cross.
By the Saviour's cross and passion,
Lord, save us and help us.

Bring healing by the wounds of Christ
to all who are weighed down by pain and injustice ...
Help the lonely and the betrayed, the suffering and the dying,
to find strength in the companionship of Jesus,
and in his passion to know their salvation.
By the Saviour's cross and passion,
Lord, save us and help us.

Welcome into paradise all who have left this world in your friendship
According to your promises,
bring them with all your saints
to share in all the benefits of Christ's death and resurrection.
By the Saviour's cross and passion,
Lord, save us and help us.

God of mercy,
**you know us and love us
and hear our prayer:
keep us in the eternal fellowship of
Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.**

We Share Holy Communion

The Peace

We stand as the president introduces the Peace.

God is love
and those who live in love live in God
and God lives in them.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Some music is played while the altar is prepared.

The Eucharistic Prayer

This is the great prayer of thanksgiving where, like Jesus at the Last Supper, we offer our bread and wine to God.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away
you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.

**You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.

**He opened his arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**



On the night he was betrayed,
at supper with his friends
he took bread, and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

**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.**



The Lord's Prayer

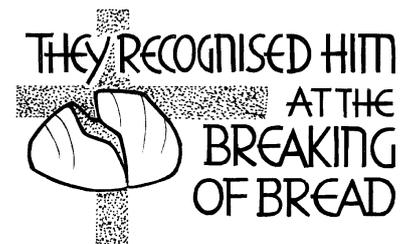
After a few moments of quiet, the priest introduces the Lord's Prayer

Trusting in the compassion of God
let us pray with confidence as our saviour has 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.**

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**



Sharing of Communion

The priest invites us to share communion.

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

We share communion with one another whilst music is played.

We pray after Communion

The priest introduces the post communion prayer.

Let us pray

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters
we do also for you:
give us the will to be the servant of others
as you were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for us,
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.
Amen.

We receive God's Blessing

Hymn

Our final hymn is one of the set hymns for Passiontide. Whilst mournful in tone, there are words of hope and comfort to all. It is also the pianist's favourite...

**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.**

Tune: LOVE UNKNOWN John Ireland (1879-1962) Words: SAMUEL CROSSMAN (1624-83)

The Blessing

Christ crucified draw you to himself, to find in him a sure ground for faith,
a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven;
and the ✠blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord:
thanks be to God.

**Blessing, honour and glory be yours, here and everywhere,
now and for ever. Amen.**

*Thank you so much for being part of today's worship. Join us at the same time
next week and spread the word! Stay safe and may God be with you.*

