

**St Andrew's Church,
Rugby**

Common Worship



Services and Prayers for the Church of England

The Liturgy of Palm Sunday 24th March 2024

10.30am Worship All Together

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Holy Week and its Liturgy

The services of Holy Week are unlike anything else in the Church year. They come from a very early time in Christian history and were already established to a large extent by the mid-4th century in Jerusalem, where the saving events were commemorated in the places where they were believed to have happened. As Jerusalem became a centre for pilgrimage, so these services spread throughout the Christian world.

During this week we come very close to the heart of our faith: we commemorate the events surrounding the death and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth. As we do so we, the present day members of his body, the Church, become contemporaries with Christ in his passion. We bring the past into our present, and, as the new creation is ushered in by the death and resurrection of God's Son, so we are renewed in our Christian discipleship and brought with Christ again from death to new life.

There are services marking each day in Holy Week, of course, but Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter are the major days, when it is hoped that the whole Christian community will assemble.

Palm Sunday

On this day we commemorate Christ's entry into Jerusalem to accomplish his saving work by dying and rising again. The liturgy has two distinctive features:

The *Procession of Palms* starts the service and (literally) sets the week in motion. It is an act of praise to Christ the King, who reigns and triumphs on the cross. It expresses our own readiness to take up our cross and follow our crucified and risen Lord, as we go with him to the place of suffering and death.

The extended *Reading of the Passion* provides the opportunity, at the start of Holy Week, for an overview of the great drama of our salvation.

Maundy Thursday

The word *maundy* comes from the Latin *mandatum novum* ("new commandment") and one focus of the evening liturgy is Christ's new commandment of love: 'A new commandment I give you - love one another as I have loved you'. The Gospel reading is John's account of the Last Supper, where that love is expressed through humble service as Jesus washes the feet of his disciples. We re-enact the foot-washing as a sign of our commitment to the practical love and mutual care which should characterise our life as a community.

Christ's self-giving was also expressed at the supper by the institution of the Eucharist. Jesus, by re-interpreting the ritual of the Jewish Passover, offers his disciples the key to the meaning of his own passion. Jesus himself is the Lamb of God, the Passover lamb, whose sacrificial death will seal the new covenant God is making with his people. And in this sacrament he places himself for ever at the service of the Church.

At the end of the service the Blessed Sacrament is carried to the altar of repose and a watch of silent prayer is kept until 10pm. Here in imagination we wait with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane as he commits himself again in obedience to the Father: *not my will, but yours*.

Good Friday

This is not a day of mourning for a dead Jesus, but a time when we can stand beside Jesus in his suffering. Jesus hung on the cross from the *sixth hour* to the *ninth hour*, that is from noon until around 3 o'clock, and those three hours are the traditional time for prayer and worship.

By ancient tradition the Eucharist is not celebrated on this day. However, the *reserved sacrament*, the consecrated bread from last night's Eucharist is distributed to the people. At the end of the service all leave in silence.

Easter Eve

The Easter liturgy marks the first day of a new creation, which extends into a season of fifty days' joyful celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. This season ends at Pentecost when we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit to the first disciples and to us.

The darkness in our world surrenders to the rising Son of God! This is the most important moment in the whole of the Church year. It is the night of Passover, when Christ passed from death to the glory of the resurrection. We celebrate our own passing over from sin and death to newness of life in the risen Lord. The Church meets in the late evening, watching and waiting. The service is in three parts:

The *Service of Light*, during which the Easter candle is lit and carried in procession into the darkened church. The people follow and light their own candles for the Easter Proclamation.

The *Liturgy of the Word* follows, and the history of God's people in the Old Testament is proclaimed in a series of readings and psalms. This section of the service ends with '*Glory to God in the highest*' and the Easter Gospel.

The *Renewal of Baptismal Vows and Confirmation* welcomes new Christians and enables the whole community to affirm its commitment to the Easter faith and Christian discipleship and service.

Easter Day – and beyond!

The miracle of the resurrection lies not only in the triumph of Jesus over death, but also in the experience of the Christian community, whose members were dead and have risen with Christ in baptism.

Commemoration of the Lord's Entry into Jerusalem

Clergy and congregation meet in St Andrew's Gardens and in church

The Lord be with you

All And also with you

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

All and also with you.

Dear friends in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing by works of love and self-sacrifice for the celebration of our Lord's death and resurrection. Today we come together to begin this solemn celebration in union with the Church throughout the world. Christ enters his own city to complete his work as our Saviour, to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us go with him in faith and love, so that, united with him in his sufferings, we may share his risen life.

The people hold up their palms or branches

God our Saviour, whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as Messiah to suffer and to die; let these palms be for us signs of his victory and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

The Gospel

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" just say this, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately." '

They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

'Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Let us go forth, praising the Messiah.

The Procession moves towards St Andrew's Church as we sing:

Hymn 159

***All glory, laud and honour,
To thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.***

**Thou art the King of Israel,
Thou David's Royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest,
The King and blessed One.**

**The company of angels
Are praising thee on high;
And mortal men, and all things
Created, make reply.**

**The people of the Hebrews
With palms before Thee went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems
Before Thee we present.**

**To Thee, before Thy Passion,
They sang their hymns of praise:
To Thee, now high exalted,
Our melody we raise.**

**Thou didst accept their praises;
Accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest,
Thou good and gracious King.**

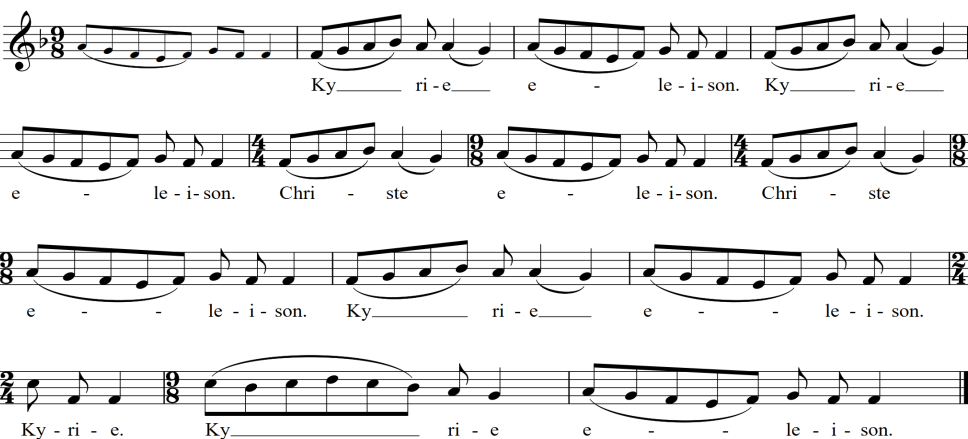
Invitation to confession

Let us call to mind our sin, our failure to value the love of others and our failure to love as Christ has loved us.

**All Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,
in what we have thought and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love,
and marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed,
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past;
and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light. Amen**

Kyrie Eleison *we sing together*

Voice



The musical score is written for a single voice part. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat), with a time signature of 9/8. The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some measures containing rests. The lyrics 'Ky ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky ri - e' are written below the first staff. The second staff continues the melody, with a change in time signature to 4/4, then 9/8, and finally 4/4. The lyrics 'e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Chri - ste' are written below. The third staff continues the melody, with a change in time signature to 9/8, and ends with a double bar line. The lyrics 'e - le - i - son. Ky ri - e e - le - i - son.' are written below. The fourth staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat, with a time signature of 2/4, then 9/8, and finally 4/4. The lyrics 'Ky - ri - e. Ky ri - e e - le - i - son.' are written below.

Ky ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky ri - e

e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Chri - ste

e - le - i - son. Ky ri - e e - le - i - son.

Ky - ri - e. Ky ri - e e - le - i - son.

The president says

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen

The Collect

Let us pray

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.

All Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Please sit

A dramatisation of The Passion according to Mark

The Plot to Kill Jesus

Narrator It was two days before the Passover and the Festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him.

Priests We cannot kill him during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people.”

The Anointing at Bethany

Narrator While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. But some were there who said to one another in anger,

Voice 1 Why was the ointment wasted in this way?

Voice 2 It could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii

Voice 3 The money could have been given to the poor.”

Jesus Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish, but you will not always have me. She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.”

Judas Agrees to Betray Jesus

Narrator Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. When they heard it, they were greatly pleased and promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

The Passover with the Disciples

Narrator On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him,

Disciple Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?

Narrator So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them,

Jesus Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher asks:

Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there

Narrator So the disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover meal.

When it was evening, he came with the twelve. I And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said,

Jesus Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me."

Narrator They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another,

Disciples. Surely, not I?

Jesus It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.

The Institution of the Lord's Supper

Narrator While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said,

Jesus Take, this is my body."

Narrator Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. He said to them,

Jesus This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.

Peter's Denial Foretold

Narrator When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. And Jesus said to them,

Jesus You will all fall away, for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.' But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.

Peter Even though all fall away I will not.

Jesus Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.

Peter (*vehemently*) Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you."

Narrator And all of them said the same.

Jesus Prays in Gethsemane

Narrator They went to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples,

Jesus Sit here while I pray."

Narrator He took with him Peter and James and John and began to be distressed and agitated.

Jesus My soul is deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake.

Narrator And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him.

Jesus Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me, yet not what I want but what you want.

Narrator He came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, (*Jesus Comes to disciples*)

Jesus Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

Narrator And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy, and they did not know what to say to him. He came a third time and said to them,

Jesus Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. Look, my betrayer is at hand.

The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus

Narrator Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived, and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying,

Judas The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard.

Narrator So when he came, he went up to him at once

Judas Rabbi! (*Judas kisses Jesus*)

Narrator Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear.

Jesus Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a rebel? Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled.

Narrator All of them deserted him and fled.

A certain young man was following him, wearing nothing but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him, but he left the linen cloth and ran off naked.

Jesus before the Council

Narrator They took Jesus to the high priest, and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled. Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest, and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death, but they found none. For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree. Some stood up and gave false testimony against him,

Voice I We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple that is made with hands,

Voice 2 and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.

Narrator But even on this point their testimony did not agree.

Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus,

Priest Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?

Narrator But he was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him,

Priest Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?

Jesus I am, and 'you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power and coming with the clouds of heaven.

Priest (*tears cloth*) Why do we still need witnesses? You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?

Narrator All of them condemned him as deserving death. Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him, "Prophecy!" The guards also took him and beat him. While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the female servants of the high priest came by. When she saw Peter warming himself, she stared at him and said,

Servant You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth.

Peter I do not know or understand what you are talking about.

Narrator And he went out into the forecourt. Then the cock crowed. And the female servant, on seeing him, began again to say to the bystanders,

Servant This man is one of them.

Peter No

Servant Certainly you are one of them, for you are a Galilean, and you talk like one.

Narrator But he began to curse, and he swore an oath,

Peter I do not know this man you are talking about.

Narrator At that moment the cock crowed for the second time.

Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him,

Jesus Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.

Narrator And he broke down and wept.

Jesus before Pilate

Narrator As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him,

Pilate Are you the King of the Jews?

Jesus You say so.

Narrator Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again,

Pilate Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.'

Narrator But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

Pilate Hands Jesus over to Be Crucified

Narrator Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them, '

Pilate Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?'

Narrator For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead.

Pilate Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?'

Crowd Crucify him!

Pilate Why, what evil has he done?

Crowd Crucify him!

Narrator So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

The Soldiers Mock Jesus

Narrator Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him,

Soldiers Hail, King of the Jews!

Narrator They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

The Crucifixion of Jesus

Narrator They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take. It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, 'The King of the Jews.' And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

Voices Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days,
save yourself, and come down from the cross!

Narrator In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves

Priests He saved others; he cannot save himself.

Let the Messiah, the King of Israel come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe.'

Narrator Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

The Death of Jesus

Narrator When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, ‘

Jesus Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?

Narrator Which means, ‘My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?’

When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, ‘

Voices Listen, he is calling for Elijah.’

Narrator And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying,

Voice Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.’

Jesus *(a loud cryThe loudest you can make)*

Narrator Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.

Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said,

Centurion *(Turn to face congregation)* Truly this man was God's Son!

Narrator There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

The Burial of Jesus

Narrator When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the

centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph saw where the body was laid.

All stand and hold the silence

Intercessions *Please sit or kneel*

For forgiveness for the many times we have denied Jesus,
let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For grace to seek out those habits of sin which mean
spiritual death,
and by prayer and self-discipline to overcome them,
let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For Christian people,
that through the suffering of disunity
there may grow a rich union in Christ,
let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy

For those who make laws, interpret them,
and administer them,
that our common life may be ordered in justice and mercy,
let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For those who still make Jerusalem a battleground,
let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For those who have the courage and honesty to work
openly for justice and peace,
let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For those in the darkness and agony of isolation,
that they may find support and encouragement,
let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For those who, weighed down with hardship, failure, or
sorrow,
feel that God is far from them,
let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For those who are tempted to give up the way of the cross,
let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

That we, with those who have died in faith,
may find mercy in the day of Christ,
let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

**All Holy God, holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.**

Healing prayer: Solanki, Irene W, George W, Edwin F, Mary S,
Jane B, Adrianna, Luci & Sophie, Gillian M, Rita & Noel, Caroline,
Dilshad, Lily, Denise, Tony & Kirsten, Donald, Alan & Tim, Mary G,
Sarah P, Ron G, Marion, Colleen S, Rod B, Catherine E, John D,
Louise E, Cheryl W, Teenie S-S.

In Memoriam: Rex Pogson

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace *please stand*

Once we were far off,
but now in union with Christ Jesus
we have been brought near,
through the shedding of Christ's blood,
for he is our peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All And also with you

Deacon Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*We share the peace safely with those around us by saying
'peace be with you'*

Offertory Hymn 147 My song is love unknown

*A collection plate is available at the back of church or this
link will allow you to give to St Andrew's online:
givi.ng/1160223*



The Eucharistic Prayer *please remain standing*



The Lord be with you R. and al-so with you.

Lift up your hearts. R. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and just,
 our duty and our salvation,
 always and everywhere to give you thanks,
 holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For as the time of his passion and resurrection draws near
 the whole world is called to acknowledge his hidden majesty.

The power of the life-giving cross
 reveals the judgement that has come upon the world
 and the triumph of Christ crucified.

He is the victim who dies no more,
 the Lamb once slain, who lives for ever,
 our advocate in heaven to plead our cause,
 exalting us there to join with angels and archangels,
 for ever praising you and singing:

Sanctus and Benedictus *We sing together*

Sanc- tus__ Sanc- tus__ Sanc-tus Do-mi-nus De-us Sa-ba-oth.

Ple - ni sunt cae - li et ter - ra glo - ri - a tu - a Ho - san - na in ex - cel - sis.

Be-ne-dic-tus qui ve-nit in nom-i-ne Do-mi-ni. Ho-san - na in ex-cel__ sis.

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
 grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
 and according to your holy will,
 these gifts of bread and wine
 may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
 who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
 took bread and gave you thanks;

he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

The sanctuary bell is rung

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

The sanctuary bell is rung. The Deacon says

Jesus Christ is Lord

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

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.
Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,

so that we, in the company Blessed Virgin Mary,
St Andrew and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All Amen.

The Sanctuary bell is rung, please sit or kneel

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**All Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

**All Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Invitation to Communion

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.

**All Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

Communion will be administered in both kinds (consecrated bread and consecrated wine from the common cup) at the High Altar and at the west end of church. Please come forward to receive communion as directed by the stewards.

Agnus Dei (The Lamb of God) *We sing together*



Three staves of musical notation in 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The second and third staves begin with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (Bb). The lyrics are written below the notes.

Ag-nus De - i, qui tol-lis pec-ca-ta mun-di: mi-se-re-re no - bis.

Ag-nus De - i, qui tol-lis pec-ca-ta mun-di: mi-se-re-re no - bis.

Ag-nus De - i, qui tol-lis pec-ca-ta mun-di: do-na no-bis pa - cem.

Communion Anthem *sung by the choir*

Beati Quorum Via - Stanford

*Beati quorum via integra est,
Qui ambulant in lege Domini.*

Blessed are the undefiled in the way,
who walk in the law of the Lord.

Post Communion Prayers

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.

All Amen

All Faithful God,
may we who share this banquet
glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
our salvation, life and hope,
who reigns as Lord now and for ever.
Amen.

Hymn 152 There in God's garden

During the hymn the Ministers process to the West End of Church.

Blessing and Final Responsory

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 Holy Spirit
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen

The Deacon says

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ
Amen.

Organ Voluntary

News and Notices

Any item to be included in News & Notices should be with Kate by Wednesday, 12 noon.

Back to Basics Sunday Prayer Evenings - 6.30pm Calling The Church to pray 24th March at Bilton Evangelical Church
31st Mar at Harris Church of Academy

Lent Lunches

Weds 27th Mar at Paddox Methodist Church at 12.30pm

Bereavement Point 2pm - 3.30pm on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month (plus the 5th if there is one!). Opportunity for group conversation and relationship building where everyone is welcome and comfort is offered <https://compassionaterugby.co.uk/>

Thirteen Bells Book Club We choose a book to read together and meet fortnightly to discuss it. Titles include thrillers, science fiction, history, family drama and romance. We meet in local cafes including St Andrew's. Contact John: shoparound1938@gmail.com

The Rugby Cafe Writers meet every fortnight in St Andrew's Church on a Friday at 10am. This is a group for anyone who enjoys writing fiction, non-fiction or poetry. The group has recently published an anthology called A Story For Every Day Of Winter. To buy a copy, see a member of the group or go to www.rugbycafewriters.com New members are always welcome.

The Big Table Gospel group meets every week in the church cafe on alternate Thursdays and Fridays at 10am. This is a group for anyone who wishes to explore the weekly readings of the church in a bit more depth and talk about how they relate to everyday life. We are devoting our Thursday meetings to discussing a book on some aspect of faith. New members welcome. Contact John on shoparound1938@gmail.com

Healing Ministry We are seeking to introduce healing ministry into one of our worship services and are keen to hear from members of our worshipping community who would be interested in supporting us in this. A small group has met once and will be meeting again on Friday 12th April at 2pm — please speak with Edmund or Sharon if you'd like to find out more.

Save the date! Following the lovely lunch we shared recently, there will be another fundraising lunch at church on Sunday 12th May to enable other groups to continue the work that they do. Further details will follow soon.

The Easter Magazine is now available and it is hoped you will find something of interest. The next issue of Your Magazine will be the Pentecost Issue and a contribution from you is welcome, be it an article, story, poem or something of interest you wish to share with the readers. Should you feel inspired please provide your contribution by 21 April. Please send to John or Kate. Thank you.

Easter Eve Church Cleaning—all are welcome to join the group who will be cleaning and polishing in church on the morning of Holy Saturday, 10am-12noon.

Regular Giving to support St Andrew' Mission and Ministry. We are hugely grateful to all who support St Andrew's financially by regular giving. We are in the process of transferring the management of regular giving to the new Parish Giving system, which saves a lot of administrative time and expense. To sign up you can take a form from the back of church or you can use this link: <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/rugby-st-andrew-rugby/> Please have a word with Hash, Joyce or any PCC members if you would like to find out more.

Diary for the week

25th - 31st March 2024

Monday	9.00am	Morning Prayer <i>in the Lady Chapel</i>
	10.00am	Ball of Yarn <i>knitting and crochet group</i>
	12.00am	Midday prayer <i>(in the garden)</i>
	7.00pm	Stations of the Cross
	8.00pm	Compline

Tuesday	9.00am	Morning Prayer <i>in the Lady Chapel</i>
	9.30am	Reflective Communion <i>followed by coffee</i>
	12.00am	Midday prayer <i>(in the garden)</i>
	7.00pm	Stations of the Cross
	8.00pm	Compline

Wednesday	9.00am	Morning Prayer <i>in the Lady Chapel</i>
	12.00am	Midday prayer <i>(in the garden)</i>
	7.00pm	Stations of the Cross
	8.00pm	Compline

Maundy Thursday
12.00am Midday prayer
7.30pm Sung Eucharist with Vigil until 10pm

Good Friday	
9.00am	Morning Prayer <i>in the Lady Chapel</i>
10.00am	Walk of Witness (from Rugby Baptist Church)
12.00pm	Good Friday Reflections
2.00pm	Good Friday Liturgy

Saturday 10.00am-12pm Café open. *Pop in for friendship and fellowship!*
Church cleaning—all welcome!
8.00pm Service of Light

Sunday 31st March - Easter Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Festal Choral Eucharist