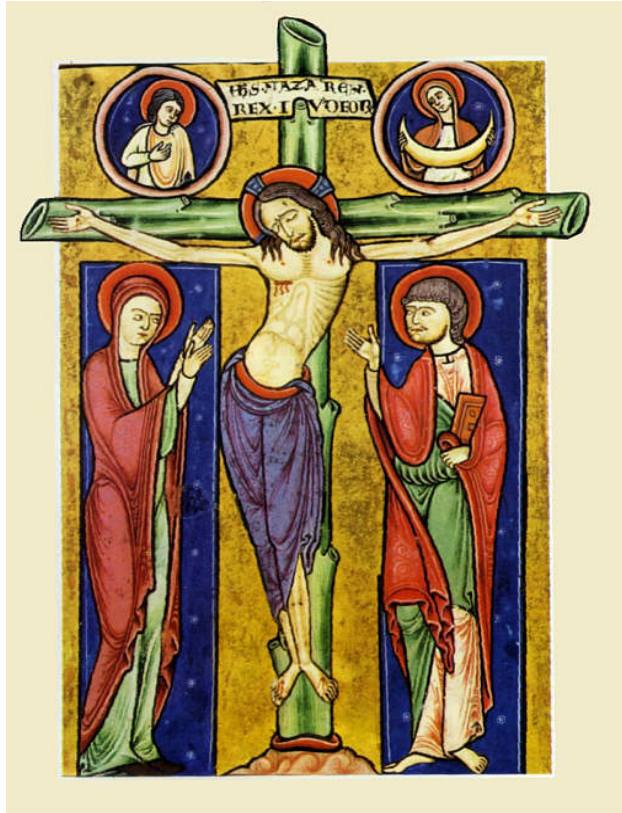


Saint Paul's College Hong Kong



Easter Service

*Tuesday in Holy Week
3rd April 2012*

Organ Music before the Service:
'Ave Verum' by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (Organist: Ms Chan Hiu Lam)

Organ Music after the Service:
Festive Finale by Malcolm Archer (Organist: Nit Ka Hei 5F)

The Saint Paul's College Junior Choir
is conducted by Mr Y.K.Fu

The organ is played for the service by
Ms Chan Hiu Lam & Mr Nit Ka Hei

Welcome to this morning's Easter Service
as we celebrate God's great love for us
in the Death and Resurrection
of Our Lord Jesus Christ.
Please join in all the parts in heavy type.

Processional Hymn

Please STAND as the procession enters the hall.

***Lift high the Cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.***

- 1. This is the sign which Satan's legions fear
and angels veil their faces to revere:
Lift high the Cross.....***
- 2. Saved by this Cross whereon their Lord was slain
the sons of Adam their lost home regain:
Lift high the Cross.....***
- 3. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious Tree,
as thou hast promised, draw men unto thee:
Lift high the Cross.....***
- 4. Let every race and every language tell of him
who saves our souls from death and hell:
Lift high the Cross.....***

Bidding Prayer

Head Prefect

Let us pray:

O Lord our God in this Holy Week we give you thanks and praise, for this is the time you have made your own, the days that fill us with both fear and great joy. During this Holy Week our Lord Jesus Christ gathered in the upper room with his disciples to celebrate the Last Supper. He was mocked and beaten and nailed to the wood of the Cross for our sins. He died for us and was laid in a cold tomb. But you sent your angels to roll back the stone and you raised Jesus from the dead. Never again need we search for Jesus in the places of dead memories and buried dreams, for now he has been raised and goes forever ahead of us to open the gates of heaven, preaching peace and the forgiveness of sins. Indeed though he was the stone rejected by the builders, you have made him the cornerstone, the rock on which is founded the life everlasting, the life that is hidden for us in Christ until it is revealed with Christ in glory. We thank you and we praise you O God, both now, and through your living word, eternally. **Amen.**

The Chaplain then welcomes everyone and introduces the service.

Opening Prayer

Chaplain

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 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.**

Choir Anthem 'Let all the world'

SIT

First Reading Luke 23:13-25

Jesus Sentenced to Death

STAND

Narrator: Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them,

Pilate: 'You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him.'

Narrator: Then they all shouted out together,

ALL: 'Away with this man! Release Barabbas for us!'

Narrator: (Barabbas was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting,

ALL: 'Crucify, crucify him!'

Narrator: A third time he said to them,

Pilate: 'Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.'

Narrator: But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

Choir Anthem 'My song is love unknown'

SIT

Second Reading Luke 23:25-49

The Crucifixion & Death of Jesus

STAND

Narrator: As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said,

✠ *'Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children.'*

Narrator: Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said,

✠ *'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.'*

Narrator: And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying,

ALL: 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!'

Narrator: The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying,

ALL: 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!'

Narrator: There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying,

1st Thief: 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!'

Narrator: But the other rebuked him, saying,

2nd Thief: 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.'

Narrator: Then he said,

2nd Thief: 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.'

Narrator: Jesus replied,

✠ *'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'*

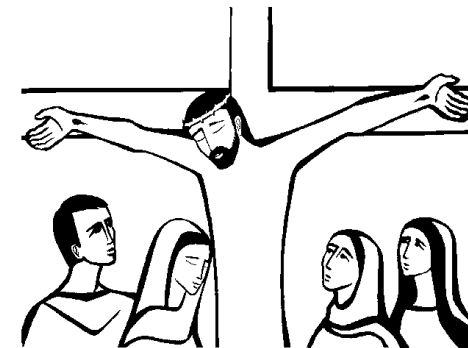
Narrator: It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said,

✠ *'Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.'*

Narrator: Having said this, he breathed his last..... **(PAUSE)**
When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said,

Centurion: 'Certainly this man was innocent.'

Narrator: And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.



Hymn

STAND

1. **When I survey the wondrous cross
where the young Prince of Glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.**

2. **Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the cross of Christ, my God:
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.**
3. **See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?**
4. **Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.**

Third Reading Luke 24:1-12, 36-41

The Resurrection of Jesus

STAND

Narrator: On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them,

Angels: 'Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.'

Narrator: Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest.

The two followers of Jesus who met the risen Jesus on the road to Emmaus went back to Jerusalem, where they found the eleven disciples gathered together with the others and told them what happened.

Two followers: The Lord is risen indeed! He has appeared to Simon!

Narrator: The two men then explained to them what had happened on the road, and how they had recognised the Lord when he broke the

bread. While the two were telling them this, suddenly the Lord himself stood among them and spoke to them.

✠ *Peace be with you.*

Narrator: They were terrified, thinking that they were seeing a ghost. But he spoke to them.

✠ *Why are you alarmed? Why are these doubts coming up in your minds? Look at my hands and my feet, and see that it is I myself. Touch me, and you will know, for a ghost doesn't have flesh and bones, as you can see I have.*

Narrator: Then Jesus also showed them his hands and his feet. They still could not believe, they were so full of joy and wonder.



Hymn

***Alleluia, Alleluia
Give thanks to the risen Lord
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name***

1. **Jesus is Lord of all the earth
He is the King of creation.
*Alleluia, Alleluia***
2. **Spread the good news o'er all the earth
Jesus has died and has risen.
*Alleluia, Alleluia***
3. **We have been crucified with Christ
Now we shall live forever.
*Alleluia, Alleluia***
4. **Come let us praise the living God
Joyfully sing to our Saviour.
*Alleluia, Alleluia***

Lighting of the Easter Candle.

STAND

The Easter Candle is a powerful symbol of the risen Jesus, who is the Light of the Word. The candle is lit and the Chaplain blesses it saying:

Christ yesterday and today,
the beginning and the end,
Alpha and Omega,
all time belongs to him,
and all ages;
to him be glory and power,
through every age and for ever. **Amen.**

The Chaplain holding the Candle says:

The light of Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

This is the time when our Lord Jesus Christ was raised gloriously from the dead, crushing the power of sin and destroying the sting of death. Throughout the world Christians celebrate the mighty power of God as Christ calls us out of darkness to share in his marvellous light. May we, and all Christ's people, shine as lights in the world to the glory of God the Father.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Hymn

- 1. The strife is o'er, the battle done;
now is the Victor's triumph won;
O let the song of praise be sung:
Alleluia.**
- 2. Death's mightiest powers have done their worst,
and Jesus hath His foes dispersed;
Let shouts of praise and joy outburst:
Alleluia!**

- 3. On the third morn He rose again
glorious in majesty to reign;
O, let us swell the joyful strain!
Alleluia!**
- 4. Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee,
from death's dread sting thy servants free,
that we may live and sing to thee.
Alleluia!**

Homily

*The Reverend Robert Martin CMP
College Chaplain*

SIT

Hymn

STAND

- 1. Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**
- 2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!**
- 3. But the pains that he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!**

Intercessions

Principal

STAND

- We pray to Jesus who is present with us to eternity.
Jesus, light of the world,
bring the light and peace of your gospel to the nations ...
Jesus, Lord of life,
All in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, bread of life,
give food to the hungry ...
and nourish us all with your word.

All Jesus, Lord of life,
in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, our way, our truth, our life,
be with us and all who follow you in the way ...
Deepen our appreciation of your truth
and fill us with your life.

All Jesus, Lord of life,
in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, Good Shepherd who gave your life for the sheep,
recover the straggler,
bind up the injured,
strengthen the sick
and lead the healthy and strong to new pastures.

All Jesus, Lord of life,
in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, the resurrection and the life,
we give you thanks for all who have lived
and believed in you.

Raise us with them to eternal life.

All Jesus, Lord of life,
in your mercy, hear us,
accept our prayers, and be with us always.
Amen.

Sign of Peace

Chaplain: May the Peace of the risen Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Chaplain: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

(We now take a few moments to say "Peace be with you" and shake hands with the person next to us as a sign of peace and reconciliation)

Easter Blessing & Dismissal

Chaplain

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

May God the Father,
by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,
strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life;

✠ and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son
and the Holy Spirit be with, your homes, your families
and those you love, this Easter and for evermore

All **Amen**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Recessional Hymn

STAND

1. **Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.**
*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*
2. **Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord now liveth, death hast lost its sting:**
3. **No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;
life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors through thy
deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above:**

