

Call to worship

Lord of all, we thank you for giving your all
to include us in your love.
Help us to follow your example,
and to take up our cross and follow you.
Make us ready to receive and welcome all who
come to us, so that they too 'may see Jesus'.
Amen.

Hymn : 443 by Robert Walmsley

Come let us sing of a wonderful love,
tender and true;
out of the heart of the Father above,
streaming to me and to you:
wonderful love
dwells in the heart of the Father above.

Jesus, the Saviour, this gospel to tell,
joyfully came;
came with the helpless and hopeless to dwell,
sharing their sorrow and shame;
seeking the lost,
saving, redeeming at measureless cost.

Jesus is seeking the wanderers yet;
why do they roam?
Love only waits to forgive and forget;
home! weary wanderer, home!
Wonderful love
dwells in the heart of the Father above.

Come to my heart, O thou wonderful love,
come and abide,
lifting my life till it rises above
envy and falsehood and pride:
seeking to be
lowly and humble, a learner of thee.

Welcome and Activity

Joys and Concerns

Offertory Prayer

The Lectionary

Jeremiah 31.31-34; Psalm 51.1-12; Psalm 119.9-16;
Hebrews 5.5-10; John 12.20-3

Bible Reading : John 12.20-3

Some Greeks Seek Jesus

²⁰ Some Greeks were among those who had gone to Jerusalem to worship during the festival. ²¹ They went to Philip (he was from Bethsaida in Galilee) and said, "Sir, we want to see Jesus."

Christ Church Stocksbridge

"Together at Home"

with Crane Moor and Green Moor

Sunday 21st March 2021

As the seed dies

²² Philip went and told Andrew, and the two of them went and told Jesus. ²³ Jesus answered them, "The hour has now come for the Son of Man to receive great glory. ²⁴ I am telling you the truth: a grain of wheat remains no more than a single grain unless it is dropped into the ground and dies. If it does die, then it produces many grains. ²⁵ Those who love their own life will lose it; those who hate their own life in this world will keep it for life eternal.

²⁶ Whoever wants to serve me must follow me, so that my servant will be with me where I am. And my Father will honour anyone who serves me.

Jesus Speaks about His Death

²⁷ "Now my heart is troubled—and what shall I say? Shall I say, 'Father, do not let this hour come upon me'? But that is why I came—so that I might go through this hour of suffering. ²⁸ Father, bring glory to your name!" Then a voice spoke from heaven, "I have brought glory to it, and I will do so again."

²⁹ The crowd standing there heard the voice, and some of them said it was thunder, while others said, "An angel spoke to him!"

³⁰ But Jesus said to them, "It was not for my sake that this voice spoke, but for yours. ³¹ Now is the time for this world to be judged; now the ruler of this world will be overthrown. ³² When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to me." (³³ In saying this he indicated the kind of death he was going to suffer.)

Word

Hymn : 359 by Alan Gaunt

Lord Christ, we praise your sacrifice,
your life in love so freely given.
For those who took your life away
you prayed: that they might be forgiven;
and there, in helplessness arrayed,
God's power was perfectly displayed.

Once helpless in your mother's arms,
dependent on her mercy then;
at last, by choice, in other hands,
you were as helpless once again;
and, at their mercy, crucified,
you claimed your victory and died.

Though helpless and rejected then,
you're now as risen Lord acclaimed;
forever by your sacrifice
is God's eternal love proclaimed:
the love which, dying, brings to birth
new life and hope for all on earth.

So, living Lord, prepare us now
your willing helplessness to share;
to give ourselves in sacrifice
to overcome the world's despair;
in love to give our lives away
and claim your victory today.

Prayers

After each line of this prayer, open your arms and say:

“Help us to welcome others in your name”.

Welcoming Lord,
thank you for the people who welcome us on our
faith journey...
Give us eyes to see those who come here for the
first time...
Give us ears to hear voices that are seldom or never
heard...
Give us minds to understand the needs of other
people...
Give us hearts to love all who come into our
presence...
Help us to draw others towards you...

Amen

**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.**

Hymn : 339 by Christopher Idle

When you prayed beneath the trees,
it was for me, O Lord;
when you cried upon your knees,
how could it be, O Lord?

When in blood and sweat and tears
you dismissed your final fears,
when you faced the soldiers' spears,
you stood for me, O Lord.

When their triumph looked complete,
it was for me, O Lord,
when it seemed like your defeat,
they could not see, O Lord!
When you faced the mob alone
you were silent as a stone,
and a tree became your throne;
you came for me, O Lord.

When you stumbled up the road,
you walked for me, O Lord,
when you took your deadly load,
that heavy tree, O Lord;
When they lifted you on high,
and they nailed you up to die,
and when darkness filled the sky,
it was for me, O Lord.

When you spoke with kingly power,
it was for me, O Lord,
in that dread and destined hour,
you made me free, O Lord;
earth and heaven heard you shout,
death and hell were put to rout,
for the grave could not hold out;
you are for me, O Lord

The Grace and the Vesper

Welcoming Lord,
thank you for the welcome that Jesus offers out of
his great love for all people.
Help us to follow his example.
Teach us to consider the needs of others even when
this means we must lay something down.
Bless us as we speak with others, day by day; give
us a spirit of welcome and friendship.
As you welcome us, help us to welcome those to
whom you send us.
Amen.

**The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and fellowship together in the Holy Spirit, be with
us all, now and evermore.**

Take, oh take me as I am; summon out what I shall
be; set your seal upon my heart, and live in me.
Repeat

Now let us all enjoy a cup of tea or coffee together.