Service sheet for the Monday of Holy Week

29th March 2021



Mary dries Jesus' feet with her hair

Drop, drop, slow tears,
and bathe those beauteous feet,
which brought from heaven the news
and Prince of Peace.

Phineas Fletcher, 1582-1650

CONFESSION Lord, we are sorry for the times when we have failed to do what we know to be right. Hear our prayer, and in your mercy, forgive us and help us.

Lord almighty and God of our ancestors, you who made heaven and earth in all their glory: All things tremble with awe at your presence, before your great and mighty power. Immeasurable and unsearchable is your promised mercy, for you are God, Most High. You are full of compassion, long-suffering and very merciful.
(Extract from Song of Manasseh c.70BC)

COLLECT True and humble King, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory.

READINGS Isaiah 42: 1 – 9; Psalm 36: 5 – 11; Hebrews 9: 11 – 15; John 12: 1 - 11

PRAYERS
We pray for the church and for the world. Lord, as places of worship begin to reopen, help us to value the chance to be still and to pray inside buildings which mean so much to so many. Help us, too, to know that your loving Holy Spirit is at large in the world.

We pray for all who are carrying heavy burdens and ask for these to be eased in the light of Jesus' assurance. We continue to pray for the sick and suffering, both those affected by Covid 19 and all others with needs of body, mind or spirit.

We pray for: the day and its tasks; the world and its needs; those serving through leadership; those looking for forgiveness; those misled by the false gods of this present age; all who are hungry, homeless or anxious.

We pray for all those whom we love……..

In darkness and in light, in trouble and joy, help us, heavenly Father, to trust your love, to serve your purpose and to praise your name. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE SHARE THE GRACE

'Come to me and I will give you rest.
Come, let me revive you, refresh you and restore you.
Come and learn to be resurrection people.'*
Amen. (**words by David Adam*)

FINAL PRAYER Be with us Lord to defend us; within us to refresh us; around us to protect us; before us to guide us; behind us to encourage us and above us to bless us; for your own name's sake. Amen

(*Celtic, 10th Century*)

Service sheet for the Tuesday of Holy Week

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Jesus and the disciples

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?

CONFESSION
O God, have pity upon me, a sinner; grant me a new vision of thy love and of thy will for me: give me stillness in my soul that I may know thee and love thee, and grant me strength to do thy will. (Gilbert Shaw)

May God who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be our Saviour, forgive us our sins and make us holy to serve him in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Common Worship)

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.

READINGS Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 71:1-14; 1 Corinthians 1: 18-31; John 12:20-36

PRAYERS

I need not fear my foes;
I need not yield to care;
I need not sink beneath my woes,
for thou wilt answer prayer. (Anne Brontë)

We pray for the church and for the world. We pray for peace; for all leaders, that they may have wisdom to know, and courage to do what is right; for all men and women that their hearts may be turned to you in the search for righteousness and truth.
Lord, in your mercy; **Hear our prayer**.

We pray for the sick and suffering, and for all those in any kind of trouble; grant them peace from fears and doubts and from pain. Fill them with hope for the days ahead, and love, to give them strength.
Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those we love, naming them before you now……
Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Light of the world, enter into the depths of our lives. Come into the dark and hidden places, and bring us safely to your glorious light. (David Adam)

We say THE LORD'S PRAYER

We share THE GRACE

AND FINALLY:

from 'The Coming' by R.S. Thomas –

On a bare
Hill, a bare tree saddened
The sky. Many people
Held out their thin arms
To it, as though waiting
For a vanished April
To return to its crossed
Boughs. The son watched
Them. Let me go there, he said.