

Our Lady of Loretto and St Michael, Musselburgh

St Martin of Tours, Tranent

Good Friday – Celebration of the Lord's Passion

The Church is Open from 9.00am for personal prayer and adoration. The following Shortened Liturgy will be put online at 3.00pm



FIRST READING A reading from the prophet Isaiah

See, my servant will prosper, he shall be lifted up, exalted, rise to great heights.

As the crowds were appalled on seeing him – so disfigured did he look that he seemed no longer human – so will the crowds be astonished at him, and kings stand speechless before him; for they shall see something never told and witness something never heard before: “Who could believe what we have heard, and to whom has the power of the Lord been revealed?”

Like sapling he grew up in front of us, like a root in arid ground. Without beauty, without majesty (we saw him), no looks to attract our eyes; a thing despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and familiar with suffering, a man to make people screen their faces; he was despised and we took no account of him.

And yet ours were the sufferings he bore, ours the sufferings he carried. But we, we thought of him as someone punished, struck by God, and brought low. Yet he was pierced through for our faults, crushed for our sins. On him lies a punishment that brings us peace, and through his wounds we are healed.

We had all gone astray like sheep, each taking his own way, and the Lord burdened him with the sins of all of us. Harshly dealt with, he bore it humbly, he never opened his mouth, like a lamb that is led to the slaughter-house, like a sheep that is dumb before its shearers never opening its mouth.

By force and by law he was taken, would anyone plead his cause? Yes, he was torn away from the land of the living; for our faults struck down in death. They gave him a grave with the wicked, a tomb with the rich, though he had done no wrong and there had been no perjury in his mouth. The Lord has been pleased to crush him with suffering. If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, he shall live a long life and through him what the Lord wishes will be done.

His soul's anguish over he shall see the light and be content. By his sufferings shall my servant justify many, taking their faults on himself.

Hence I will grant whole hordes for his tribute, he shall divide the spoil with the mighty, for surrendering himself to death and letting himself be taken for a sinner, while he was bearing the faults of many and praying all the time for sinners.
The word of the Lord

R. Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.

In you, O Lord, I take refuge.
Let me never be put to shame.
In your justice, set me free.
Into your hands I commend my spirit.
It is you who will redeem me, Lord. **R**

In the face of all my foes
I am a reproach, an object of scorn to my neighbours
And of fear to my friends. **R**

Those who see me in the street
run far away from me.
I am like a dead man, forgotten in men's hearts,
like a thing thrown away. **R**

But as for me, I trust in you, Lord,
I say, “You are my God.”
My life is in your hands, deliver me
from the hands of those who hate me. **R**

Let your face shine on your servant,
Save me in your love.
Be strong, let your heart take courage,
all who hope in the Lord. **R**

SECOND READING A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us, but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help.

During his life on earth, he offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was son, he learnt to obey through suffering, but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

The word of the Lord

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

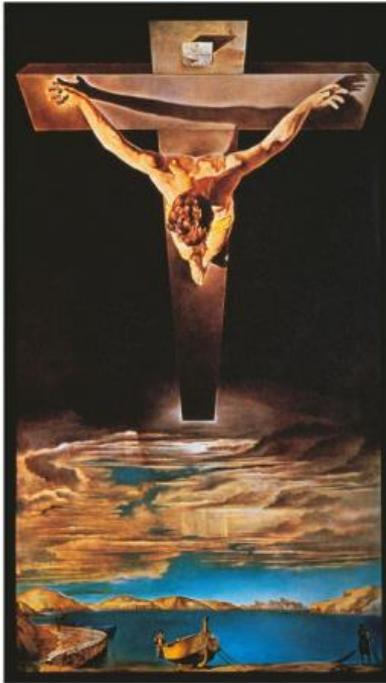
Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names.

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The Holy Gospel

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- I. For Holy Church
- II. For the Pope
- III. For all orders and degrees of the faithful
- IV. For catechumens
- V. For the unity of Christians
- VI. For the Jewish people
- VII. For those who do not believe in Christ
- VIII. For those who do not believe in God
- IX. For those in public office
- X. For those in tribulation

Let us pray, dearly beloved,
to God the Father almighty,
that he may cleanse the world of all errors,
banish disease, drive out hunger,
unlock prisons, loosen fetters,
granting to travellers safety, to pilgrims return,
health to the sick, and salvation to the dying

Adoration of the Holy Cross

Please keep a cross to hand so that you may make a personal act of adoration after the clergy kiss the Crosses on the Altar

The Priest Unveils the Cross

Priest: Behold, behold the wood of the cross, on which is hung our Salvation.

People: **Come let us adore**

The priests and other ministers kiss the Holy Cross and invite you to do the same.

The Reproaches are sung - Hymn 356: 1,5&6

Hymn 870 Jesus Remember Me

The Blessed sacrament is placed on the Altar

- Our Father
- Lamb of God
- Behold the lamb of God
- Praying for Peace

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

‘My Jesus,

I Believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul.
Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
Although You have already come,
I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You;
never permit me to be separated from You.’

Hymn 564 Ours were the sufferings he bore
Hymn 267 From Heav’n You Came.

The Death of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to John.

They then took charge of Jesus and carrying his own cross he went out of the city to the place of the skull or, as it was called in Hebrew, Golgotha, where they crucified him with two others, one on either side with Jesus in the middle. Pilate wrote out a notice and had it fixed to the cross; it ran: “Jesus the Nazarene, King of the Jews”. This notice was read by many of the Jews because the place where Jesus was crucified was not far from the city, and the writing was in Hebrew, Latin and Greek. So the Jewish chief priests said to Pilate, You should not write “King of the Jews”, but “This man said, “I am King of the Jews”. Pilate replied, “What I have written, I have written”

When the soldiers had finished crucifying Jesus they took his clothing and divided it into four shares, one for each soldier. His undergarment was seamless, woven in one piece from neck to hem; so they said to one another – Instead of tearing it, let us throw dice to decide who is to have it. In this way the words of scripture were fulfilled: “They shared out my clothing among them. They cast lots for my clothes.” This is exactly what the soldiers did.

Near the cross of Jesus stood his Mother and his Mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. Seeing his Mother and the disciple he loved standing near her, Jesus said to his Mother – Woman, this is your son. Then to the disciple he said – This is your Mother and from that moment the disciple made a place for her in his home. After this, Jesus knew that everything had now been completed: and to fulfil the scripture perfectly he said – I am thirsty. A jar full of vinegar stood there, so putting a sponge soaked in vinegar on a hyssop stick they held it up to his mouth. After Jesus had taken the vinegar he said – It is accomplished. And bowing his head he gave up the spirit.

General Intercessions