

Service for Holy Week and Easter 2021

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The English-speaking Community in and around Colmar is delighted that you are joining us to celebrate Christ's Passion and Resurrection in words and music despite our not being together in person.

**This year, if you cannot come to our Easter Service,
then the Easter Service can come to you!**

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Musical Introduction **God so loved the World** from The Crucifixion by John Stainer
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IWnPBdE4ur8>

Greeting In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
All: **Amen**

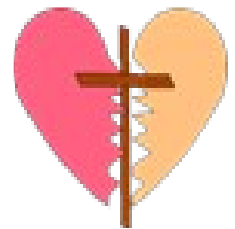
 The Lord be with you
All **And also with you.**

Prayer of Preparation **Almighty God,**
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name:
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Invitation to confession God shows his love for us
 in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Let us then show our love for him
by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

All **Almighty God, our heavenly Father,**
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
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 grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.



Absolution Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



All

Amen.

Hymn

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BLJ0jLAmOA>



1. *Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?*
2. *Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?*
3. *Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?*
4. *Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?*
5. *Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?*
6. *Were you there when he rose up from the dead?
Were you there when he rose up from the dead?
Sometimes I feel like shouting 'Glory, glory, glory!'
Were you there when he rose up from the dead?*

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**

Psalm Psalm 22 verses 1-11

1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me,
and are so far from my salvation,
from the words of my distress?

2 O my God, I cry in the daytime,
but you do not answer;
and by night also, but I find no rest.

3 Yet you are the Holy One,
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.

4 Our forebears trusted in you;
they trusted, and you delivered them.

5 They cried out to you and were delivered;
they put their trust in you and were not confounded.

6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man,
scorned by all and despised by the people.

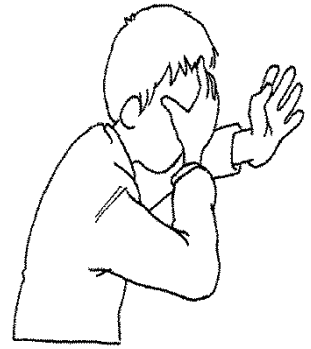
7 All who see me laugh me to scorn;
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,

8 'He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him;
let him deliver him, if he delights in him.'

9 But it is you that took me out of the womb
and laid me safe upon my mother's breast.

10 On you was I cast ever since I was born;
you are my God even from my mother's womb.

11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near at hand
help.



Musical Interlude **Psalm 22** sung in traditional Anglican liturgical psalm pointing.

The Psalm is sung to the words of the King James Bible and the musical setting is by Charles Wesley (1707-1788).

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SvKokGktBfc>

Reading

The Gospel according to St Mark, chapter 15 verses 1-20

Jesus before Pilate



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, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' He answered him, 'You say so.' Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again, 'Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.' But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

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, 'Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?' 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 spoke to them again, 'Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?' They shouted back, 'Crucify him!' Pilate asked them, 'Why, what evil has he done?' But they shouted all the more, 'Crucify him!' So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.



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, 'Hail, King of the Jews!' 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.



This is the word of the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

Hymn

My song is love unknown

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Iv7OZSoA22w&list=RDbNN9DBobCdw&index=3>

1 *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?*



2 *He came from His blest throne
Salvation to bestow;
But men made strange, and none
The longed-for Christ would know:
But oh, my Friend,
My Friend indeed,
Who at my need
His life did spend.*

3 *Sometimes they strew His way,
And His sweet praises sing;
Resounding all the day
Hosannas to their King:
Then "Crucify!"
Is all their breath,
And for His death
They thirst and cry.*



4 *They rise and needs will have
My dear Lord made away;
A murderer they save,
The Prince of life they slay.
Yet cheerful He
To suffering goes,
That He His foes
From thence might free.*

5 *In life, no house, no home
My Lord on earth might have;
In death, no friendly tomb,
But what a stranger gave.
What may I say?
Heav'n was His home;
But mine the tomb
Wherein He lay.*



6 *Here might I stay and sing,
No story so divine;
Never was love, dear King,
Never was grief like Thine.
This is my Friend,
In whose sweet praise
I all my days
Could gladly spend.*

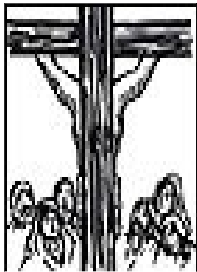
The crucifixion and death of Jesus

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, 'Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!' In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, '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.' Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

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, 'Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?' which means, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, Listen, he is calling for Elijah.' And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, 'Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.' 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, 'Truly this man was God's Son!'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

All

Hymn

O sacred head sore wounded

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3M4uUJibpyw>

*O sacred head, sore wounded,
Defiled and put to scorn;
O kingly head surrounded
With mocking crown of thorn:
What sorrow mars thy grandeur?
Can death thy bloom deflower?
O countenance whose splendour
The hosts of heaven adore!*

*In thy most bitter passion
My heart to share doth cry,
With thee for my salvation
Upon the cross to die.
Ah, keep my heart thus moved
To stand thy cross beneath,
To mourn thee, well-beloved,
Yet thank thee for thy death.*

Reading The Gospel according to St Mark, chapter 16 verses 1-8

The Resurrection of Jesus

President: Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.
Christ humbled himself and became obedient unto death,
even death on a cross.
Therefore, God has exalted him
and given him the name that is above every name.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
All. Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory



When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, ‘Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?’ When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back.

As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, ‘Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.’ So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory

Pause for Thought: A meditation offered by the Reverend Dr Mark Barwick, from St Alban’s Anglican Church, Strasbourg.

We have entered into the time of year which is, for Christians, most sacred.

We stir up in our memories the deepest mystery of our faith: how new life can come forth from death, how the Cross can become the instrument of salvation.

We remember how joyous acclamations turned so quickly to shouts of “Crucify him!” What had entered into the hearts of those who crowded into that square to gawk at the Man of Sorrows?

“Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by? Look around and see. Is any suffering like my suffering which was inflicted on me?” (Lamentations 1.12)

It is easy to scratch our heads and wonder at the ignorance of those who turned on him. Or was it fear ... or callousness? Maybe all that mixed into a troubling cocktail of complicity. Could the same be said of us, whenever we watch idly as the poor and distressed suffer and see no way out?

The fact is that the sufferings of Christ – the one who loved to call himself the Son of Man – continue to this present day. His sufferings continue in the desperation of migrants looking for a place to call home, in the Covid wards of our cities, in the anguish of the lost and forgotten ones of this world – and of course in our own hearts as well.

Why do we call this time sacred? It is because in the Cross we see that God has leaned down into our humanity. And in so doing, we see that such sorrows do not have the last word. As a friend used to tell me, “Every Good Friday has an Easter morning.” Even in the most desperate of times, there is hope. And the promise of new life is ever renewed in our midst.

Méditation proposée par le Pasteur Dr Mark Barwick, de l'Église de St Alban, Strasbourg.

Nous sommes entrés dans la période de l'année qui est, pour les chrétiens, la plus sacrée. Nous éveillons dans nos mémoires le mystère le plus profond de notre foi : que la vie peut se surger de la mort, que la Croix peut devenir l'instrument du salut.

Nous nous souvenons à quel point les acclamations joyeuses se sont rapidement transformées en cris de « Crucifiez-le ! » Qu'est-ce qui était entré dans le cœur de ceux qui se pressaient pour observer l'Homme des Douleurs ?

« N'est-ce rien pour vous, vous tous qui passez? Regardez autour de vous et voyez s'il est douleur comme ma douleur qui m'a été infligée ? » (Lamentations 1.12)

Il est facile de se gratter la tête et de s'étonner de l'ignorance de ceux qui se sont retournés contre lui. Ou était-ce la peur... ou la dureté ? Peut-être que tout cela s'est mélangé à un cocktail troublant de complicité. Pourrait-on dire la même chose de nous, chaque fois que nous regardons les pauvres et les affligés souffrir et ne voyons aucune issue ?

Il est un fait que les souffrances du Christ - celui qui aimait à s'appeler Fils de l'homme - continuent jusqu'à ce jour. Ses souffrances continuent dans le désespoir des migrants à la recherche de la sécurité, dans les couloirs hospitaliers de Covid dans nos villes, dans l'angoisse des égarés et les oubliés de ce monde – et bien sûr aussi dans nos propres cœurs.

Pourquoi donc appelons-nous ce temps sacré ? C'est parce que dans la Croix nous voyons que Dieu s'est penché vers notre humanité. Et ce faisant, nous voyons que de telles souffrances n'ont pas le dernier mot. Comme un ami me disait: « au-delà de chaque Vendredi saint est un matin de Pâques. » Même dans les moments les plus désespérés, il y a de l'espoir. Et la promesse d'une vie nouvelle est toujours renouvelée en nous.

Hymn

Jesus Christ is ris'n today <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X1brSOs0IMc>

1 *Jesus Christ is ris'n 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 heav'nly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!*

3 *But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!*

4 *Sing we to our God above Alleluia!
Praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
Praise him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!*



The Apostles Creed

All

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Intercessions

Let us pray.

Thank you Lord, for bringing us together for a moment of calm, as we prepare for Easter.

We thank you for giving us the reason to celebrate Easter, and rejoice, with all your Church throughout the world, in the Passion and Resurrection of our Saviour, your Son, Jesus Christ.

We pray for our families, our friends and those that we love.

We pray for those who have come to live in Alsace during the year and those who have moved or are moving away, either to start a new life in another country or who are returning to their homeland.

We pray for those who want to return to their countries of origin or residence who are not permitted at this time to do so, and who have to remain where they would prefer not to be.

We pray for those who are finding life particularly hard at this time of year.

We remember especially the sick, the lonely and the bereaved.

We pray for all those who are working to relieve the COVID-19 pandemic – be they researchers, hospital staff, key workers and volunteers. Strengthen them and support them in their work and help them continue to give the best of themselves for the good of others.

We pray for peace in this troubled world, and pray that you will guide the leaders of the nations in the ways of peace, equity and tolerance.

Help us to think before we speak, to act with sensitivity and responsibility, and to consider the needs of others before our own.

Help us to be flexible in our thinking,
and to embrace new experiences in a positive manner.

Let us have a few moments of silent prayer.

(Why not use this time to pray for those you love, worries that you might have at the moment, or to ask for help in situations in which you feel you have no control or need the Lord's help to see a way forward.)

For all good things that you give us, we thank you Lord. Be with us in the good times and support us in the not-so-good times. Give us the strength we need to face difficult situations, comfort in sadness, and show us the way when we don't know what to do.

We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

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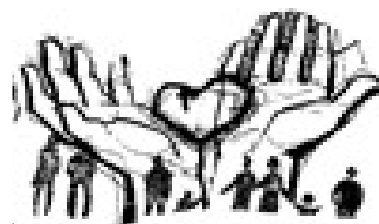
Amen.

The Peace

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.

All

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.



Hymn

Amazing Grace

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cIYvT745alg>

1 *Amazing grace! how sweet the sound, The
That saved a wretch; like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.*

3 *The Lord hath promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.*

2 *'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!*

4 *When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun.*

The Lord's Prayer As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:-

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 that 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.**

NOTRE PÈRE

**Notre Père qui es aux cieux,
que ton nom soit sanctifié,
que ton règne vienne
que ta volonté soit faite
sur la terre comme au ciel.
Donne-nous aujourd'hui notre pain de ce jour.
Pardonne-nous nos offenses
comme nous pardonnons aussi
à ceux qui nous ont offensés.
Et ne nous laisse pas entrer en tentation
mais délivre-nous du mal.
Car c'est à toi qu'appartiennent :
le règne la puissance et la gloire,
Aux siècles des siècles.
Amen.**



Hymn

Thine be the glory

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GK0I9vj2QII>

*Thine is 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 is the glory, risen conquering Son,
Endless is the vict'ry, thou o'er death hast won.*

*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 hath lost its sting.*

Thine is the glory, risen conquering Son,



Endless is the vict'ry, thou o'er death hast won.

*No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
Life is naught 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.*

*Thine is the glory, risen conquering Son,
Endless is the vict'ry, thou o'er death hast won.*

**The Blessing
and Dismissal**

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 the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.



Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

Hymn

You raise me up <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t7tGUNVrqPs>

*When I am down and, oh my soul, so weary,
When troubles come and my heart burdened be
Then I am still and wait here in the silence
Until you come and sit awhile with me.*

*You raise me up, so I can stand on mountains.
You raise me up to walk on stormy seas.
I am strong when I am on your shoulders.
You raise me up to more than I can be.*

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