

Pewsheets

Service Details and Notices

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday 14 February 2018

Services in the Team today:

Chapel of St John & St Anne

10:00am Holy Communion*

Oakham

12:00pm Litany (BCP)

Egleton

7:30pm Team Sung Communion*

All services with the Imposition of Ashes

*Common Worship (Contemporary)

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7:30pm Team Holy Communion

The Order of Service is contained in the separate Service Book.

Opening Hymn



1. Forty days and forty nights
thou wast fasting in the wild;
forty days and forty nights
tempted, and yet undefiled:
2. Sunbeams scorching all the day;
chilly dew-drops nightly shed;
prowling beasts about thy way;
stones thy pillow, earth thy bed.
3. Shall not we thy sorrows share,
and from earthly joys abstain,
fasting with unceasing prayer,
glad with thee to suffer pain?
4. And if Satan, vexing sore,
Flesh or spirit should assail,
thou, his vanquisher before,
grant we may not faint nor fail.
5. So shall we have peace divine,
holier gladness ours shall be,
round us too shall angels shine,
such as ministered to thee.
6. Keep, O keep us, Saviour dear,
ever constant by thy side;
that with thee we may appear
at the eternal Eastertide.

Words: G H Smyttan (1822-1870) & Francis Pott (1832-1909)
Music: Aus der tiefe, Nürnbergisches Gesangbuch 1676
(Ancient & Modern – 121)

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
you hate nothing that you have made
and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent:
create and make in us new and contrite hearts
that we, worthily lamenting our sins
and acknowledging our wretchedness,
may receive from you, the God of all mercy,
perfect remission and forgiveness;
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.**

First Reading – Isaiah 58.1-12

Thus says the Lord: Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practised righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgements, they delight to draw near to God. ‘Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?’ Look, you serve your own interest on your fast-day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rearguard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

Gradual Hymn



1. O God of Bethel, by whose hand thy people still are fed,
who through this weary pilgrimage hast all our fathers led;
2. Our vows, our prayers, we now present before thy throne of grace;
God of our fathers, be the God of their succeeding race.
3. Through each perplexing path of life our wandering footsteps guide;
give us each day our daily bread, and raiment fit provide.
4. O spread thy covering wings around till all our wanderings cease,
and at our Father's loved abode our souls arrive in peace.

Words: Philip Doddridge (1702-1751) Music: Martyrdom, Hugh Wilson (1766-1824), adapted by Robert Archibald Smith (1780-1829) for Sacred Harmony 1825 (Ancient & Modern – 744)

Gospel – John 8.1-11

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him and he sat down and began to teach them. The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery; and making her stand before all the people, they said to Jesus, 'Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. Now in the law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?' They said this to test Jesus, so that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, 'Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.' And once again he bent down and wrote on the ground. When they heard it, they went away, one by one, beginning with the elders; and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. Jesus straightened up and said to her, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' She said, 'No one, sir.' And Jesus said, 'Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again.'

The Liturgy of Penitence

*At the beginning, and after each reader speaks,
we sing together the Taize song, Kyrie Eleison:*



We are people,
chosen from our generations
to be Witnesses to the great Covenant
that exists between the Creator and His Creation.

God created atoms and universe –
yet we are content to live in our own little worlds.

God delights in colour and diversity;
yet we are blind and deaf to the grandeur of God that surrounds us.

Eternal God of all Creation,
your people ask pardon for their failure to recognise you
in the glory of all that you have created:

Kyrie Eleison

We are people,
chosen from our generations
to be Witnesses to the great Covenant
that exists between Humanity and its Creator.

Age upon age has seen the great things
That God does for His faithful people –
and we allow ourselves to be told that God
is a spent force in our world.

Age upon age,
we have seen that God remembers His People –
yet we live as though God has forgotten us.

Kyrie Eleison.

We are people
chosen from our generations
to be Witnesses to the great Covenant of Love
between God and humanity
sealed in the blood of God's beloved Son, Jesus Christ.

Jesus laid down His life to reconcile human beings with the Father,
yet we are embarrassed to speak of sacrifice,
let alone to live it.

Jesus calls His disciples to follow him -
as their Way, their Truth, their Life –
yet we remain convinced that our way is better –
and blame God when we get lost.

Kyrie eleison

We are people
chosen from our generations
to be Witnesses to the power of God's creative and renewing Spirit
alive in the world.

The Spirit showers upon us the gifts of God's love –
we see them as our own gifts and talents.

The Spirit calls forth fruit from our lives;
yet we see them as our own achievements and accomplishments.

In claiming them as our own,
we forget from whom they come
and on whom we depend for these graces –
and even for life itself.

Kyrie eleison

We are people
chosen from our generations
to be Witnesses to God and to Jesus –
witnesses here and even to the ends of the earth.

We are baptised in water –
to witness to the death and resurrection of Jesus.

We are baptised in the Spirit –
confirmed in our Faith
to proclaim the Good News of God's love
and salvation to all people.

**God of truth and justice
we have not lived up to the great gifts
that you have given to us.
Have mercy on your people
gathered before you;
strengthen us in the certainty of your forgiveness
and enduring love,
teach us how to respond to this greatest of gifts
in lives full of grace,
bearing fruit in our own love and forgiveness,
witnessing always to your glory
and your graciousness.
We ask this in the name of your son
and our saviour, Jesus Christ,
Amen.**

Anthem during the Imposition of Ashes

*Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us :
for we have sinned against thee.*

To thee, Redeemer, on thy throne of glory :
lift we our weeping eyes in holy pleadings :
listen, O Jesu, to our supplications.

O thou chief Corner-stone, Right Hand of the Father :
Way of Salvation, Gate of Life Celestial :
cleanse thou our sinful souls from all defilement.

God, we implore thee, in thy glory seated :
bow down and hearken to thy weeping children :
pity and pardon all our grievous trespasses.

Sins oft committed now we lay before thee :
with true contrition, now no more we veil them :
grant us, Redeemer, loving absolution.

Innocent, captive, taken unresisting :
falsely accused, and for us sinners sentenced :
save us, we pray thee, Jesu our Redeemer.

The Lent Prose (Attende, Domine) plainsong

Offertory Hymn



1. Take up thy cross, the Saviour said,
if thou wouldst my disciple be;
deny thyself, the world forsake,
and humbly follow after me.
2. Take up thy cross: let not its weight
fill thy weak spirit with alarm;
his strength shall bear thy spirit up,
and brace thy heart, and nerve thine arm.
3. Take up thy cross, nor heed the shame,
nor let thy foolish pride rebel:
the Lord for thee the Cross endured,
to save thy soul from death and hell.
4. Take up thy cross then in his strength,
and calmly every danger brave;
'twill guide thee to a better home,
and lead to victory o'er the grave.
5. Take up thy cross, and follow Christ,
nor think till death to lay it down;
for only he who bears the cross
may hope to wear the glorious crown.
6. To thee, great Lord, the One in Three,
all praise for evermore ascend;
O grant us in our home to see
the heavenly life that knows no end.

Words: Charles William Everest (1814-1877)

*Music: Breslau, German traditional melody harmony prob by William Henry Monk (1823-1889)
(Ancient & Modern – 135)*

Communion Anthem

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts;
shut not thy merciful ears unto our pray'rs;
but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty.
O holy and most merciful Saviour, thou most worthy Judge eternal,
suffer us not, at our last hour, for any pains of death, to fall from thee. Amen.

*Words: from the order for the burial of the dead (Book of Common Prayer)
Music: from Funeral Music for Queen Mary, Henry Purcell (1659-1695)*

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God,
you have given your only Son to be for us
both a sacrifice for sin and also an example of godly life:
give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive
these his inestimable gifts,
and also daily endeavour
to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Final Hymn*



1. In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.

2. In him shall true hearts everywhere
their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord,
close binding humankind.

3. Join hands, then, children of the faith,
whate' er your race may be;
who serves my Father as his child
is surely kin to me.

4. In Christ now meet both east and west,
in him meet south and north;
all Christlike souls are one in him,
throughout the whole wide earth.

Words: John Oxenham (William Arthur Dunkerley) (1852-1941)

Music: Kilmarnock, melody, and most of the harmony, by Neill Dougall (1776-1862)

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