



All Saints Thornton Hough Passiontide Service March 2020

This is the order of service for Sunday March 29th which we would have shared together if it were not for the pandemic. The hyperlinks in the text will take you to the readings (which you can read or have read to you) and to the music, most of which is sung by Wells Cathedral Choir. The prayers are taken from material produced by the Church of England for use during the pandemic and for Passiontide. (You will see adverts in the linked material – we have no control of these – sorry. You can often skip the adverts in YouTube)

1. All: Opening hymn: [Praise to the holiest in the height](#) A&M 763 (Somervell)

2. Introduction

The Fifth Sunday of Lent traditionally marks the beginning of Passiontide, and the Bible readings anticipate the story of Christ's suffering and death. The reading of the Passion narrative gave the Fifth Sunday of Lent its name of Passion Sunday. This service follows the account of the Passion in St John's Gospel with music from Bob Chilcott's *St John's Passion*.

3. Prayers (including a confession)

*Christ himself carried up our sins in his body to the tree,
so that, free from sins,
we might live for righteousness;
by his wounds we have been healed.*

Peter 2.2.

*O God, you know my foolishness
and my sins are not hidden from you:
Lord, have mercy.
Let not the flood overwhelm me
nor the depths swallow me up;
let not the pit shut its mouth upon me:
Christ, have mercy.
Hear me, O Lord, as your loving kindness is good;
turn to me as your compassion is great:
Lord, have mercy.*

*Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross
we may triumph in the power of his victory;
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.*

4. [Sing my tongue the glorious battle](#) A&M 151 verses 1, 2 [& 5]
5. **Reading 1: The Garden:** [John 18:3-13](#)
6. [It is a thing most wonderful \(Chilcott\)](#) A&M 145 verses 1,2 & 6
7. **Reading 2: Peter's denial:** [John 18:14-27](#)
8. [Miserere, my maker \(Chilcott\)](#)

9. [Drop, drop slow tears \(Chilcott\)](#) A&M 118
10. All: Hymn: My song is love unknown A&M 147
11. **Reading 3: The judgement hall (1): [John 18:28-36](#)**
12. [Jesu grant me this I pray \(Chilcott\)](#) A&M 126
13. **Reading 4: The judgement hall (2): [John 18:37-19:11](#)**
14. [Away vain world \(Chilcott\)](#)
15. **Reading 5: Jesus is crucified [John 19:12-22](#)**
16. [There is a green hill far away \(Chilcott\)](#) A&M 153 v1,2,3 & 5
17. **Reading 6: The crucifixion [John 19:23-27](#)**
18. Silence
19. [Jesus, my Leman \(Chilcott\)](#)
20. **Reading 7: Jesus dies on the cross: [John 19: 28-30](#)**
21. All: [When I survey the wondrous cross \(Chilcott\)](#) A&M 157 v 1,2,3 & 5
22. **Reading 8: Christ's humility and greatness: [Philippians 2:1-11](#)**
23. Prayers of intercession including the Lord's Prayer
*Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy
in this time of uncertainty and distress.
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may rejoice in your comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.*

*Lord Jesus Christ,
you taught us to love our neighbour,
and to care for those in need
as if we were caring for you.
In this time of anxiety, give us strength
to comfort the fearful, to tend the sick,
and to assure the isolated
of our love, and your love,
for your name's sake. Amen.*
24. Blessing
*The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil,
and keep us in eternal life. Amen.*
25. All: Final hymn: [There's a wideness in God's mercy](#) A&M 806