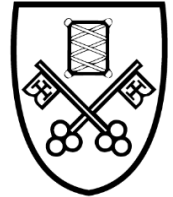




The Cathedral Church
of St Peter Bradford



Night Prayer

Passiontide - Wednesday

31 March 2021

19.00

We remain seated throughout

Preparation

The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end. **Amen.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord
who made heaven and earth.

Silence

**Most merciful God,
we confess to you,
before the whole company of heaven
and one another
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed,
and in what we have failed to do.
Forgive us our sins,
heal us by your Spirit
and raise us to new life in Christ. Amen.**

Choir *O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.*

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen.*

Hymn

Choir *Servant of God, remember
the hallowed font's bedewing;
the mark of grace upon you,
anointing and renewing.*

*Take heed, when called by slumber
and on your bed, reclining,
trace then the cross of Jesus,
your heart and forehead signing.*

*The cross dissolves the darkness
and drives away temptation;
it calms the wavering spirit
by quiet consecration.*

*Praise to God eternal,
to Christ, true King of Heaven,
and Paraclete, most holy,
be now and ever given.*

Psalm 70

Choir

*1 O God, make speed to save me; •
O Lord, make haste to help me.*

*2 Let those who seek my life
be put to shame and confusion •
let them be turned back and disgraced
who wish me evil.*

*3 Let those who mock and deride me •
turn back because of their shame.*

*4 But let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; •
let those who love your salvation say always, 'Great is the Lord!'*

*5 As for me, I am poor and needy; •
come to me quickly, O God.*

*6 You are my help and my deliverer; •
O Lord, do not delay.*

*Glory to the Father and to the Son •
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now •
and shall be for ever. Amen.*

Silence

Reading *Isaiah 50.4-9a*

⁴The Lord God has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens—
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backwards.

⁶I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

⁷ The Lord God helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
⁸ he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
⁹ It is the Lord God who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?
All of them will wear out like a garment;
the moth will eat them up.

Address

The Reverend Canon Myra Shackley

Silence

Responsory

Choir *Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my Spirit.
For you have redeemed me, Lord God of truth.
I commend my spirit.*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my Spirit.*

*Keep me as the apple of your eye.
Hide me under the shadow of your wings.*

Nunc dimittis

Moore 1st Service

Choir *Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree,
that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.*

1 *Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace:
according to thy word.*

2 *For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
which thou has prepared before the face of all people:*

3 *To be a light to lighten the gentiles
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.*

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.*

Silence

Prayers

Intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered

The Collects

Almighty God,
as we stand at the foot of the cross of your Son,
help us to see and know your love for us,
so that in humility, love and joy
we may place at his feet
all that we have and all that we are;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

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
 who 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.**

Anthem

*Qui vult venire post me,
abneget semet ipsum,
tollat crucem suam,
et sequatur me,
dicit Dominus.*

If any man will come after me,
let him deny himself,
and take up his cross,
and follow me,
says the Lord.

Music: C. Monteverdi (1567-1643)

Blessing

In peace, we will lie down and sleep;
for you alone, Lord, make us dwell in safety.

Abide with us, Lord Jesus,
for the night is at hand and the day is now past.

As the night-watch looks for the morning,
so do we look for you, O Christ.

May the Holy Spirit of God bless and sanctify us
so that we may be consecrated in the truth. **Amen.**

We depart in silence

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