

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sunday 3 April 2022



**Southwell
Minster**
THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

3.30pm Evensong

Organ Prelude: *O Welt, ich muss dich lassen*, Johannes Brahms (1833-97)

Preces and Responses: Philip Radcliffe (1905-86)

Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis: *Short Service*, Thomas Weelkes (1576-1623)

INTROIT *sung by the choir from the North Transept*

Drop, drop, slow tears,
and bathe those beautiful feet,
which brought from heaven
the news and Prince of peace.

Cease not, wet eyes,
his mercies to entreat;
to cry for vengeance
sin doth never cease.

In your deep floods
drown all my faults and fears;
nor let his eye
see sin, but through my tears.

Words: Phineas Fletcher (1582-1650)

Music: SONG 46, Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

OFFICE HYMN: The royal banners forward go (*page 13 in Evensong booklet*)

PSALM 35 (*page 386-368 in the Book of Common Prayer*)

Josiah kept a passover to the Lord in Jerusalem; they slaughtered the passover lamb on the fourteenth day of the first month. He appointed the priests to their offices and encouraged them in the service of the house of the Lord. He said to the Levites who taught all Israel and who were holy to the Lord, 'Put the holy ark in the house that Solomon son of David, king of Israel, built; you need no longer carry it on your shoulders. Now serve the Lord your God and his people Israel. Make preparations by your ancestral houses by your divisions, following the written directions of King David of Israel and the written directions of his son Solomon. Take position in the holy place according to the groupings of the ancestral houses of your kindred the people, and let there be Levites for each division of an ancestral house. Slaughter the passover lamb, sanctify yourselves, and on behalf of your kindred make preparations, acting according to the word of the Lord by Moses.'

When the service had been prepared for, the priests stood in their place, and the Levites in their divisions according to the king's command. They slaughtered the passover lamb, and the priests dashed the blood that they received from them, while the Levites did the skinning. They set aside the burnt-offerings so that they might distribute them according to the groupings of the ancestral houses of the people, to offer to the Lord, as it is written in the book of Moses. And they did the same with the bulls. They roasted the passover lamb with fire according to the ordinance; and they boiled the holy offerings in pots, in cauldrons, and in pans, and carried them quickly to all the people. Afterwards they made preparations for themselves and for the priests, because the priests the descendants of Aaron were occupied in offering the burnt-offerings and the fat parts until night; so the Levites made preparations for themselves and for the priests, the descendants of Aaron. The singers, the descendants of Asaph, were in their place according to the command of David, and Asaph, and Heman, and the king's seer Jeduthun. The gatekeepers were at each gate; they did not need to interrupt their service, for their kindred the Levites made preparations for them.

So all the service of the Lord was prepared that day, to keep the passover and to offer burnt-offerings on the altar of the Lord, according to the command of King Josiah.

Now the festival of Unleavened Bread, which is called the Passover, was near. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to put Jesus to death, for they were afraid of the people.

Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was one of the twelve; he went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers of the temple police about how he might betray him to them. They were greatly pleased and agreed to give him money. So he consented and began to look for an opportunity to betray him to them when no crowd was present.

Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, 'Go and prepare the Passover meal for us that we may eat it.' They asked him, 'Where do you want us to make preparations for it?' Listen,' he said to them, 'when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him into the house he enters¹¹ and say to the owner of the house, "The teacher asks you, 'Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' ¹²He will show you a large room upstairs, already furnished. Make preparations for us there.¹³ So they went and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

We beseech thee, Almighty God, mercifully to look upon thy people;
that by thy great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore,
both in body and soul;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

ANTHEM sung by the choir

Alone to sacrifice thou goest, Lord,
giving thyself to Death whom thou hast slain.
For us thy wretched folk is any word?
Who know that for our sins this is thy pain?
For they are ours, O Lord, our deeds, our deeds.
Why must thou suffer torture for our sin?
Let our hearts suffer in thy Passion, Lord,
that very suffering may thy mercy win.
This is the night of tears, the three days' space,
sorrow abiding of the eventide,
Until the day break with the risen Christ,
and hearts that sorrowed shall be satisfied.
So may our hearts share in thine anguish, Lord,
that they may sharers of thy glory be;
Heavy with weeping may the three days pass,
to win the laughter of thine Easter Day.

*Words: SOLUS AD VICTIMAM by Peter Abelard (1079-1142)
Translated by Helen Waddell (1889-1965)*

Music: Kenneth Leighton (1929-88)

HOMILY given by the Revd David McCoulough, Priest Vicar

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION led by the Very Revd Nicola Sullivan, Dean of Southwell

HYMN: It is a thing most wonderful (NEH 84)

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Crucifixion (from Symphonie-Passion)

Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

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