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The liturgy which follows draws on material from The Way of the Cross (RSCM, 2007) and other sources, including the Church of England's Common Worship: Times and Seasons. It covers the period from Jesus' Agony in the Garden until Easter Day.

The readings use the Passion and Resurrection narratives from St Mark's Gospel.

The Revd Canon Peter Moger
St Peter Stornoway and St Moluag Eoropaidh

Service 1

Jesus' agony, betrayal and denial — 4–9
Tuesday of Holy Week 2021, 18:30 BST

Service 2

Jesus' trial and crucifixion — 10–15
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Service 4

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Service 1

Jesus' agony, betrayal and denial

Greeting and introduction

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,
because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

The minister introduces the service.

Let us pray.

A brief moment of silence follows.

Eternal God,
in the cross of Jesus
we see the cost of our sin
and the depth of your love:
in humble hope and fear
may we place at his feet
all that we have and all that we are,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Trisagion 6 *David Ogden*

Hymn — This is the night, dear friends (part one)

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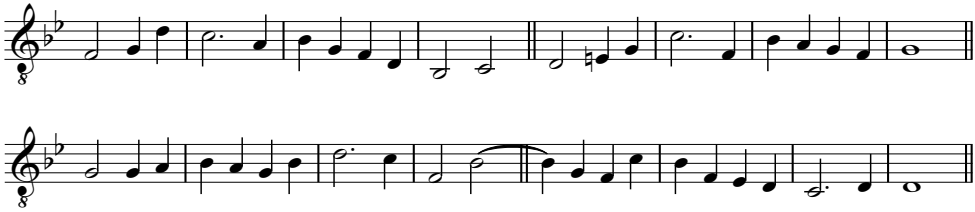

1 This is the night, dear friends, the night for weeping,
when darkness' power overcomes the day,
the night the faithful mourn the weight of evil
whereby our sins the Son of Man betray.

2 This night the traitor, wolf within the sheepfold,
betrays himself into his victim's will;
the Lamb of God for sacrifice preparing,
sin brings about the cure for sin's own ill.

Richard Sturch (*b* 1936)
from the Latin of Peter Abélard (1079–1142)

Music: R R Terry (1865–1938)

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First Reading — Mark 14.32–36, 43–46

They went to a place called Gethsemane; and Jesus said to his disciples, 'Sit here while I pray.' He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. And he said to them, 'I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake.' And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. He said, 'Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want.'

Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, 'The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard.' So when he came, he went up to him at once and said, 'Rabbi!' and kissed him. Then they laid hands on him and arrested him.

Collect

Lord Jesus,
you were betrayed by the kiss of a friend:
be with those who are betrayed and slandered and falsely accused.
You knew the experience of having your love thrown back in your face for mere silver:
be with families which are torn apart by mistrust or temptation.
To you, Jesus, who offered your face to your betrayer,
be honour and glory with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

Anthem — When the waters cover me *David Llewellyn Green, arr. Noël Tredennick*

Second Reading — Mark 14.72

At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him, 'Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.' And he broke down and wept.

Collect

Lord Jesus, as Peter betrayed you,
you experienced the double agony
of love rejected and friendship denied:
be with those who know no friends and are rejected by society.
You understood the fear within Peter:
help us to understand the anxieties of those who fear for their future.
To you, Jesus, who gazed with sadness at his lost friend,
be honour and glory with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Standing at the foot of the cross,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

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.

Trisagion 5 *David Ogden*

Hymn — This is the night, dear friends (part two)

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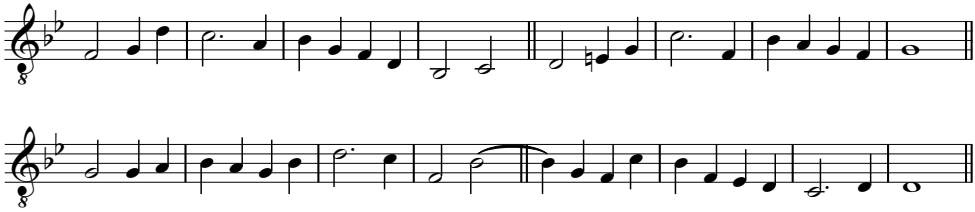

3 This night the Lord by slaves shall be arrested,
he who destroys our slavery to sin;
accused of crime, to criminals be given,
that judgement on the righteous judge begin.

4 O make us sharers, Saviour, of your passion,
that we may share your glory that shall be;
let us pass through these three dark nights of sorrow
to Easter's laughter and its liberty.

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Service 2

Jesus' trial and crucifixion

Greeting and introduction

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and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,
because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

The minister introduces the service.

Let us pray.

A brief moment of silence follows.

Eternal God,
in the cross of Jesus
we see the cost of our sin
and the depth of your love:
in humble hope and fear
may we place at his feet
all that we have and all that we are,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Trisagion 4 *David Ogden*

Hymn — My song is Love unknown (part one)

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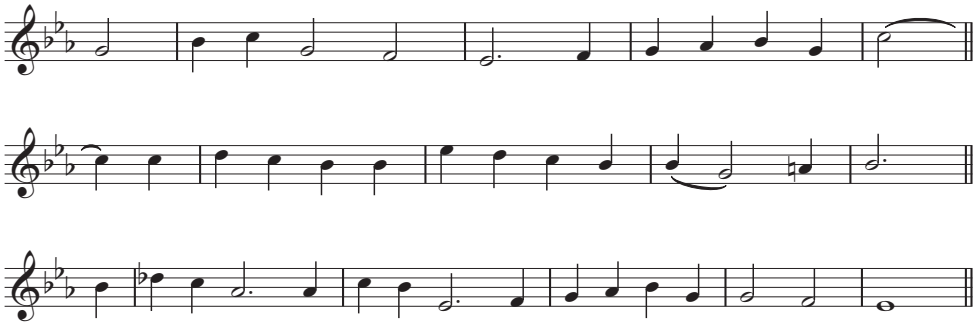

1 My song is love unknown,
my Saviour's love to me,
love to the loveless shown,
that they might lovely be.
O who am I,
that for my sake
my Lord should take
frail flesh, and die?

2 He came from his blest throne,
salvation to bestow;
but men made strange, and none
the longed-for Christ would know.
But O, my Friend,
my Friend indeed,
who at my need
his life did spend.

Samuel Crossman (1624–84)

Music: John Ireland (1879–1962)

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First Reading — Mark 15.14–15, 17–19

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.

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.

Collect

Lord Jesus, you faced the torment of barbaric punishment and mocking tongue:
be with those who cry out in physical agony and emotional distress.
You endured unbearable abuse:
be with those who face torture and mockery in our world today.
To you, Jesus, the King crowned with thorns,
be honour and glory with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

Anthem — Crucifixus à 6 *Antonio Lotti*

Second Reading — Mark 15.20–21, 24

After mocking Jesus, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him. 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.

And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

Collect

Lord Jesus, you bled in pain as the nails were driven into your flesh:
transform through the mystery of your love
the pain of those who suffer.
To you, Jesus, our crucified Lord,
be honour and glory with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Standing at the foot of the cross,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

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.

Trisagion 3 *David Ogden*

Hymn — My song is Love unknown (part two)

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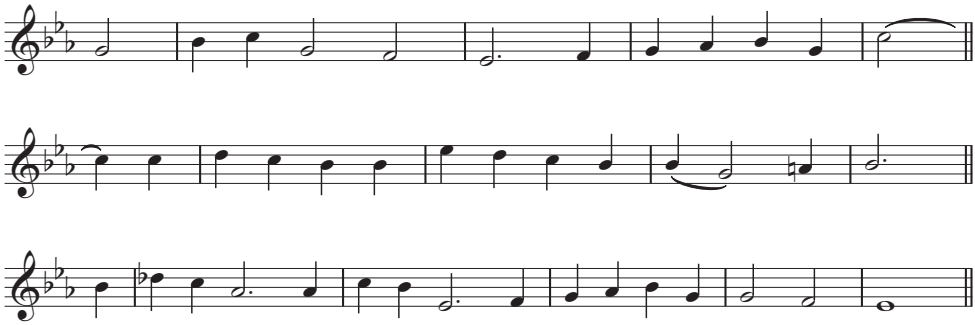

3 Sometimes they strew his way,
and his sweet praises sing;
resounding all the day
hosannas to their King.
Then 'Crucify!'
is all their breath,
and for his death
they thirst and cry.

4 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.

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Service 3

Jesus' death and burial

Greeting and introduction

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and of the Son,
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Amen.

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because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

The minister introduces the service.

Let us pray.

A brief moment of silence follows.

Eternal God,
in the cross of Jesus
we see the cost of our sin
and the depth of your love:
in humble hope and fear
may we place at his feet
all that we have and all that we are,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Trisagion 2 *David Ogden*

Hymn — Morning glory, starlit sky (part one)

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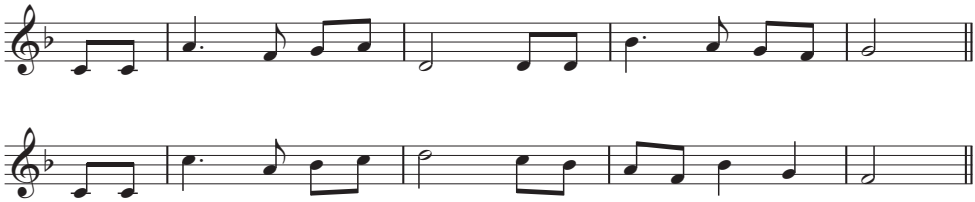

1 Morning glory, starlit sky,
leaves in springtime, swallows' flight,
autumn gales, tremendous seas,
sounds and scents of summer night;

2 soaring music, towering words,
art's perfection, scholar's truth,
joy supreme of human love,
memory's treasure, grace of youth;

3 open, Lord, are these, thy gifts,
gifts of love to mind and sense;
hidden is love's agony,
love's endeavour, love's expense.

W H Vanstone (1923–1999)

Music: Michael Fleming (1928–2006)

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First Reading — Mark 15.34–37

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.

Collect

Lord Jesus, you died on the cross and entered the bleakest of all circumstances:
give courage to those who die at the hands of others.
In death you entered into the darkest place of all: illumine our darkness with your glorious presence.
To you, Jesus, your lifeless body hanging on the tree of shame,
be honour and glory with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

Anthem — God so loved the world *Sir John Stainer*

Second Reading — Mark 15.46

Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb.

Collect

Lord Jesus, Lord of life, you became as nothing for us:
be with those who feel worthless and as nothing in the world's eyes.
You were laid in a cold, dark tomb and hidden from sight:
be with all who suffer and die in secret,
hidden from the eyes of the world.
To you, Jesus, your rigid body imprisoned in a tomb,
be honour and glory with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Standing at the foot of the cross,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

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.
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the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Trisagion 1 *David Ogden*

Hymn — Morning glory, starlit sky (part two)

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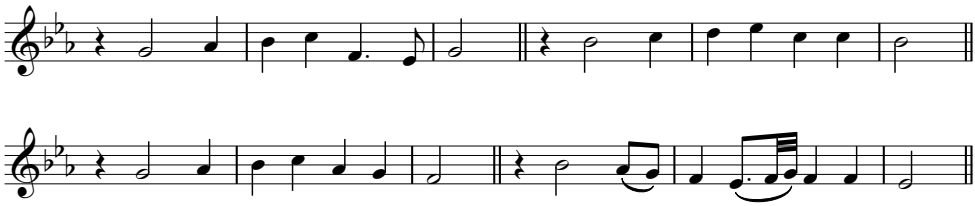

4 Love that gives, gives evermore,
gives with zeal, with eager hands,
spares not, keeps not, all outpours,
ventures all, its all expends.

5 Drained is love in making full;
bound in setting others free;
poor in making many rich;
weak in giving power to be.

6 Therefore he who thee reveals
hangs, O Father, on that Tree
helpless; and the nails and thorns
tells of what thy love must be.

W H Vanstone (1923–1999)

Music: Orlando Gibbons (1583–1625)

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Service 4

Jesus' resurrection

Greeting and introduction

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

1 Peter 1.3

The minister introduces the service.

Let us pray.

A brief moment of silence follows.

Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son
overcame the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him.
grant that we, being dead to sin
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be praise and honour, glory and might.
now and in all eternity. **Amen.**

Hymn — Ye choirs of new Jerusalem

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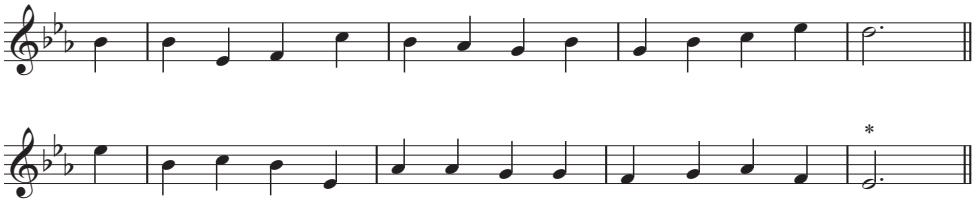

1 Ye choirs of new Jerusalem
your sweetest notes employ,
the paschal victory to hymn
in strains of holy joy.

2 How Judah's Lion burst his chains,
and crushed the serpent's head;
and brought with him, from death's domains,
the long-imprisoned dead.

3 From hell's devouring jaws the prey
alone our Leader bore;
his ransomed hosts pursue their way
where he hath gone before.

4 Triumphant in his glory now
his sceptre ruleth all;
earth, heaven, and hell before him bow,
and at his footstool fall.

5 While joyful thus his praise we sing,
his mercy we implore,
into his palace bright to bring
and keep us evermore.

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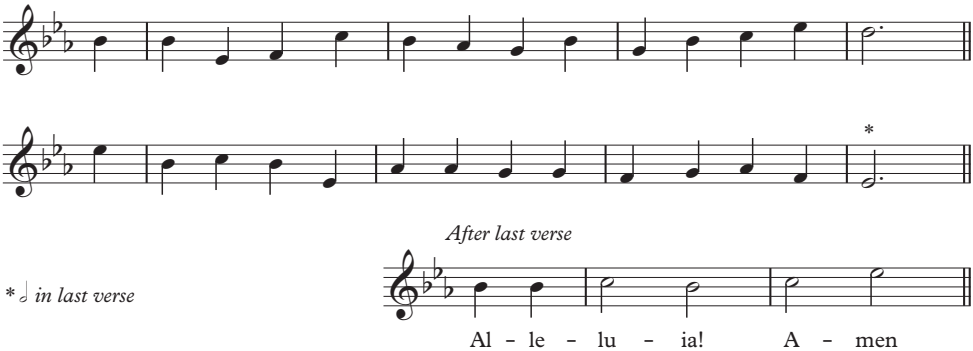

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After last verse

6 All glory to the Father be,
all glory to the Son,
all glory, Holy Ghost to thee,
while endless ages run.

Fulbert of Chartres (*d* 1028)
tr Robert Campbell (1814–68)

Last Verse Arrangement: Adrian Lucas

First Reading — Mark 16.1–8

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.

Collect

Lord Jesus, you were dead but now you are alive:
transform the torments of this world's sin
that we may see your radiant glory.
You were raised from death to life:
may the power of your resurrection live in us,
that we may be channels of your true life beyond measure.
To you, Jesus, who has broken free from the bonds of death,
be honour and glory with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

Anthem — The Easter Song of Praise *Richard Shephard*

Second Reading — Colossians 3.1–4

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Collect

God of glory,
by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

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.

Carol — Christ the Lord hath risen

Dismissal

God the Father,
by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,
open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life.
Amen.

God the Son,
who in bursting from the grave has won a glorious victory,
give you joy as you share the Easter faith.
Amen.

God the Holy Spirit,
who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord,
empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.
Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Organ Voluntary — Final from Symphony No.6 *Louis Vierne*

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