

# Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?

*The Passion of the Christ  
according to St Mark*

## Introduction to the Service

This service order is set around the passion narrative of The Gospel according to Mark. The reading of the narrative is broken up by a number of psalms, hymns and prayers as meditative responses to the story, with a 'mercy' refrain inviting us into confession as we find ourselves caught up in the story of Jesus. Congregational responses are printed in ***bold italics***.

## Prelude

## *The Word Spoken: Scripture*

### Introduction

The stone that the builders rejected  
***has become the chief cornerstone.***

This is the Lord's doing;  
***it is marvellous in our eyes.***

*Psalms 118.22-23*

Blessed is the kingdom of the Father  
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
***Amen.***

### Prayer of Invocation

**Hymn 341** My song is love unknown (vv.1-3,6,7)

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 all 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.

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.

6. In life, no house, no home  
my Lord on earth might have;  
in death, no friendly tomb  
but what a stranger gave.  
What may I say?  
Heav'n was his home;  
but mine the tomb  
wherein he lay.

7. 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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### With the Children



## *The Passion of the Christ according to St Mark* *Mark 14.1-15.39*

### *The Anointing at Bethany*

### *Judas Agrees to Betray Jesus*

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Psalm 22.10-15

PCS 16, with Presbyterian Refrain 8 in place of PCS 16 refrain;  
vv.s 10-15 only

Presbyterian Refrain 8  
Hal H. Hopson



Lord, you are my strength;      has - ten to help me.

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## Prayer

(Sung:)

*First time: worship leader, then congregation; sung once only*



***Kyrie eleison,  
Christe eleison  
Kyrie eleison.***

(=Lord, have mercy / Christ have mercy / Lord, have mercy)

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***The Passover with the Disciples***

***The Institution of the Lord's Supper***

***Peter's Denial Foretold***  
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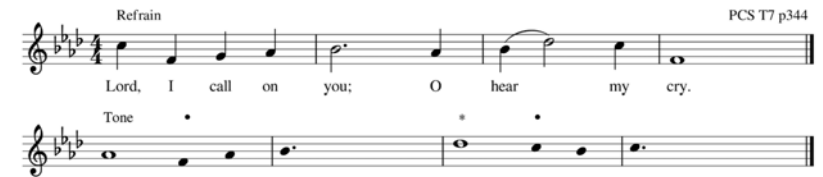
## Prayer

***Kyrie eleison,  
Christe eleison  
Kyrie eleison.***

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***Jesus Prays in Gethsemane***

***The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus***  
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## Psalms 69.6-15



<sup>6</sup> O God, you know my foolishness,  
***and my faults are not / hidden from you.***

<sup>7</sup> Let not those who hope in you be put to shame through me, Lord  
God of hosts;  
***let not those who seek you be disgraced because of me, O / God  
of Israel.***

<sup>8</sup> For your sake have I suffered reproach;  
***shame has / covered my face.***

<sup>9</sup> I have become a stranger to my kindred,  
***an alien to my / mother's children.***

<sup>10</sup> Zeal for your house has eaten me up;  
***the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen / upon me.***

<sup>11</sup> I humbled myself with fasting,  
***but that was turned to / my reproach.***

<sup>12</sup> I put on sackcloth also  
***and became a byword / among them.***

<sup>13</sup> Those who sit at the gate murmur against me,  
***and the drunkards make / songs ab-out me.***

<sup>14</sup> But as for me, I make my prayer to you, O Lord;  
*at an acceptable / time, O God.*

<sup>15</sup> Answer me, O God, in the abundance of your mercy  
*and with your / sure sal-vation.*

NRSV

Prayer

*Kyrie eleison,  
Christe eleison  
Kyrie eleison.*

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*Jesus before the Council  
Peter Denies Jesus*  
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Hymn Drop, drop, slow tears

1. Drop, drop, slow tears,  
and bathe those beauteous feet,  
which brought from heaven  
the news and Prince of Peace.

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

3. In your deep floods  
drown all my faults and fears;

nor let his eye  
see sin, but through my tears.

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Prayer

*Kyrie eleison,  
Christe eleison  
Kyrie eleison.*

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*Jesus before Pilate  
Pilate Hands Jesus over to Be Crucified  
The Soldiers Mock Jesus*  
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Prayer

*Kyrie eleison,  
Christe eleison  
Kyrie eleison.*

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*The Crucifixion of Jesus  
The Death of Jesus*  
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**Hymn 497** Let all mortal flesh keep silence

1. Let all mortal flesh keep silence  
and with fear and trembling stand;  
ponder nothing earthly-minded,  
for with blessing in his hand  
Christ our God to earth descending  
comes full homage to demand.
2. King of kings, yet born of Mary,  
as of old on earth he stood,  
Lord of lords, in human vesture,  
in the body and the blood,  
he will give to all the faithful  
his own self for heavenly food.
3. Rank on rank the host of heaven  
spreads its vanguard on the way,  
as the Light of light comes shining  
from the realms of endless day,  
that the powers of hell may vanish  
as the darkness clears away.
4. At his feet the six-winged seraphs,  
cherubim with sleepless eye,  
veil their faces to the presence,  
as with ceaseless voice they cry,  
alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia, Lord most high!

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## *The Visible Word: Eucharist*

### **The Invitation**

### **The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

***And also with you.***

Lift up your hearts.

***We lift them to the Lord.***

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

*(The prayer continues...)*

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
hea-ven and earth are full of your glor-y, ho - san - na in the high-est!

BENEDICTUS

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est!

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,***

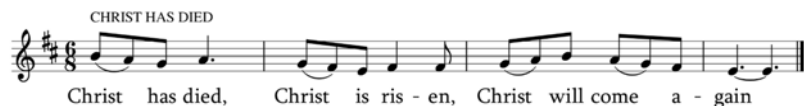
***heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.***

***Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!***

*(The prayer continues...)*

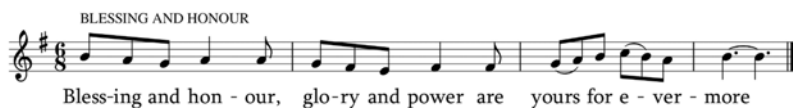


*Christ has died.*

*Christ is risen.*

*Christ will come again.*

*(The prayer continues...)*



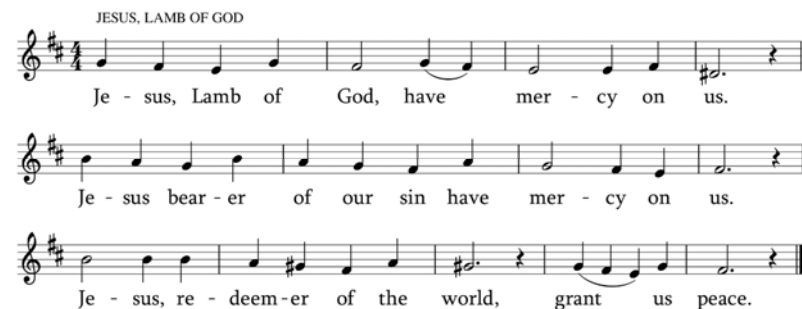
*Blessing and honour, glory and power  
are yours forever more.*

*...Lord, in your mercy,  
hear our prayer.*

### The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.*

### The Breaking of the Bread



*Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.*

*Jesus, bearer of our sin, have mercy on us.*

*Jesus, redeemer of the world,  
grant us peace.*

### The Communion

#### Offering

#### Hymn 342 When I survey the wondrous cross

1. When I survey the wondrous cross  
on which the Prince of glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss,  
and pour contempt on all my pride.
2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast  
save in the death of Christ my God;  
all the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his blood.

3. See from his head, his hands, his feet,  
sorrow and love flow mingled down;  
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

4. Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were a present far too small:  
love so amazing, so divine  
demands my soul, my life, my all.

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## **Blessing and Dismissal**

## **Postlude**

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