

# Morning Worship

For Passion Sunday  
From the Parish of Cowbridge

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## The Introduction

Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on the Cross; therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name. *Philippians 2:8-9*

O Lord, open our lips,  
**And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

We sing to you, O Lord, and bless your name,  
**And tell of your salvation from day to day.**

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.**

Worship the Lord.  
**All praise to his name.**



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## The Introduction

Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal!  
By his Cross and Passion,  
our Saviour Christ declared your love,  
forgave his killers,  
and promised to the penitent thief  
a place that day with him in Paradise.  
Into your hands we commit our spirit.  
Accomplish your will in our world,  
where many thirst, many feel forsaken;  
and bring reconciliation  
and the brotherly care  
shown and offered to us by your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**



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## Jesus, Saviour of the world

Jesus, Saviour of the world  
come to us in your mercy:  
we look to you to save and help us.

**By your life laid down on the Cross  
you set your people free:  
we look to you to save and help us.**

When they were ready to  
perish you saved your disciples:  
we look to you to come to our help.

**In the greatness of your mercy  
loose us from our chains:  
forgive the sins of all your people.**



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## Jesus, Saviour of the world

Make yourself known as our Saviour  
and mighty deliverer:  
save and help us that we may praise you.

**And when you come in your glory  
make us to be one with you:  
and to share the life of your kingdom.**

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.**



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## The Ministry of the Word - Psalm 130

**Response: My soul waits for the Lord.**

Out of the depths have I cried to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice; let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication. If you, Lord, were to mark what is done amiss, O Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you shall be feared.

**My soul waits for the Lord.**

I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; in his word is my hope. My soul waits for the Lord, more than the night-watch for the morning, more than the night-watch for the morning.

**My soul waits for the Lord.**



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## The Ministry of the Word - Psalm 130

O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy; with him is plenteous redemption, and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

**My soul waits for the Lord.**

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.**



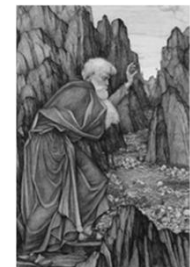
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## The Ministry of the Word - Ezekiel 37.1-14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?'

I answered, 'O Lord God, you know.'

Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.'



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## The Ministry of the Word – Ezekiel 37.1-14

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them.

Then he said to me, 'Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.'

I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

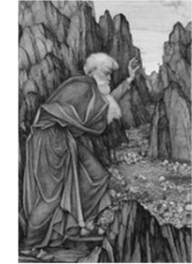


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Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.'

This is the Word of the Lord;  
**Thanks be to God.**



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## The Gospel Canticle

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

Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel  
for he has come to his people and set them free.

**The Lord has raised up for us a mighty Saviour**  
**born of the house of his servant David.**

Through his holy prophets God promised of old  
to save us from our enemies  
from the hands of all who hate us.

**To show mercy to our forebears**  
**and to remember his holy covenant.**



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## The Gospel Canticle

This was the oath God swore  
to our father Abraham  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

**Free to worship him without fear**  
**holy and righteous before him**  
**all the days of our life.**

And you, child, shall be called the prophet  
of the Most High  
for you will go before the Lord  
to prepare his way,

**To give his people knowledge of salvation:**  
**by the forgiveness of their sins.**



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## The Gospel Canticle

In the tender compassion of our God  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

**To shine on those who dwell in darkness  
and the shadow of death  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

**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.

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



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## The Ministry of the Word – John 11.1-45

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St John  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the  
village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the  
one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped  
his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So  
the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom  
you love is ill.'

But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does  
not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that  
the Son of God may be glorified through it.'



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## The Ministry of the Word – John 11.1-45

Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her  
sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus  
was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where  
he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to  
Judea again.'

The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just  
now trying to stone you, and are you going there  
again?'

Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of  
daylight? Those who walk during the day do not  
stumble, because they see the light of this world. But  
those who walk at night stumble, because the light is  
not in them.'



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## The Ministry of the Word – John 11.1-45

After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus  
has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken  
him.'

The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen  
asleep, he will be all right.' Jesus, however, had been  
speaking about his death, but they thought that he  
was referring merely to sleep.

Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. For  
your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may  
believe. But let us go to him.'

Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-  
disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.'



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## The Ministry of the Word – John 11.1-45

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother.

When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.'

Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.'

Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.'



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## The Ministry of the Word – John 11.1-45

Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. believe this?'

She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him.



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## The Ministry of the Word – John 11.1-45

Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there.

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.'

When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?'



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## The Ministry of the Word – John 11.1-45

They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!'

But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.'

Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.'



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## The Ministry of the Word – John 11.1-45

Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone.

And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth.



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## The Ministry of the Word – John 11.1-45

Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.' Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you, O Christ.



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## The Prayers of Intercession

*This response is made*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer**

*and at the end*

Merciful Father  
**Accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**



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## The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, we boldly pray:

**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.**



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## The Collect for Passion Sunday

Most merciful God,  
by the death and resurrection  
of your Son Jesus Christ  
you 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.**



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## The Collects for Peace and Grace

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord,  
To know you is eternal life,  
To serve you is perfect freedom:  
Defend us in all assaults of our enemies,  
That we, surely trusting in your protection,  
May not fear the power of any adversaries;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Eternal God and Father,  
by your power we are created  
and by your love we are redeemed:  
guide and strengthen us by your Spirit,  
that we may give ourselves to you  
in love and service of one another;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



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## The Conclusion

May God the Father,  
into whose hands our Lord committed his spirit,  
give us grace to trust him in life and death. **Amen.**

May Christ,  
who on the Cross forgave the penitent thief,  
heal us by his wounds. **Amen.**

May the Holy Spirit,  
who prays within us with sighs too deep for words,  
support and strengthen us  
as we follow the way of the Cross. **Amen.**



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## The Conclusion

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with us all, evermore. **Amen.**



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