

## Christ Church Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2025

### ***Welcome***

We meet in the presence of God **who knows our needs, hears our cries, feels our pain, and heals our wounds.**

***Flames - We pray for our children and their leaders***

### ***Collect***

**Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### ***We say sorry to God and one another***

God shows his love for us in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Let us then show our love for him by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**Lord God, we have sinned against you; we have done evil in your sight. We are sorry and repent. Have mercy on us according to your love. Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin. Renew a right spirit within us and restore us to the joy of your salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### ***We are forgiven***

May the God of love bring us back to himself, forgive us our sins, and assure us of his eternal love in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### ***Songs***

**WORTHY IS THE LAMB** who was slain;  
Holy, holy is He.  
Sing a new song  
To Him who sits on  
Heaven's mercy seat.

*Holy, holy, holy  
Is the Lord God Almighty,  
Who was and is and is to come.*

*With all creation I sing  
Praise to the King of kings;  
You are my everything  
And I will adore You.*

Clothed in rainbows of living colour,  
Flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder.  
Blessing and honour,  
Strength and glory and power  
Be to You, the only wise King.

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder,  
At the mention of Your name.  
Jesus, Your name is power,  
Breath and living water;  
Such a marvellous mystery.

### **WHAT CAN WASH AWAY MY SIN?**

Nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
What can make me whole again?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

*O precious is the flow  
that makes me white as snow;  
no other fount I know;  
nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

**Gospel Reading** (Please stand)

**Luke 22:7-21**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke; **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

**Sermon**

## ***Song***

### **FROM HEAVEN YOU CAME,**

Helpless babe,  
Entered our world,  
Your glory veiled;  
Not to be served  
But to serve,  
And give Your life  
That we might live.

This is our God,  
The Servant King,  
He calls us now  
To follow Him,  
To bring our lives  
As a daily offering  
Of worship to  
The Servant King.

There in the garden  
Of tears,  
My heavy load  
He chose to bear;  
His heart with sorrow  
Was torn,  
'Yet not My will  
But Yours,' He said.

Come see His hands  
And His feet,  
The scars that speak  
Of sacrifice;  
Hands that flung stars  
Into space  
To cruel nails  
Surrendered.

So let us learn  
How to serve,  
And in our lives  
Enthroned Him;  
Each other's needs  
To prefer,  
For it is Christ  
We're serving.

### ***We pray together***

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

### ***We affirm our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ***

Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures; he was buried; he was raised to life on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures; afterwards he appeared to his followers, and to all the apostles: this we have received, and this we believe. Amen.

### ***We share God's peace***

God has called us to live in peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you; **and also with you.**

### ***Songs***

**IN CHRIST ALONE** my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my All in All,  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! - who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save:

Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied –  
For every sin on Him was laid;  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain:  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am His and He is mine –  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home,  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

### ***We prepare for communion***

The Lord is here; **His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation; in your love you made us for yourself. When we turned away you did not reject us, but came to meet us in your Son.

**You embraced us as your children and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

**He opened his arms of love upon the cross and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends he took bread, and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son. **As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

### ***The Lord's Prayer***

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray...

**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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ;

**Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.**

### ***We share bread and wine together***

During the sharing of communion we would love to pray with you, or offer a simple blessing. If you would like this then please head to your left where people are ready to pray with you

### ***Prayer after communion***

**Generous God, you have fed us at your heavenly table. Set us on fire with your Spirit that when Christ comes again we may shine like lights before his face, who with you and the Spirit lives for ever. Amen.**

### ***Notices***

#### ***Song***

You who come to Me shall not hunger  
And who believe in Me shall not thirst  
No one can come to Me  
Unless the Father beckons

*And I will raise you up*

*And I will raise you up*

*And I will raise you up on the last day*

The bread that I will give  
Is My flesh for the life of the world  
And if you eat of this bread  
You shall live forever  
You shall live forever

I am the resurrection  
I am the life  
If you believe in Me  
Even though you die  
You shall live forever

Yes Lord we believe  
That You are the Christ  
The Son of God  
Who has come  
Into the world

#### ***We are sent out***

**Loving Father, your Son, Jesus Christ, revealed your glory in the ordinary things of life - at his baptism in the Jordan, in a wedding at**

Cana, at a passover in the Upper Room, and on the Cross at Golgotha. Help us to see traces of glory in the common things of life, for you are always with us and your love never fails us but will transform the world, the church and us. Amen.

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

Go into the world to walk in God's light, filled with God's love and reflecting God's glory. Thanks be to God.

A vibrant poster for a Jazz Night event. The background is a mix of orange and teal. At the top, there are stylized musical notes and a trumpet. In the center, the words 'JAZZ NIGHT' are written in large, bold, blue letters. Below this, it says 'featuring Cover stories', 'Saturday 29th March', and 'Doors open at 6.30pm'. At the bottom, there is a photograph of a five-member band. To the right of the band, there is a QR code and a ticket price of '£10 pp'. The website 'christ-church-colchester.sumupstore.com' is listed below the price. At the bottom right, the venue 'Christ Church, CO3 3AT' is mentioned. The bottom of the poster features a stylized piano keyboard.

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