Palm Sunday
5 April 2020
Preparing for Worship

As we continue to live through strange times, unable to meet together in person in order to protect the health of the community, we continue to seek new patterns and to become a different kind of church: constant in prayer, in self-giving love and acts of service, continuing to pray for one another and to be bound together in love even whilst we must maintain physical distance, and worshipping together in our own homes with familiar words and patterns, even as we cannot come together in person.

It may still feel strange and sad to meet ‘virtually’ for worship, unable to gather in our cathedral for our familiar pattern of prayer. At the beginning of this Holy Week, we may feel this more keenly. In this most holy week of our Christian year, we are used to meeting together regularly to hear and receive the Word of God, and to walk together the Way of the Cross which is the Way of Life. Although we cannot do that in the cathedral this year, we invite you to join together with the cathedral community in daily prayer and meditation, using the cathedral and diocesan Holy Week resources listed at the back of this order of service.

Our service for Palm Sunday was recorded by the Dean, the Very Revd Professor Martyn Percy, with his wife, Revd Canon Dr Emma Percy; with other voices from around the cathedral community and beyond. The service begins and ends with organ music recorded by the Organist, Professor Steven Grahl, on the Rieger organ in the Cathedral.

Try to actively share in the service, not just have it on in the background; and look at the images we offer or perhaps images of your own. Join in the words in bold. You may not want to stand or kneel as usual. Find a comfortable position that helps you. Think about how you hold your hands, maybe holding them palms upwards to receive God’s love and blessing. At the heart of the service is communion; God invites us to meet him spiritually in the offering of ourselves and the sacrifice of praise, making spiritual communion as the Prayer Book teaches.

May God’s love meet all of you to empower and strengthen and sustain you; and to bless you this Holy Week and always.

You can find our Sunday worship, alongside other resources for worshipping at home, at www.chch.ox.ac.uk/onlineworship
The Liturgy of the Palms

The service is begun by Jackie Holderness, the Cathedral Education Officer.

Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel.
Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The Greeting and Introduction

President
Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you.

The President greets us and continues by introducing the service.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, as we approach the end of our Lenten pilgrimage and begin to walk with Christ the way of the cross, we do so in changed times and unfamiliar ways. We cannot come together in person, nor walk with Christ in our churches, and yet we do come together: united in hearts and minds and united by Christ, whose broken body makes us one.

So today, in union with the Church throughout the world, we begin the solemn walk to the Cross. We remember Christ entering his own city to complete his work as our Saviour: to suffer, to die and to rise again. Let us travel with him in faith and love, trusting that, united to him in suffering, we and the whole world will come at last to share in his resurrection.
The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, ‘Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, “The Lord needs them.” And he will send them immediately.’

This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

‘Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

‘Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!’

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, ‘Who is this?’ The crowds were saying, ‘This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.’

Matthew 21: 1-11
The Blessing of Crosses

You may like to find an image of a cross which you own, or a leafy branch in your garden; to fold a “palm cross” out of paper, or to draw a cross on paper or card. May this cross be to you a sign of God’s blessing for the days ahead.

The President blesses our crosses.

The crowds greeted Jesus as Messiah and threw palm branches at his feet; yet the same crowds cried, ‘Crucify!’

Jesus our Saviour, let the branches and crosses which we bring today be to us a sign of your saving love shown supremely on the Cross. Grant that we, who bring them in your name, may ever hail you as our Crucified Lord and Servant King and follow you in the way that leads through suffering to eternal life; for you are alive and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

If you have a cross or a branch, perhaps you would like to display it in your window or on your front door during Holy Week as a sign that you are walking with Christ on his journey to the Cross.

The Collect

President Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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
The Liturgy of the Word

Hymn

sung by the Choir of Christ Church Cathedral

All glory, laud, and honour
To Thee, Redeemer, King!
To Whom the lips of children
    Made sweet Hosannas ring.

Thou art the King of Israel
Thou David's Royal Son,
Who in the LORD'S name comest,
    The King and Blessèd One.
All glory, laud, and honour…

The company of Angels
Is praising Thee on high,
And mortal men, and all things
    Created make reply.
All glory, laud, and honour…

The people of the Hebrews
With palms before Thee went
Our praise and prayers and anthems
    Before Thee we present.
All glory, laud, and honour…

To Thee before Thy Passion
    They sang their hymns of praise;
To Thee now high exalted
    Our melody we raise.
All glory, laud, and honour…

Thou didst accept their praises;
    Accept the praise we bring,
Who in all good delightest,
    Thou good and gracious King.
All glory, laud, and honour…

Words: Theodulf of Orleans (c. 850-821),
tr. JM Neale (1818-1866)

Music: St Theodulf, harmonised WH Monk (1823-1889)
Sit comfortably to listen to God speaking through the Scriptures.

**First Reading**
Philemon 2: 6-11

*read by Jacob Downey, Cathedral Events Assistant*

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Philippians.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

*Amen*  Thanks be to God.
Christ humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and given him the name that is above every name.

*The Passion according to St Matthew is read by the Precentors of the Cathedrals of the Church of England, incorporating voices from around the country.*

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, ‘Sit here while I go over there and pray.’ He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them, ‘I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.’ And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, ‘My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want.’ Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, ‘So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.’ Again he went away for the second time and prayed, ‘My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.’ Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them, ‘Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.’

While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, ‘The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him.’ At once he came up to Jesus and said, ‘Greetings, Rabbi!’ and kissed him. Jesus said to him, ‘Friend, do what you are here to do.’ Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to him, ‘Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?’ At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, ‘Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in
the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled.’ Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered. But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward.

At last two came forward and said, ‘This fellow said, “I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.” ’ The high priest stood up and said, ‘Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?’ But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him, ‘I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God.’ Jesus said to him, ‘You have said so. But I tell you,

From now on you will see the Son of Man

   seated at the right hand of Power

   and coming on the clouds of heaven.’

Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, ‘He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your verdict?’ They answered, ‘He deserves death.’ Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him, saying, ‘Prophesy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?’

Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said, ‘You also were with Jesus the Galilean.’ But he denied it before all of them, saying, ‘I do not know what you are talking about.’ When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, ‘This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.’ Again he denied it with an oath, ‘I do not know the man.’ After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, ‘Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you.’ Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath, ‘I do not know the man!’ At that moment the cock crowed. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: ‘Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.’ And he went out and wept bitterly.

When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor.

Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, ‘Are you
the King of the Jews?’ Jesus said, ‘You say so.’ But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him, ‘Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?’ But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, ‘Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?’ For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgement seat, his wife sent word to him, ‘Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.’ Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them, ‘Which of the two do you want me to release for you?’ And they said, ‘Barabbas.’ Pilate said to them, ‘Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?’ All of them said, ‘Let him be crucified!’ Then he asked, ‘Why, what evil has he done?’ But they shouted all the more, ‘Let him be crucified!’ So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, ‘I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to it yourselves.’ Then the people as a whole answered, ‘His blood be on us and on our children!’ So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor’s headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, ‘Hail, King of the Jews!’ They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, ‘This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.’
Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, ‘You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.’ In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, ‘He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, “I am God’s Son.” ’ The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.
From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o’clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, ‘Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?’ that is, ‘My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?’ When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, ‘This man is calling for Elijah.’ At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, ‘Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.’ Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, ‘Truly this man was God’s Son!’

Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him. Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

This is the Passion of the Lord.

Matthew 26:36-27:2, 27:11-61
Let us pray to the Father, who loved the world so much that he sent his only Son to give us life.

As we stand at the foot of the cross, we call to mind the ways we have fallen short of God’s loving purpose. Father, have mercy upon us, cleanse and forgive us, and set us free to live your risen life.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Simon from Cyrene was forced to carry the cross for your Son. Give us grace to help to carry the burdens of our friends and neighbours and to walk with those who approach death.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Veronica gently wiped the face of Jesus in his pain. Be with those who care for friends and stranger and protect those who look after the sick.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Your Son Jesus Christ gave his cross to be carried by Simon, and his face to be wiped by Veronica. Give us grace to receive the care of others with thankfulness and love.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

The thief, who was crucified with Jesus, was promised a place in your kingdom. Give pardon and hope, healing and peace to all who pass through darkness and the shadow of death.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.
Minister From the cross, Jesus entrusted Mary his mother and John his disciple to each other’s care. Have mercy on all families and households; on those whose loved ones are far away; on mothers and children, husbands and wives, partners and siblings who cannot draw near to one another.

Lord, hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

Minister The centurion was astonished to recognize your glory in the crucified Messiah. Teach us to recognize the light of your love shining even in the darkness of pain.

Lord, hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

Minister Joseph of Arimathea came to take your Son’s body away. Keep in your tender care all who are bereaved, and hold the broken in gentleness.

Lord, hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

Minister Simon and Joseph, Mary and John, became part of the life of your church in Jerusalem. Guard and guide your people to bring your love to neighbours and friends and live in the knowledge of your sustaining help.

Lord, hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

Minister Almighty Father, merciful Lord, accept the prayers we offer and the silent cry of our hearts and draw near to us as we walk the way of your suffering One, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

All Amen.
The Liturgy of the Sacrament

President

Once we were far off,
but now in union with Christ Jesus we have been brought near
through the shedding of Christ’s blood
for he is our peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

Preparation of the Table

President

Jesus, true vine and bread of life,
ever giving yourself that the world might live,
let us share your death and passion:
make us perfect in your love.
Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

President

The Lord be with you
All
and also with you.
President
Lift up your hearts.
All
We lift them to the Lord.
President
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All
It is right to give thanks and praise.

President
It is indeed right and just,
our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
For as the time of his passion and resurrection draws near
the whole world is called to acknowledge his hidden majesty.
The power of the life-giving cross
reveals the judgement that has come upon the world
and the triumph of Christ crucified.
He is the victim who dies no more,
the Lamb once slain, who lives for ever,
our advocate in heaven to plead our cause,
exalting us there to join with angels and archangels,
for ever praising you and saying:
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 in the highest.

President We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.
On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.
When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith.
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.
Lord of all life,
help us to work together until that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.
Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary,
Frideswide, Birinus, and all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever.

The Lord’s Prayer

President

In times of hope, in times of trouble,
in times of sorrow, in times of praise,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

All

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.

Breaking of the Bread

The President breaks the consecrated bread.

All

Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.
Invitation to Communion

The President says the Invitation to Communion.

President
Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

All
Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

For most of us as we listen, this will be a very strange experience. We are invited to Communion: not through the physical bread and wine we can touch but into a Spiritual Communion with the God who always comes to meet us.

There are no special words or prayers for this. All the Church has ever thought necessary is true desire, lively faith and genuine love. So you are invited to come honestly before God the way you know how. You may like to close your eyes, or to look at a picture; to pause the recording in order to find stillness; or to pray quietly one of these prayers to help you:

My Lord and my God.

Confession of St Thomas, Jn. 20:28

Lord, you stand at the door of my heart and knock.
You wait for me and only I can let you in.
I believe and trust in you and ask you now to fill me with your presence.
Feed me with your body and unite me in your blood, that I may be your blessing to a world in need.
Amen.

In union, O Lord with the faithful at every altar of thy Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer thee praise and thanksgiving.
I present to thee my soul and body with the earnest wish that they may always be united to thee.
And since I can not now receive thee sacramentally, I beseech thee to come spiritually into my heart.
I unite myself to thee, and embrace thee with all the affections of my soul.
Let nothing ever separate thee from me. May I live and die in thy love.
Amen.

Traditional Anglican for use by armed forces
Prayer after Communion

President

Lord Jesus Christ,
you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant
and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation:
give us the grace to follow you in serving those around us
and to proclaim you as Lord and King
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen

The Dismissal

President

May the Father,
who so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
bring you and all the world to his everlasting joys.
May Christ, who accepted suffering for our sake,
keep you steadfast as you travel the way he has trod.
May the Holy Spirit, who strengthens all God’s people,
sustain and strengthen you for all that lies ahead.
And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
rest upon you and remain with you always.
Amen

President

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Music after the service

Valet will ich dir geben (BWV 736)  J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

recorded by the Organist, Professor Steven Grahl, on the Rieger organ in the Cathedral.

Blessed Frideswide, pray for us. May all the saints pray for us.
Prayer Resources
from the Cathedral and the Diocese

The daily rhythm of prayer continues at Christ Church as the clergy pray daily in their homes; although we cannot meet together, we continue to pray for you. Please pray for one another and for those who need God’s love and care.

You can find resources for worship and spirituality, including a written daily reflection on a Psalm and a weekly reflection on a piece of music; a weekly audio service and additional recorded sermon; and a guide to other materials available; on our cathedral website:

www.chch.ox.ac.uk/onlineworship
www.chch.ox.ac.uk/cathedralblog
www.chch.ox.ac.uk/cathedral/covid
@chchcathedralox

The diocese has also produced extensive resources which are available at

www.oxford.anglican.org/coronavirus-covid-19/
www.facebook.com/dioceseofoxford
@oxforddiocese

There is a livestreamed diocesan service every Sunday at 10 am and a recorded service from the Cathedral available every Sunday at 9 am.


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You can find all these services on the chch.ox.ac.uk/onlineworship page, and at facebook.com/dioceseofoxford

**Holy Week Services**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday of Holy Week
Audio services at 6pm
with Reflections by Canon Dr Emma Percy, Honorary Canon of Christ Church, Chaplain of Trinity College Oxford, Chair of WATCH.

Maundy Thursday
11 am Renewal of Ordination Vows
Diocesan Livestreamed video service
8pm Liturgy of the Upper Room
joint Cathedral and Diocesan Livestreamed video service, president the Bishop of Oxford, preacher the Dean
Watch of the Passion until midnight

Good Friday
10am Liturgy of the Passion
Cathedral audio service with music, reflection, prayer, veneration of the Cross
2pm Good Friday Reflections
Diocesan Livestreamed video service

Easter Eve
8pm Rumours of Hope
national all-night vigil curated by Canon Dr Grant Bayliss, the Diocesan Canon Precentor

Easter Sunday
9am Easter Sunday Eucharist
Cathedral audio service, president and preacher: The Dean

10am Easter Sunday Eucharist
Diocesan Livestreamed video service, president and preacher: The Bishop of Oxford
Prayer for the Week

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father.