

Passion Sunday
13th April 2025
Led by Fiona Bennett



Welcome & Gathering

Call to worship

We gather together to worship God....

One: Today begins the journey of Holy Week...

ALL: A journey from palms to a cross.

One: A journey from cheers to jeers.

ALL: A journey from joy to sorrow.

One: God who came among us

ALL: we journey with you this Holy Week

Hymn: Lord of the Dance CH4 404

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.

At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Refrain:

Dance, then, wherever you may be;

I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,

and I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he.

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
but they would not dance, and they would not follow me;

I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;

they came with me and the Dance went on.

Refrain:

I danced on the Sabbath and I healed the ill,
the holy people said: That's not God's will!;
they whipped and they stripped and they hung me high;
and they left me there on a cross to die.

Refrain:

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back;
they buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
but I am the Dance and I still go on.

Refrain:

They cut me down and I leapt up high,
I am the life, that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
Refrain:

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Opening Prayer with movement

Holy One

Source, (Hands at stomach)

Guide, (Hands at heart)

Inspiration, (Hands at head)

With our lives we worship you. (Hands open)

We unite our prayers together in the Lord's Prayer or Jesus Prayer, using a form of words which are worshipful for us...

Source of Life,

Father and Mother of us all:

Creation honours you!

May your Realm of Justice & Joy

Sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another,

forgive us.

In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.

From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and for ever. Amen

The Story of Holy Week

RESPONSE

Leader: Jesus of Holy Week

ALL: HELP US TO FOLLOW YOUR WAY

Palms

Hymn: Come into the streets with me CH4 366

Come into the streets with me!

Come to where the crowds will be,

see a strange and gentle king

on a donkey travelling.
Come and follow my leader,
come and follow my leader,
Jesus Christ is riding by,
come and follow my leader!

All the people shout his name,
waving branches, sing his fame,
throw their coats upon his road,
glad to praise the Son of God.
Come and follow my leader,
come and follow my leader,
Jesus Christ is riding by,
come and follow my leader!

If the soldiers draw their swords,
will we dare to sing these words,
be his friends for just a day,
cheer him on, then run away?
Come and follow my leader,
come and follow my leader,
Jesus Christ is riding by,
come and follow my leader!

Jesus goes where things are rough,
Jesus knows when life is tough,
always comes to us, his friends,
so his story never ends.
Come and follow my leader,
come and follow my leader,
Jesus Christ is riding by,
come and follow my leader!

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Leader: Jesus of Holy Week

ALL: HELP US TO FOLLOW YOUR WAY

Washing Feet

Hymn: Kneels at the feet of his friends R&S 648

Kneels at the feet of his friends
Silently washing their feet
Master who acts as a slave

to them.
Jesu, Jesu,
Fill us with your love
Show us how to serve
The neighbours we have in you.

Neighbours are rich and are poor
Neighbours are black
and are white
Neighbours are nearby
and far away.
Jesu, Jesu,
Fill us with your love
Show us how to serve
The neighbours we have in you.

Kneels at the feet of his friends
Silently washing their feet
Master who acts as a slave
to them.
Jesu, Jesu,
Fill us with your love
Show us how to serve
The neighbours we have in you.

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ALL: HELP US TO FOLLOW YOUR WAY

Remember Me

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Leader: Jesus of Holy Week

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The Trial

Prayers of Concern & Hope

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ALL: HELP US TO FOLLOW YOUR WAY

Offering & Dedication

The Cross

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Leader: Jesus of Holy Week

ALL: HELP US TO FOLLOW YOUR WAY

Hymn: My song is love unknown CH4 399 (*5 verses - accompaniment withdraws throughout song*)

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

He came from his blest throne,
salvation to bestow:
but people scorned, and none the longed-for Christ would know.
But O my Friend, my Friend indeed,
who at my need his life did spend!

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.

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? Heaven was his home:
but mine the tomb wherein he lay.

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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Blessing & Sung Amen

What's on @ AUC this week?

Event	Date	Time	Location	Notes
Sunday Worship	Sun 13 th April	11am	AUC & Online	Fiona is leading an interactive Passion Sunday service with the Sanctuary laid out in café style
Post Service Zoom Social	Sun 13 th April	12 noon	Online	
AUC Church Meeting	Sun 13 th April	12.30pm	AUC & Online	Everyone is welcome to attend Church Meeting. If you are not a church member or associate member, but would like to receive papers for the meetings in advance, please email the Church Secretary Linda (secretary@augustine.org.uk).
Contextual Bible Study is on a break. Back 30th April/1st May				
Holy Week Early Communion & Breakfast	Mon-Sat 14 th - 19 th April	8am	St Columba's by the Castle	Holy Week daily communion service
Maundy Thursday Communion Service	Thurs 17 th April	7.30pm	St Columba's by the Castle	'Wiping off the Dust'
Good Friday service: 'Waiting at the cross'	Fri 18 th April	12 - 3pm	AUC (Sanctuary)	3 Hours of quiet reflection. Please drop in and out as you have time.
Tenebrae service	Fri 18 th April	9pm	Greyfriars Kirk	Reflective sung service.
Easter Sunday Worship	Sun 20 th April	10.15am / 11am	AUC & Online	10.15am Egg Rolls & Hunt 11am Celebration Service & Communion Mike is leading and Fiona is preaching
Post Service Zoom Social	Sun 6 th April	12 noon	Online	

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