

Sunday 29th May 2022 Seventh Sunday of Easter

Hymn 1

The head that once was crowned with thorns

1. The head that once was crowned with thorns
is crowned with glory now;
a royal diadem adorns
the mighty Victor's brow.

2. The highest place that heaven affords
is his, is his by right,
the King of kings and Lord of lords,
and heaven's eternal Light:

3. The joy of all who dwell above,
the joy of all below,
to whom he manifests his love,
and grants his name to know.

4. To them the cross, with all its shame,
with all its grace, is given;
their name an everlasting name,
their joy the joy of heaven.

5. They suffer with the Lord below,
they reign with him above;
their profit and their joy to know
the mystery of his love.

6. The cross he bore is life and health,
though shame and death to him;
his people's hope, his people's wealth,
their everlasting theme.

First Reading The Acts of the Apostles 16.16-34

16 One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. 17 While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, 'These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.' 18 She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, 'I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.' And it came out that very hour. 19 But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place before the authorities. 20 When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, 'These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews 21 and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.' 22 The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and

ordered them to be beaten with rods. 23 After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. 24 Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. 25 About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. 26 Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. 27 When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. 28 But Paul shouted in a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.' 29 The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. 30 Then he brought them outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' 31 They answered, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' 32 They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. 33 At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. 34 He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

Psalm 97

- ¹ The Lord is king; let the earth rejoice:
let the multitude of islands be glad.
- ² Clouds and darkness are round about him:
righteousness and justice
are the foundation of his throne.
- ³ Fire goes before him:
and burns up his enemies on every side.
- ⁴ His lightnings light the world:
the earth sees it and quakes.
- ⁵ The mountains melt like wax before his face:
from before the face of the Lord of all the earth.
- ⁶ The heavens have proclaimed his righteousness:
and all peoples have seen his glory.
- ⁷ They are ashamed, all those who serve idols
and glory in mere nothings:
all gods bow down before him.
- ⁸ Zion heard and was glad,
and the daughters of Judah rejoiced:
because of your judgements, O God.
- ⁹ For you, Lord, are most high over all the earth:
you are exalted far above all gods.
- ¹⁰ The Lord loves those that hate evil:
the Lord guards the life of the faithful,
and delivers them from the hand of the ungodly.
- ¹¹ Light dawns for the righteous:
and joy for the true of heart.
- ¹² Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous:
and give thanks to his holy name.

Second Reading Revelation 22.12-22

¹² 'See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work.

¹³ I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.'

¹⁴ Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

¹⁵ Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and fornicators and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practises falsehood.

¹⁶ 'It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.'

¹⁷ The Spirit and the bride say, 'Come.'

And let everyone who hears say, 'Come.'

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

¹⁸ I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to that person the plagues described in this book;

¹⁹ if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away that person's share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

²⁰ The one who testifies to these things says, 'Surely I am coming soon.' Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

²¹ The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

The Gospel according to John 17.20-26

²⁰ 'I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴ Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. ²⁵ 'Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'

Hymn 2

Crown him with many crowns

Crown Him with many crowns,

The Lamb upon His throne;

Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns

All music but its own!

Awake, my soul, and sing

Of Him who died for me,

And hail Him as you chosen King

Through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save:
His glories now we sing
Who died, and rose on high;
Who dies eternal life to bring,
And lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of years,
The Potentate of time.
Creator of the rolling spheres,
Ineffibly sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For you have died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail
Throughout eternity

Hymn 3

In Christ there no east or west

1. In Christ there no east or west
in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth

2 .In Christ shall true hearts everywhere
their high communion find,
his service is the golden cord
close-binding humankind.

3...Join hands, then, people of the faith,
Whate'er your race may be;
Who serves my Father as his child
is surely kin to me.

4...In Christ now meet both east and west,
in him meet south and north,
All Christlike souls are one in him
throughout the whole wide earth.