



## THE BISHOP'S STORTFORD HIGH SCHOOL



## LENT AND EASTER SERVICES

Monday 28th March, 9.20 a.m. for Years 7, 8 and 9  
Monday 28th March, 2.00 p.m. for Years 10 and 11  
Tuesday 29th March, 2.00 p.m. for Years 12 and 13

*With Reverend Derwyn Williams*

*Thank you to Saint Michael's Church*

## Gathering Music and then Welcome to Saint Michael's Church and Prayer

### Hymn: "My Song Is Love Unknown" - Please stand and sing

#### Verse 1

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

#### Verse 3

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.

#### Verse 2

He came from his blest throne,  
salvation to bestow;  
but men cared not, and none  
the longed-for Christ would know.  
But oh, my Friend, my Friend indeed,  
who at my need his life did spend!

#### Verse 4

Why, what hath my Lord done?  
What makes this rage and spite?  
He made the lame to run,  
he gave the blind their sight.  
Sweet injuries! Yet all his deeds  
their hatred feeds; they 'gainst him rise.

### Please be seated



### A Passion Play

**Read by Ismael Shawky, Joshua Smith, Kevin Halder, Adrian Atanassov, Year 10, and Danny Hunt and Sam Rees, Year 7. Music composed by "The Taizé Community" in France, performed by the school choir.** The first piece is "Ubi Caritas", which translates as 'Where Charity and Love is, God is there', and reflects Jesus' service to the disciples and humility in the washing of their feet. The second piece is "Stay With Me" which refers to when Jesus asked the disciples to stay awake and pray for him, but they could not. The third piece is "Jesus Remember Me" which refers to the words of one of the men crucified next to Jesus, who asked for forgiveness whilst on the cross.

### Choir – "Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?"

### Reading – The Way of the Cross: Service – Saint Mark 10.35-45

**Read by Bradley Connor and Joseph Page, Year 7.**

*"Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant. And whoever wants to be first must be the servant of all."*

After the reading: This is the Word of the Lord **Congregation/School: Thanks be to God**

**Hymn: “A New Commandment” - Please stand and sing - The same verse below is sung twice**

A new commandment I give unto you,  
that you love one another as I have loved you,  
that you love one another as I have loved you.  
By this shall all know that you are my disciples,  
if you have love one to another;  
by this shall all know that you are my disciples:  
if you have love one to another.

**Please be seated**

**Reading – A case study of service: Queen Elizabeth II  
Read by Jessica Brown, Year 12, Head Girl 2022-23**



***“God sent God’s only son to serve, not to be served. God restored love and service to the centre of our lives in Jesus Christ.” Queen Elizabeth II, 2013.***

**Reading – A case study of service: Help for refugees and those suffering, including a poem by Ezra Jeremiah Maniquis read by Luca Chandler, Year 12, Head Boy 2022-23**

*Ezra’s poem uses sunflowers and nightingales, Ukraine’s national flower and animal, to represent the Ukrainians and their struggle as refugees or as fighters for their country. Sunflowers stay firm and survive in tough ground, while always facing the sun. Nightingales are also found in Ukraine in spring, singing beautiful songs. These symbolise the Ukrainians’ optimism and resilience. It also symbolises the hope Easter promises after suffering beyond words for all around the world.*

The sunflowers await the sunrise,  
The nightingales wait for spring.  
No morning tunes, just deafened skies,  
Empty nests, discordant cries.  
Brave sunflowers in meadows  
Blinded by clouds,  
Engulfed in shadow,  
Strong roots gripping barren ground.

Nightingales fleeing  
In dull, winter sky,  
How much farther



Above: Vigil for Ukraine, Bishop’s Stortford, Sunday March 13<sup>th</sup> 2022.

Must their wings have to fly?

Clear the clouds,  
Build new nests,  
Recover their hues  
Of yellows and blues.

Their Spring calls for what we choose to do.



**Reading – The Way of the Cross: Reconciliation - Ephesians 2.11-20**

***Read by a representative from the Governors. Read by Katie Beagles on Monday morning, Jane Yates on Monday afternoon and Alan Fordham (Chair of Governors) on Tuesday.***

After the reading: This is the Word of the Lord **Congregation/School: Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn - "In Christ Alone" - Please stand and sing**

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.

## The Christian Inspiration and Example of Archbishop Desmond Tutu (1931–2021)

Read by Fin Macfie, Year 8, Interact Student Leader



*“Remember, the sea is actually made up of drops of water. What you do, where you are, is of significance. It may just be that your act of courage encourages someone else who was slightly more apprehensive. Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world.”*

*“Desmond Tutu: He loved; He laughed; He cried; He was forgiven; he forgave.”*

### **“Resistance” - A poem for Ukraine by Simon Armitage, Poet Laureate**

Read by Daisy O’Brien, Year 12, Deputy Head Girl 2022-23

It’s war again: a family  
carries its family out of a pranged house  
under a burning thatch.

The next scene smacks  
of archive newsreel: platforms and trains  
(never again, never again),

toddlers passed  
over heads and shoulders, lifetimes stowed  
in luggage racks.

It’s war again: unmistakable smoke  
on the near horizon mistaken  
for thick fog. Fingers crossed.

An old blue tractor  
tows an armoured tank  
into no-man’s land.

It’s the ceasefire hour: godspeed the columns  
of winter coats and fur-lined hoods,  
the high-wire walk

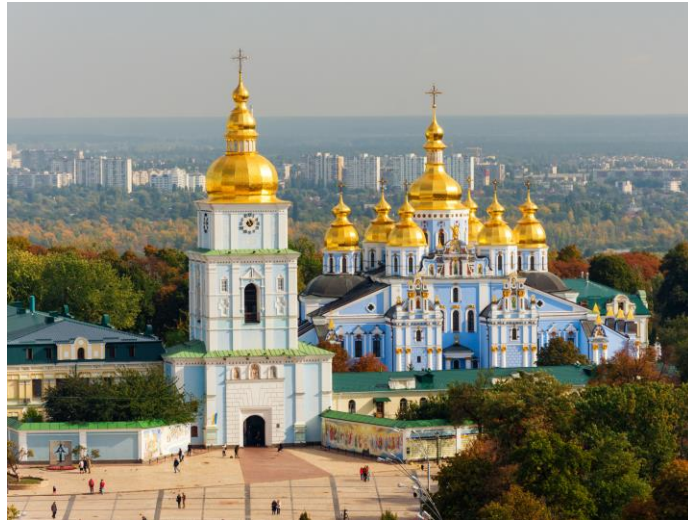
over buckled bridges  
managing cases and bags,  
balancing west and east - godspeed.

It’s war again: the woman in black  
gives sunflower seeds to the soldier, insists  
his marrow will nourish

the national flower. In dreams  
let bullets be birds, let cluster bombs  
burst into flocks.

False news is news  
with the pity  
edited out. It's war again:

**an air-raid siren can't fully mute  
the cathedral bells -  
let's call that hope.**



*Above: Saint Sophia Cathedral and Saint Michael's Monastery, Kyiv, Ukraine.*

**Hymn: "When I Survey The Wondrous Cross" - Please stand and sing**

**Verse 1**

When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss  
And pour contempt on all my pride.

**Verse 3**

See, from his head, his hands, his feet  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down.  
Did ever such love and sorrow meet  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

**Verse 2**

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast  
Save in the death of Christ, my god;  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his blood.

**Verse 4**

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a tribute far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all!

**Please be seated**

**Reading – The Way of the Cross: A way of life for today – Saint Mark 8.31-37**

**Read by Mr. Reeve, Head Teacher, The Bishop's Stortford High School**

After the reading: This is the Word of the Lord **Congregation/School: Thanks be to God**

**Musical Reflection by TBSHS' String Quartet – Adagio by Albinoni**



**Address – Reverend Williams**

**Prayers – Read By Gabriel Wood, Year 10 student  
Including this prayer from Archbishop Desmond Tutu:**

**Victory is Ours  
Goodness is stronger than evil;  
Love is stronger than hate;  
Light is stronger than darkness;  
Life is stronger than death;  
Victory is ours through Him who loves us. Amen.**

**Finishing with The Lord’s Prayer Read By Fiore Akinde, Year 7 student and worshipper at St.  
Michael’s Church.**

***Our Father who art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done, in 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.***

**Hymn - “Thine Be The Glory” - Please stand and sing**

*Thine be the glory  
Risen conquering Son  
Endless is the victory  
Thou o'er death hast won  
Angels in bright raiment  
Rolled the stone away  
Kept the folded grave clothes  
Where Thy body lay*

*Thine be the glory  
Risen conquering Son  
Endless is the victory  
Thou o'er death hast won*

Lo! Jesus meets us  
Risen from the tomb  
Lovingly, He greets us  
Scatters fear and gloom  
Let the church with gladness  
Hymns of triumph sing  
For her Lord now liveth  
Death hath lost its sting  
*Thine be the glory  
Risen conquering Son  
Endless is the victory  
Thou o'er death hast won*

No more we doubt Thee  
Glorious Prince of life  
Life is naught without Thee  
Aid us in our strife  
Make us more than conquerors  
Through Thy deathless love  
Bring us safe through Jordan  
To Thy home above  
*Thine is the glory  
Risen conquering Son  
Endless is the victory  
Thou o'er death hast won*

### **Blessing and Dismissal**

**There will be a collection for Saint Michael's Church on leaving the church.**

**The school are collecting Easter eggs for Bishop's Stortford Food Bank this week.**

**Have a good Easter, when it arrives.**

