

THIS WEEK – SUNDAY 24TH MARCH
PALM SUNDAY

ST PETER	08.00	COMMUNION The Rev'd Steve Parselle
	10.00	SUNG EUCHARIST The Rev'd Dr David Wheeler Sides: John Slade, Jenny Groves Readers: John Beesley, Steve Jones Intercessor: Neil Bichard Voluntary: Boëllmann - Toccata Hymns: 128, 168, 112, 279, 129
	16:00	CHORAL EVENSONG Canon John Turpin Sides: Ronalyn Bichard Voluntary: Chopin - Walse in C sharp minor Hymns: Psalm 69:1-20; 122, 108, 129
ST AUGUSTIN	10.00	COMMUNION The Rev'd Steve Parselle Readers: Julie Gavin, David Agar Intercessor: Barbara Sparling Hymns: NEH: 511, 379, 509, 297, 465
ST STEPHEN	10.45	SOLEMN MASS The Rev'd Stephen Holmes Readers: Roger Anderson, Stephen Chappell Voluntary: Fantasia super: <i>Valet will ich dir geben</i> (BMV735) - JS Bach Hymns: 508, 511, 83, 86 (omit v6), 486

WEEKDAY SERVICES

WEDNESDAY 27TH MARCH

ST STEPHEN 10:00 LOW MASS
The Rev'd Stephen Holmes

THURSDAY 28TH MARCH – MAUNDY THURSDAY

ST PETER 12:15 COMMUNION - KEBLE CHAPEL
The Rev'd Steve Parselle

ST PETER 19:00 SUNG COMMUNION
with washing of feet
The Rev'd Steve Parselle
Hymns: 442, 130, 318, 121

ST STEPHEN 19:00 SUNG SOLEMN MASS
with washing of feet
Canon John Turpin
Readers: Diana Shiner
Hymns: 76 (omit v3), 84, 79 (t. 128)

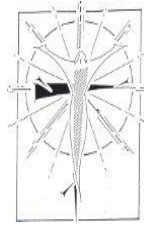
FRIDAY 29TH MARCH - GOOD FRIDAY

ST STEPHEN 10:45 THE GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY
Canon John Turpin
Readers: Tony Clarke, Paul Coote
Hymn: 95

ST PETER 12:00 THE THREE HOURS SERVICE
The Rev'd Dr David Wheeler

12 - 2 Good Friday Meditations
Hymns: 106, 108, 109, 112, 119, 123, 126

2 - 3 The Good Friday Liturgy
Hymn: 127



BOURNEMOUTH
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PEW NEWS

St Peter
St Augustin - St Stephen

Sunday 24th March
Palm Sunday



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DON'T FORGET...

All notices for next week's newsletter to be sent to the Parish Office by Wednesday. Thank you!

IF YOU WISH TO BE ADDED TO THE WEEKLY MAILING LIST PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE, AS IT'S A GREAT WAY OF KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE PARISH

WELCOME

Welcome to St Peter's, St Stephen's & St Augustin's. Please make yourself known to one of our Sides People or Duty Warden and we hope you will feel at home with us. Children are very welcome. All welcome. Please stay on for a cup of tea and a chat after the service!

NEXT WEEK - SUNDAY 31ST MARCH

EASTER SUNDAY

CLOCKS GO FORWARD 1 HOUR

ST PETER 06.30 FIRST COMMUNION OF EASTER
At Bournemouth Pier
The Rev'd Dr David Wheeler

***FOLLOWED BY BREAKFAST IN THE RESURRECTION CHAPEL
FROM 7AM - 9AM – ALL WELCOME!***

08.00 COMMUNION
The Rev'd Stephen Holmes

10.00 FESTAL SUNG EUCHARIST
Canon Andrew Gough
Sides: Bev Wheeler, Marion Trimby
Readers: Ronalyn Bichard, Chris Mayne
Intercessor: Virginia Beck

***FOLLOWED BY AN EASTER EGG HUNT IN THE GROUNDS FOR ALL
UNDER 18s DURING AFTER SERVICE COFFEE***

16:00 FESTAL CHORAL EVENSONG
Canon Andrew Gough
Sides: Ronalyn Bichard

ST AUGUSTIN 10.00 COMMUNION
Canon John Turpin
Readers: Janet Lawrence, Barbara Sparling
Intercessor: Barbara Sparling

ST STEPHEN 10.45 SOLEMN MASS
The Rev'd Stephen Holmes
Readers: Adrian Scott, Andrew Morgan

ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION TIME AGAIN

With the Annual Meetings fast approaching, St Augustin's roll revision will begin on the 17th March and will finish on Easter Day, which is when the St Stephen's revision will begin. This will end on 13th April, when the St Peter's revision period will begin. If you are not on the current electoral roll of your church and would like to join, please pick up a form and complete and return it before the end of the revision period of the church.



RUNNING IN MEMORY OF OLIVIA APPS

Following the sad passing of little Olivia in April last year (Bryan & Kath's granddaughter) her dad, Michael is running the Southampton Marathon in April in Olivia's memory and in aid of the Southampton Paediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) where Olivia spent most of her brief life, so please support him if you can - [Michael's JustGiving Page](#)

NEIL BICHARD IS DOING IT AGAIN!!

Neil hopes to complete the Brighton Marathon on 7th April and is running for Prostate Cancer Research, so please dig deep and support this amazing charity who are focussed on better outcomes for all patients. So far, Neil has raised £595 and he would be grateful for all donations, whatever the size. [NEIL'S PROSTATE CANCER FUNDRAISING PAGE](#)



YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

Alison Mallows RIP

Carol Fidler, Elizabeth Brochet, June Deedman,
Malcolm Warwick, Mary Durham, Maureen Page,
Michael Hill, Norma Lund, Reece Feasey,
Rosemary Larkin, Ruth Francis RIP, Tony Caruana,
Val Spence

REGULAR FEATURES IN BTCP

PRAYER GROUP – Usually takes place on the 3rd Monday of the month at 7:30 pm in the Keble Chapel. All are welcome. Please contact Tim Moorhouse (07733 536626) for further details.

TUESDAY GARDENING GROUP – St. Peter's Church Grounds. Usually takes place from 9.30am-noon each week. Tools are provided or bring your own. Just don't forget to dress for the weather of the day and bring your gardening gloves! Refreshments and camaraderie supplied in generous quantities!

TUESDAY CLUB (Card & Board Games) – Takes place every Tuesday, 2pm, in the South Vestry, St. Augustin's Church. All welcome. Just come along and join in or contact Julie Gavin on 01202 556759.

PARRY'S CAFÉ – OPEN from 10.30am – 2pm every Wednesday and Friday inside St Peter's Church, from the last Friday in January to the end of December. A range of hot and cold drinks, cakes, snacks and light lunches served daily. All welcome to pop in and enjoy!

WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME RECITALS – Takes place every Wednesday, 12.45pm, St Peter's Church from February to mid-December. Entry is FREE and Parry's Café is open for a light lunch, snacks, hot & cold drinks, cakes and much more!

ST AUGUSTIN'S MONTHLY COFFEE MORNING – First Thursday of the month, from 10am-11am, in the church annexe. For more information, contact Roger or Jackie Uren or Lisa in the Parish Office: btcp@live.co.uk

ST PETER'S RINGERS – Practice night Thursday evenings from 7.30pm-9.00pm and regular ringing and social events with other Bournemouth towers. Existing ringers and new learners very welcome, full training available. Please contact our Tower Captain, Peter Murdock-Saint at: stpetersringers@gmail.com

BIBLE STUDY GROUP – Downstairs meeting room, St Peter's Church, every Friday at 12pm will be taking a break until the spring as Richard is now away. Watch this space for full details of what will be the next subject for discussion and dates for when it will recommence. Everyone is welcome.

FRIDAY LUNCHTIME JAZZ – Takes place on the last Friday each month, 1-2pm, St Peter's Church. Entry is FREE and Parry's Café is open for a light lunch, snacks, hot & cold drinks, cakes and much more! Sometimes on the first Friday of the month too!

ST STEPHEN'S ORGAN RECITAL SERIES – From Saturday 6th April at 11am and are then on the first Saturday of each month through to November.



SATURDAY 23RD MARCH
WESSEX YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA GALA CONCERT
 St Peter's Church, 7.30pm
 Doors & Bar from 7pm
 Tickets £12 (cons £8) available on the door or in advance from:
bookwhen.com/ymwes
 Programme features: Faure Pavane, Elgar Cello Concerto and Franck Symphony in D minor.
 Set to be a brilliant evening so book early to avoid disappointment.

WEDNESDAY 27TH MARCH – NO LUNCHTIME CONCERT AT ST PETER'S CHURCH DURING HOLY WEEK

THURSDAY 28TH MARCH – ALISON MALLOWS FUNERAL SERVICE
 - St Peter's Church, 3pm. This will be a great St Peter's traditional Church of England service, with a wonderful mix of music and worship which Alison would have loved. All very welcome to attend to celebrate her life and all that she meant to our parish, with tea, coffee, sandwiches and cake served in Parry's Café afterwards when more memories can be shared.

WEDNESDAY 3RD APRIL – LUNCHTIME CONCERT – St Peter's Church, 1.15-1.45pm. Peter Murdock-Saint performing on the piano. FREE Admission and Parry's Café will be open from 10.30am, serving the usual selection of hot and cold snacks and drinks. All welcome!

SATURDAY 6TH APRIL
ORGAN RECITALS SERIES 2024
 St Stephen's Church, 11am.
 Ian Runnells from Bedford will be performing.
 Doors open at 10.30am, with refreshments served before the performance.
FREE ENTRY
 although donations welcome!



WEDNESDAY 10TH APRIL – LUNCHTIME CONCERT – St Peter's Church, 1.15-1.45pm. Performer tbc. FREE Admission and Parry's Café will be open from 10.30am. All welcome!



THURSDAY 11TH APRIL
COFFEE MORNING
 St Augustin's Church, 10 - 11am
 All welcome to come along to share tea, coffee, a slice of cake & there is even a raffle! Only £3 for each cuppa & pastry/cake, although larger donations are gratefully received! Always followed by the monthly Communion service.

SUNDAY 14TH APRIL – ST AUGUSTIN'S ANNUAL DISTRICT CHURCH MEETING (ADCM) – St Augustin's Church, 11.30am, after the main service. All welcome!

WEDNESDAY 17TH APRIL – LUNCHTIME CONCERT – St Peter's Church, 1.15-1.45pm. Performer tbc. FREE Admission and Parry's Café will be open from 10.30am. All welcome!

WEDNESDAY 17TH APRIL - TEA, TALK & TITTLE TATTLE – MENDING CARS TO BREAKFAST WITH THE STARS, WITH RADIO SOLENT'S ALUN NEWMAN
 St Peter's Church, 3pm.

Tickets £6 to include the tea, cake and talk! Having started at the BBC back in 2001, Alun has met and worked with so many people and had so many experiences along the way, which he is now ready to share with us all! Always a great afternoon of fun, with a few surprises too - so don't miss out - get the date in your diary now and pick up a flyer in church.



FRIDAY 19TH APRIL
LUMOS LIVE PRESENTS AN ELTON JOHN CANDLELIGHT STRING TRIO EXPERIENCE
 St Peter's Church
 7pm Performance START.
 Doors & Bar open from 6.30pm serving a range of hot and cold drinks (soft and alcoholic)
 Tickets are £7.50 - £20 available through the Lumos Live website.
 Set to be a great evening filled with all of Elton's classics.

WEDNESDAY 24TH APRIL – LUNCHTIME CONCERT – St Peter's Church, 1.15-1.45pm. Olive Murray – soprano, is back performing for us. FREE Admission and Parry's Café will be open from 10.30am. All welcome!



FRIDAY 26TH APRIL
LAST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH JAZZ, SWING & BLUES
 St Peter's Church, 1-2pm.
 Susie Kimber and Ian Close are back to perform for us! Always great to have this duo back as they never disappoint!
 So put on your dancing shoes, get a light lunch from Parry's & enjoy some great FREE music.

FRIDAY 26TH APRIL
CHRISTCHURCH AND DISTRICT BAND CONCERT
 St Peter's Church, Bournemouth.
 7pm – Doors and Bar
 7.30pm - Concert with interval
 Celebrate the season with a fantastic range of music, from popular toe tappers and military marches to classical and film.
 Tickets available online from <http://tinyurl.com/CandDBookNow>



SUNDAY 28TH MAY – ST STEPHEN'S ANNUAL DISTRICT CHURCH MEETING (ADCM) – St Stephen's Church, 12pm, after the main service. All welcome!

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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. Amen

LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Mark 11.1-11

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" just say this, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately."' They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

'Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

LITURGY OF THE PASSION

Isaiah 50.4-9a

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens - wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

The Lord God helps me; therefore, I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

Philippians 2.5-11

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.

Mark 14.1 – end

It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him; for they said, 'Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people.'

While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. But some were there who said to one another in anger, 'Why was the ointment wasted in this way? For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor.' And they scolded her. But Jesus said, 'Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.'

Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. When they heard it, they were greatly pleased, and promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?' So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, "The Teacher asks, Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.' So the disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

When it was evening, he came with the twelve. And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.' They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another, 'Surely, not I?' He said to them, 'It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.'

While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, 'Take; this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. He said to them, 'This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.'

When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. And Jesus said to them, 'You will all become deserters; for it is written, "I will strike the shepherd and the sheep will be scattered." But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.' Peter said to him, 'Even though all become deserters, I will not.' Jesus said to him, 'Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.' But he said vehemently, 'Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.' And all of them said the same.

They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, 'Sit here while I pray.' He took with him Peter and James and John and began to be distressed and agitated. And he said to them, 'I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake.' And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. He said, 'Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want.' He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, 'Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.' And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words.

And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. He came a third time and said to them, 'Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.'

Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, 'The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard.' So when he came, he went up to him at once and said, 'Rabbi!' and kissed him. Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to them, 'Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled.' All of them deserted him and fled.

A certain young man was following him, wearing nothing but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him, but he left the linen cloth and ran off naked.

They took Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled. Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none. For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree. Some stood up and gave false testimony against him, saying, 'We heard him say, "I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands." ' But even on this point their testimony did not agree. Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, 'Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?' But he was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him, 'Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?' Jesus said, 'I am; and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power and coming with the clouds of heaven.'

Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, 'Why do we still need witnesses? You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?' All of them condemned him as deserving death. Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him, 'Prophecy!' The guards also took him over and beat him.

While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest came by. When she saw Peter warming himself, she stared at him and said, 'You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth.' But he denied it, saying, 'I do not know or understand what you are talking about.' And he went out into the forecourt. Then the cock crowed. And the servant-girl, on seeing him, began again to say to the bystanders, 'This man is one of them.' But again he denied it. Then after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, 'Certainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean.' But he began to curse, and he swore an oath, 'I do not know this man you are talking about.'

At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him, 'Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.' And he broke down and wept.

Mark 15.1-39[40-47]

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' He answered him, 'You say so.' Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again, 'Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.' But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So, the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them, 'Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?' For he realised that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again, 'Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?' They shouted back, 'Crucify him!' Pilate asked them, 'Why, what evil has he done?' But they shouted all the more, 'Crucify him!' So, Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him, 'Hail, King of the Jews!' They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull) And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take. It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, 'The King of the Jews.' And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left.

Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, 'Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!' In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, 'He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe.' Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, 'Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?' which means, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, 'Listen, he is calling for Elijah.' And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, 'Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.' Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, 'Truly this man was God's Son!'

[There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary, the mother of Joses, saw where the body was laid.]