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Processional Hymn 128 All glory laud and honour

Collect of the Day

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.

Gradual Hymn 433 Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising

THE PASSION ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

Read by members of the congregation. Please join in and shout "**Barrabas**" when Pilate asks "which of the two do you want me to release for you?" and shout "**Let him be crucified**" when Pilate asks "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?".

INTERCESSIONS

Please pray for

- The sick and suffering: especially Felix Okike, Lucilda Bernard, Joan Andrew, Elizabeth Dorsett, Ivy Smith, Susie Leach, Norbert Edwards, Brother Paul Anthony, Sylvia Steed, Caroline Nevill, Tracey Davies, Esmay Young, Roger Cox, Althea Ferns, Dorian Henry, Detroy Henry. Mary Rodney, Esme Hoyte, Esme Fairburn

Offertory Hymn 112 My song is love unknown

Communion Hymn 432 From heaven you came helpless babe (the Servant King)

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.

Recessional Hymn 468 Lord of the Dance

Coffee in Church after the service

NOTICES

Elaine Yoda who has been the Youth Worker with the Church for the last three years is (sadly) leaving after three years. She will be greatly missed and will be using Easter Sunday as her chance to say 'goodbye'.

Our annual church meeting is on Sunday 30 March immediately after the service. It is open to everyone but I need to get those of you who are not already on the electoral roll to sign up. The Church's Electoral Roll is our membership list (and nothing to do with Local Council or Government elections). If you attend St Stephen's regularly or consider it to be your church, your name can be added to the list. You have to be at least 16 years of age to belong, and membership gives you the right to vote for and sit on the Committee that runs the St Stephen's. Please ask one of the church officers for a form to complete. The form may also be downloaded from the web site. This is also an opportunity to update your contact details if they have recently changed.

The 10 am Easter Day Eucharist will be a hat parade. This will be followed by a party at the Vicarage. There will be foot-washing during the Maundy Thursday service (see over for Easter services). Please have clean feet and remember not to wear stockings or tights!