

## Rendcomb

Behold, My Servant shall deal wisely;  
He shall be exalted and extolled and be very high.  
Just as many were astonished at you,  
So His visage was marred more than any man,  
And His form more than the sons of men;  
So shall He sprinkle<sup>[b]</sup> many nations.  
Kings shall shut their mouths at Him;  
For what had not been told them they shall see,  
And what they had not heard they shall consider.

The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, 'Follow me.' Philip found Nathanael and told him, 'We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote – Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.'

'Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?' Nathanael asked.

'Come and see,' said Philip.

Who hath believed our report?  
and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?  
For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant,  
and as a root out of a dry ground:  
he hath no form nor comeliness;  
and when we shall see him,  
*there is no beauty that we should desire him.*

### **Readings:**

*Isaiah 52, 13 – 15*

*John 1, 43 – 46*

*Isaiah 53, 1 – 2*

## North Cerney

You have searched me, LORD,  
and you know me.  
You know when I sit and when I rise;  
you perceive my thoughts from afar.  
You discern my going out and my lying down;  
you are familiar with all my ways.  
Before a word is on my tongue  
you, LORD, know it completely.  
You hem me in behind and before,  
and you lay your hand upon me.  
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,  
too lofty for me to attain.

Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! Could this be the Christ?"

Afterwards the people said to the woman, "Now we believe, not because of what you said, for we ourselves have heard *Him* and we know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world."

You know me O Lord: you see me and test my thoughts about you.

### **Readings:**

*Psalm 139, 1 – 6*

*John 4, 28 – 29, 42*

*Jeremiah 12, 3*

## Badgendon

He is despised and rejected of men;  
a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief:  
and we hid as it were *our* faces from him;  
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Then they clothed Him with purple; and they twisted a crown of thorns, put it on His *head*, and began to salute Him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" Then they struck Him on the head with a reed and spat on Him; and bowing the knee, they worshiped Him. And when they had mocked Him, they took the purple off Him, put His own clothes on Him, and led Him out to crucify Him.

Surely he hath borne our griefs,  
and carried our sorrows:  
yet we did esteem him stricken,  
smitten of God, and afflicted.

*"Is it* nothing to you, all you who pass by?  
Behold and see  
If there is any sorrow like my sorrow,  
Which has been brought on me,  
Which the LORD has inflicted  
In the day of His fierce anger.

### **Readings:**

*Isaiah 53, 3*

*Mark 15, 16 – 20*

*Isaiah 53, 4*

*Lamentations 1, 12*

## Baunton

My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?

I am poured out like water,  
And all My bones are out of joint;  
My heart is like wax;  
It has melted within Me.  
My strength is dried up like a potsherd,  
And My tongue clings to My jaws;  
You have brought Me to the dust of death.

For dogs have surrounded Me;  
The congregation of the wicked has enclosed Me.  
They pierced<sup>[c]</sup> My hands and My feet;  
I can count all My bones.  
They look *and* stare at Me.  
They divide My garments among them,  
And for My clothing they cast lots.

The chief priests and the teachers of the law mocked him among themselves. 'He saved others,' they said, 'but he can't save himself! Let this Messiah, this king of Israel, come down now from the cross, that we may see and believe.' Those crucified with him also heaped insults on him.

But he *was* wounded for our transgressions,  
*he was* bruised for our iniquities:  
the chastisement of our peace *was* upon him;  
and with his stripes we are healed.

The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. And when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, saw how he died,<sup>[c]</sup> he said, 'Surely this man was the Son of God!'

Jesus said to him, "Thomas,<sup>[d]</sup> because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed *are* those who have not seen and *yet* have believed."

### **Readings:**

*Psalm 22, 1 & 14 – 18*

*Mark 15, 31 - 32*

*Isaiah 53, 5*

*Mark 15, 38 - 39*

*John 20, 29*

## Stratton

All we like sheep have gone astray;  
we have turned every one to his own way;  
and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him;  
he hath put *him* to grief:  
when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin,  
he shall see *his* seed, he shall prolong *his* days,  
and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.  
He shall see of the travail of his soul, *and* shall be satisfied:  
by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many;  
for he shall bear their iniquities

Jesus answered: 'Do you not know me, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me;

Come and see what God has done,  
his awesome deeds for mankind!

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him come and see, and take the water of life freely.

### **Readings:**

*Isaiah 53, 6 & 10 – 11*

*John 14, 9 – 11*

*Psalms 66, 5*

*John 3, 16 – 17*

*Revelation 22, 17*