



Grand Imperial Conclave
of the Masonic & Military Order of the
Red Cross of Constantine

The Festival of the Discovery of the True Cross
Sunday 3 May 2020

**Service held at St Gabriel's Church, North Acton, London W3
but joined by members of our Order all around the world**

“Welcome to our church service for the Festival of the Discovery of the True Cross. If you have downloaded this Order of Service, you are probably planning to join in our service by accessing the video file on our national website. Do invite anyone else in your house to join us too - and join in the singing! I am delighted that, even in this time of self-isolation and social distancing, we are all able to come together in this way, as Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine, sharing our Christian faith, and uniting under the banner of our Order. We will be together again in person, but until that time, I take this opportunity of greeting you all, and of wishing you and your family well, both today, and in the weeks ahead of us.”

M.III.Kt. Graham Flight, GCC, Grand Sovereign

Order of Service

Welcome

Lay Reader Mark Corcoran
Divisional High Prelate - Metropolitan Division

Entrance Procession, and censing of the High Altar

Opening Sentences

The Rev'd Timothy L'Estrange, GCC, The Grand Eusebius
Past Divisional High Prelate - Thames Division

The Twelve Grand Points of our Order

The Rev'd Steven Hawkins, Grand High Prelate
Divisional High Prelate - Somerset & Bristol

The Story of the Discovery

The Rev'd Justin Parker, Grand Sub-Prelate
Divisional High Prelate - West Midlands

Confession of Sins

The Rev'd Edward Dowland-Owen
Division of South Wales and Monmouthshire

The Old Testament Reading (Isaiah 63: 1-6)

The Rev'd Tony Avery
Divisional High Prelate - East Midlands

Prayers - part 1

The Rev'd Bruce Harry, Past Grand High Prelate
Divisional High Prelate - Cheshire

Psalm 8 - O Lord our Governor!

The Rev'd Frank Chappell, KCC, Past Grand High Prelate
Past Divisional High Prelate - West Yorkshire

The New Testament Reading (1 Corinthians 1: 18-25)

The Rev'd Tony Miller
Divisional High Prelate - Middlesex

Prayers - part 2

The Rev'd Justin Parker, Grand Sub-Prelate
Divisional High Prelate - West Midlands

Hymn - There is a Green Hill (*words on the screen, and printed below*)

**There is a green hill far away, without a city wall,
where the dear Lord was crucified, who died to save us all.**

- 2. We may not know, we cannot tell, what pains he had to bear,
but we believe it was for us he hung and suffered there.**
- 3. He died that we might be forgiven, he died to make us good,
that we might go at last to heaven, saved by his precious blood.**
- 4. There was no other good enough to pay the price of sin,
he only could unlock the gate of heaven and let us in.**
- 5. O dearly, dearly, has he loved, and we must love him too,
and trust in his redeeming blood, and try his works to do.**

The Gospel Reading (John 12: 27-36)

The Rev'd Derek Williamson
Divisional High Prelate - Surrey

Prayers - part 3

The Rev'd Martin Howse
Divisional High Prelate - Essex

A Short Address

The Rev'd Timothy L'Estrange, GCC, The Grand Eusebius
Past Divisional High Prelate - Thames Division

What do we mean by the *Invention* or *Discovery* of the Cross?

Why do we honour Constantine's mother, St Helena?

We reflect on the Cross - and the need to discover it *afresh*.

The True Cross is in our hearts - we must see the world through it.

Let us "Lift High the Cross" as the Glory of our lives.

Prayer in honour of the Cross

Hymn - Lift High the Cross (*words on the screen, and printed below*)

Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
'til all the world adore his sacred Name.

1. Come, Brethren, follow where our Captain trod,
our King victorious, Christ the Son of God. *Refrain*

2. Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
the hosts of God in conquering ranks combine. *Refrain*

3. Let every Brother Knight of Constantine
take up his cross, and "Conquer in this Sign"! *Refrain*

4. This blood-red cross, the badge of Constantine,
proclaims to the world the glory that is thine. *Refrain*

5. Set up thy throne, that earth's despair may cease
beneath the shadow of its healing peace. *Refrain*

6. For thy blest Cross which doth for all atone,
creation's praises rise before thy throne. *Refrain*

“The Cross Is....” (A short reflection on today’s festival)

The Rev’d Trevor Walker, Past Grand Sub-Prelate

Divisional High Prelate - Lincolnshire

The Lord’s Prayer *(please join in)*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on 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.**

A Prayer for those separated from us

The Rev’d Howard Pashley, Past Grand Sub-Prelate

Divisional High Prelate - Kent

The Rev’d Brian Inston

Divisional High Prelate - West Yorkshire

The Collect *(prayer of the day)*

Psalm 150 - Alleluia! O praise God in his holiness!

The Rev’d Bill Whitfield

Past Divisional High Prelate - Hampshire and Isle of Wight

Final Thanks

The Grand High Prelate

Final Invocation

The Grand Sub-Prelate

Final Blessing

The Grand Eusebius

Retiring Procession