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Palm Sunday
24th March 2024
at 10.15 a.m.

We welcome you to this celebration of Parish Mass
for Palm Sunday

Today's setting for mass is Darke in A minor.

People of all denominations who are in good standing with their own church are welcome to come and receive communion. If you wish to receive a blessing, please come to the altar carrying this order of service.

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5 minutes before the service begins, a bell will ring to signal that a period of quiet reflection is kept during which you may wish to use this prayer.

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen**

Before the liturgy begins notices are given, and then a bell is rung to begin our worship.

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The Liturgy of the Palms

Commemoration of the Lord's Entry into Jerusalem

Introit

*The children of the Hebrews,
carrying palms and olive branches,
went forth to meet the Lord,
crying out and saying.
Hosanna in the highest!*

The Gathering

† In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Hosanna to the Son of David.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Behold your king comes to you, O Zion,
meek and lowly, sitting upon an ass.

Ride on in the cause of truth and for the sake of justice.

Your throne is the throne of God, it endures for ever;
and the sceptre of your kingdom is a righteous sceptre.

You have loved righteousness and hated evil.

Therefore God, your God, has anointed you
with the oil of gladness above your fellows.

Hosanna to the Son of David.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

The Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you

and also with you.

Introduction

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing by works of love and self-sacrifice for the celebration of our Lord's death and resurrection. Today we come together to begin this solemn celebration in union with the Church throughout the world. Christ enters his own city to complete his work as our Saviour, to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us go with him in faith and love, so that, united with him in his sufferings, we may share his risen life.

Prayer over the Palms

The people hold up their palms while this prayer is said by the president

God our Saviour,
whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as Messiah to suffer and to die;
let these palms be for us signs of his victory
and grant that we who bear them in his name
may ever hail him as our King,
and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life;
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever.

Amen.

The Palm Gospel

Mark 11.1-11

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The president says

Let us go forth, praising Jesus our Messiah.

Hymn (509)

**All glory, laud and honour
to Thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring!**

**Thou art the King of Israel,
Thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest,
the King and Blessèd One.**

All glory, laud and honour...

**The company of angels
are praising thee on high,
and mortal men and all things
created make reply.**

All glory, laud and honour...

**The people of the Hebrews
with palms before Thee went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before Thee we present.**

All glory, laud and honour...

**To Thee before Thy Passion
they sang their hymns of praise;
to Thee now high exalted
our melody we raise.**

All glory, laud and honour...

**Thou didst accept their praises;
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
Thou good and gracious King.**

All glory, laud and honour...

**Do Thou direct our footsteps
upon our earthly way,
and bring us by Thy mercy
to heaven's eternal day.**

All glory, laud and honour...

**Within that blessed City
Thy praises may we sing,
and ever raise hosannas
to our most loving King.**

All glory, laud and honour...

St Theodulf of Orleans (d.821), Tr. John M Neale (1818-1866)
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The Collect for Palm Sunday

Let us pray.

Silence is kept

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.

The Liturgy of the Word

Reading Philippians 2.5-11

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

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.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

The Passion according to St Mark

The dramatic reading of the Passion replaces the usual Gospel reading. At the end of the reading, silence is kept.

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Mark.

Mark 15.1

Mark:

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,

Pilate:

Are you the King of the Jews?

Mark:

Jesus answered him,

Jesus:

You say so.

Mark:

Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again,

Pilate:

Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.

Mark:

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,

Pilate:

Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?

Mark:

For he realized 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,

Pilate:

Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?

Mark:

They shouted back,

Crowd:

Crucify him!

Mark:

Pilate asked them,

Pilate:

Why, what evil has he done?

Mark:

But they shouted all the more,

Crowd:

Crucify him!

Mark:

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,

Soldiers:

Hail, King of the Jews!

Mark:

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,

Crowd:

Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!

Mark:

In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying,

Chief Priests:

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.

Mark:

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,

Jesus:

Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?

Mark:

which means,

Jesus:

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Mark:

When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

Crowd:

Listen, he is calling for Elijah.

Mark:

And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying,

Bystander:

Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.

Mark:

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,

Centurion:

Truly this man was God's Son!

Mark 15.39

Mark:

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.

Prayers of Intercession

With confidence and trust let us pray to the Father.

After each prayer: Lord, in your mercy
 hear our prayer.

Today we pray for Mollie Maeve Wilson and her family on the occasion of her celebration of the sacrament of baptism.

We pray for those for whom prayers have been requested:

Paula; Catriona; Lynn; Beryl; Marion; Richard; Brenda; Victoria; Joe & Mark; Rose & Colin; Janis Gallagher; Mary Sambrooks; Linda Sambrooks; Cath Godridge; Rhys Williams; Angela Hyomes; David Murray; Andrew Leach; Janet Hickling; Jenny Attwood (Priest); Margaret Kidger; Christine Campbell; Barrie Sowerby; Margaret Tonks; Flora Brook.

We pray for those who have recently died:

Owen Murray; Kathleen Battye; Catherine McArdle; Margaret Edwards; Tyler Wilson; Tim Burrell (Priest).

Those whose year's mind falls at this time

Stanley Taylor; Roger Michael Whitaker; Jonathan Bellamy; Ida Swann; Hannah Lee; Donald Richard Chessman.

At the end: Merciful Father
 **accept these prayers
 for the sake of your Son,
 our Saviour Jesus Christ.
 Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Once we were far off, but now in union with Christ Jesus
we have been brought near through the shedding of Christ's blood,
for he is our peace.

cf Ephesians 2.13

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

St Giles' 3.16 share what they have been learning.

Preparation of the Altar

Hymn

**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?**

**He came from His blest throne
salvation to bestow;
but men made strange, and none
the longed-for Christ would know:**

**but O, my Friend,
my Friend indeed,
Who at my need
His life did spend!**

**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.**

**They rise and needs will have
my dear Lord made away;
a murderer they save,
the Prince of life they slay.
Yet cheerful He
to suffering goes,
that He His foes
from thence might free.**

**Here might I stay and sing,
no story so divine;
never was love, dear King,
never was grief like Thine.
This is my Friend,
in whose sweet praise
I all my days
could gladly spend.**



Samuel Crossman (1624-1683)

Taking of the Bread and Wine

Jesus, true vine and bread of life,
ever giving yourself that the world might live,
let us share your death and passion:
make us perfect in your love.
Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

Please be seated

Let us pray.

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and just,
our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For as the time of his passion and resurrection draws near
the whole world is called to acknowledge his hidden majesty.

The power of the life-giving cross
reveals the judgement that has come upon the world
and the triumph of Christ crucified.

He is the victim who dies no more,
the Lamb once slain, who lives for ever,
our advocate in heaven to plead our cause,
exalting us there to join with angels and archangels,
for ever praising you and singing:

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory:
Glory be to thee, O Lord most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you.

He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.

Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:

Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with Mary, Giles, Michael, Stephen and all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Standing at the foot of the cross,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**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.**

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

Every time we eat this bread
and drink this cup,
**we proclaim the Lord's death
until he comes.**

Agnus Dei

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.*

Giving of Communion

The president says the invitation to communion.

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

The clergy and people receive communion.

Organ Voluntary

Hymn

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hark, all the tribes hosanna cry.
O Saviour meek, pursue Thy road
with palms and scattered garments strowed.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die:
O Christ, Thy triumphs now begin
o'er captive death and conquered sin.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The wingèd squadrons of the sky
look down with sad and wondering eyes
to see the approaching sacrifice.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh:
the Father on His sapphire throne
awaits His own anointed Son.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
bow Thy meek head to mortal pain,
then take, O God, Thy power, and reign.**

Henry Hart Milman (1791-1868)

Choir Anthem

Hosanna to the Son of David - Arthur Hutchings (1906-1989)

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

Let us pray.

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.

**You have opened to us the Scriptures, O Christ,
and you have made yourself known
in the breaking of the bread.
Abide with us, we pray,
that, blessed by your royal presence,
we may walk with you
all the days of our life,
and at its end behold you
in the glory of the eternal Trinity,
one God for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Blessing and Dismissal

We stand for the blessing.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Christ crucified draw you to himself,
to find in him a sure ground for faith,
a firm support for hope,
and the assurance of sins forgiven;
and the blessing

Hymn (84)

***It is a thing most wonderful,
almost too wonderful to be,
that God's own Son should come from heaven,
and die to save a child like me.***

***And yet I know that it is true;
He chose a poor and humble lot,
and wept and toiled and mourned and died,
for love of those who loved Him not.***

***But even could I see Him die,
I could but see a little part
of that great love which, like a fire,
is always burning in His heart.***

***It is most wonderful to know
His love for me so free and sure;
but 'tis more wonderful to see
my love for Him so faint and poor.***

***And yet I want to love Thee, Lord;
O light the flame within my heart,
and I will love Thee more and more,
until I see Thee as Thou art.***

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ. Amen.

The clergy recess

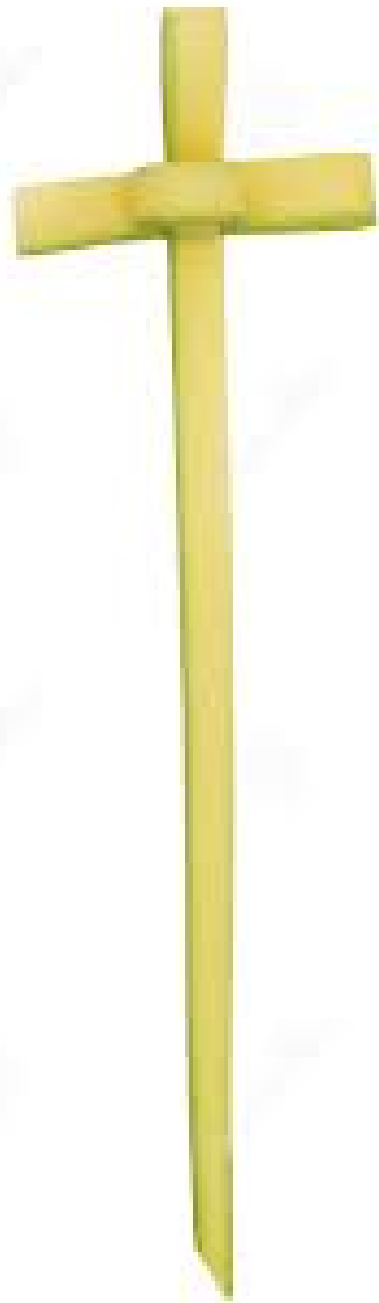
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