



Parish Eucharist

Palm Sunday
2nd April 2023

*Please join in all parts of the service printed in **bold** type. Please stand where indicated only if you wish.*

We gather to worship

The choir take their places and the ministers, children and servers gather in the vestibule.

The bell rings and the congregation turns to face the West Door.

The choir sings,
Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel. Hosanna in the highest.

The procession enters.

The president greets the people

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

The president introduces the celebration

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.

The King of glory comes to you,
O Zion, blessed city of God.
Jesus of Nazareth, Shepherd and Lamb, Priest and Victim,
Man of Sorrows and Lord of Hosts.
Blessed Temple, dwelling place of the eternal glory of God,
Open your gates and let the King of glory come in!

We join with choir and sing, as the ministers move to the crossing

Donations can be made using the contactless card reader during the offertory hymn. There is a box by the entrance. Details of online options are in the news sheet and on our website.

Lift up your heads, O gates, be lifted
up you everlasting doors :
and the king of glory shall come in.
**Lift up your heads, O gates, be lifted
up you everlasting doors :
and the king of glory shall come in.**

Who is this king of glory?
Who is this king of glory?
Who then is this king of glory?
It is the Lord, the God of hosts;
he is the king of glory
**It is the Lord, the God of hosts;
he is the king of glory**

*We hold up our palms while this prayer
is said.*

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.

*We sing this hymn and the clergy
procession moves to the front.*

**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 blessed one.
All glory...**

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

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

We remain standing.

The priest says,

Let us pray for a closer union with
Christ in his suffering and in his glory.

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

The Palm Gospel Matthew 21.1-11

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Christ humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and given him the name that is above every name.

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Glory to you, O Lord.

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them." And he will send them immediately.' This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, 'Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that

went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,
'Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?' The crowds were saying, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit for the sermon

We sit or kneel for the prayers of intercession.

The response is

let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

And at the end

**Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.**

The notices are given

*We celebrate Jesus
in Bread and Wine*

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.

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

The deacon says,
Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All exchange a sign of peace.

The Offering

During the offertory hymn the plate and card reader will be available for contactless and cash donations.

**Praise to the holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise:
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.**

**O loving wisdom of our God!
When all was sin and shame,
a second Adam to the fight
and to the rescue came.**

**O generous love!
That he, who smote
in man for man the foe,
the double agony in man
for man should undergo;**

**and in the garden secretly,
and on the cross on high,
should teach his brethren,
and inspire to suffer and to die.**

**Praise to the holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise:
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.**

The priest takes the bread and wine and says the prayer of preparation.

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 remain standing during the Eucharistic Prayer if it is comfortable for you.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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.**

The priest praises God for his mighty acts, and we sing

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of pow'r and God of might,
God of pow'r and God of might,
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory,
**Heav'n and earth are full
of your glory,**
Hosanna in the highest,
Hosanna in the highest,
Blessed is he who comes,
Blessed is he who comes,
In the name of the Lord Most High,
In the name of the Lord Most High,
Hosanna, **Hosanna,**
Hosanna, **Hosanna,**
Hosanna in the highest,
Hosanna in the highest.

*The priest continues,
recalling the Last Supper.*

The Deacon says,

Praise to you Lord Jesus.
We say,

**Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

The priest continues, ending
... for ever and ever.
Amen.

As our Saviour taught, so we pray

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom,
the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.
Amen.**

*The priest breaks the consecrated bread
and says,*

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

We sing,
Jesus, Lamb of God,
have mercy on us.
**Jesus, Lamb of God,
have mercy on us.**

Jesus, Word made flesh,
bearer of our sins:
**Jesus, Lamb of God,
have mercy on us.**

Jesus, Bread of Life,
have mercy on us.
**Jesus, Bread of Life,
have mercy on us.**

Jesus, Morning star;
Jesus, Prince of Peace:
**Jesus, Bread of Life,
have mercy on us.**

Jesus, Lamb of God,
have mercy on us.
**Jesus, Lamb of God,
have mercy on us.**

Jesus, King of kings; Jesus, Lord of all:
**Jesus, Lamb of God,
give us your peace.**

The Giving of Communion

*The people receive communion. Those
who do not wish to receive are warmly
invited to come forward for an individual
blessing. Gluten free wafers are
available.*

*Please come to the front and form a
queue. Please be mindful of the safety of
others and remain distanced.*

*Communion will be administered in both
kinds, on the hand and from the chalice
(optional). Please do not intinct (dip) the
wafer in the chalice.*

*Communion will be brought to those
seated in the south aisle.*

The priest says,
Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to
his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive
you, but only say the word,
and I shall be healed.**

We sing
**From heaven you came,
helpless babe,
entered our world,
your glory veiled;
not to be served but to serve,
and give your life that we might live.**

*This is our God,
the Servant King,
he calls us now to follow him,
to bring our lives
as a daily offering
of worship to the Servant King.*

There in the garden of tears,
my heavy load he chose
to bear;
his heart with sorrow
was torn,
'Yet not my will but yours,'
he said.

Come see his hands
and his feet,
the scars that speak of sacrifice,
hands that flung stars
into space
to cruel nails surrendered.

So let us learn how to serve,
and in our lives enthrone him;
each other's needs to prefer,
for it is Christ we're serving.

The choir sings,
Lift up your heads - *Matthias*

Silence is kept.

The priest says this 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.

We say together,

**Faithful God,
may we who share this banquet
glory in the cross of our Lord
Jesus Christ,
our salvation, life and hope,
who reigns as Lord now
and for ever.
Amen.**

The Dismissal

We sing,
**Ride on! Ride on in majesty!
Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry!
Thy humble beast pursues his 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!
The 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.

The Blessing

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

May the Father,
who so loved the world
that he gave his only Son,
bring you by faith to his eternal life.
Amen.

May Christ,
who accepted the cup of sacrifice
in obedience to the Father's will,
keep you steadfast as you walk
with him the way of his cross.
Amen.

May the Spirit,
who strengthens us
to suffer with Christ
that we may share his glory,
set your minds on life and peace.
Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit,
be among you
and remain with you always.
Amen.

The deacon says,
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ.
Amen.

Please stay and join us for refreshments.
If you are a newcomer or visitor we would
love to meet you.

Please take your service sheet with
you as you leave.

For services in the coming week, please see overleaf

Services for Holy Week and Easter

Palm Sunday

5pm Choral Worship for Passiontide

Monday - Wednesday 3-5 April

7.30pm Eucharist in the Lady Chapel with address

Maundy Thursday 6 April

7.30 pm Eucharist with Footwashing,
followed by The Watch

Good Friday 7 April

12-2pm The Good Friday Devotion

2-3pm The Liturgy of Good Friday

Easter Eve Saturday 8 April

7pm The First Eucharist of Easter
with Baptism and Confirmation

Easter Sunday 9 April

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Eucharist and Baptism

5pm Parish Evensong

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