



THE PARISH EUCHARIST
ON
PALM SUNDAY



SUNDAY 29TH MARCH 2026

10:30 A.M.

SCAN TO VIEW
ON PHONE/TABLET

INTRODUCTION

Today we begin our walk through Holy Week, a walk that will take us through the last days Jesus spent with his friends in Jerusalem, his Last Supper the night of agony and waiting in the Garden of Gethsemane, and ultimately to his final breath on the Cross.

At Christmas we heard that the true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. We will gather in the darkness and confusion on Saturday evening to witness the power of this light, so powerful that death itself could not overcome it.

This is strange week with strange emotions and much symbolism in our worship, because words alone cannot capture what God has done for us, and how much he loves us.

¶ *All are welcome at our acts of worship, regardless of background or faith. If it is your custom, you are invited to receive Holy Communion, or otherwise please bring this booklet up with you to receive a blessing.*

¶ *Throughout this booklet references to standing, sitting, and kneeling are all optional, and if you are unable to stand, or would prefer to remain sitting, please feel free.*

For your prayers this week

At This Time Gillian Kullman, Jennie Frampton, Lindsay Gorringer, David Robertson, HM The King, the bereaved, and those suffering during warfare.

Year's Mind Frank Thompson, Stephen James Isaacs, Reginald Stickland, Ruby Cynthia Reeve, Patience Martin, Audrey Beryl Beer, Marie Ward, William John Kingsland, Janet Elizabeth Burlison-Rush, Pamela Jeanne Carpenter, Hilda Grace Revell, Harold Bourner, Ralph Peter Stewart

¶ *Following a word of welcome, all are invited to follow the Choir out of the Church and around the building, to the west doors*

THE BLESSING OF PALMS

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

All **Amen.**

Rector 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 Palms are blessed with the following words*

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.

All **Amen.**

Minister Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Minister Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this: "The Lord needs it."' So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' They said, 'The Lord needs it.' Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

'Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!'

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.' He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.'

Minister This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

THE PROCESSION

Rector Let us go forth, praising Jesus our Messiah.

*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.

The company of angels
Are praising thee on high,
And mortal men and all things
Created make reply.

The people of the Hebrews
With palms before thee went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems
Before thee we present.

To thee before thy passion
They sang their hymns of praise;
To thee, now high exalted,
Our melody we raise.

Thou didst accept their praises,
Accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest,
Thou good and gracious King.

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

*Words: St Theodulph of Orleans (d.821)
Tr. J. M. Neale (1818-66)*

Music: M. Tescher (c. 1613)

¶ *The Choir sing 'The Feast of Palms' (Alan Bullard)*

THE PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Rector Our Lord Jesus Christ says: 'If you love me, keep my commandments.' 'Unless I wash you, you have no part in me.' Let us confess to almighty God our sins against his love, and ask him to cleanse us.

¶ *All kneel or sit*

All Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you and against our
neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.

¶ *The Choir sing 'Kyrie Eleison / Christe Eleison', 'Lord
have mercy / Christ have mercy.'*

Rector Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

THE COLLECT

Rector 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.

All **Amen.**

¶ *All sit*

THE PASSION GOSPEL

HOMILY

THE CREED

¶ *All stand*

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and
the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

¶ *All kneel or sit. This response may be used:*

Intersessor Lord, in your mercy
All hear our prayer.

¶ *The prayers conclude:*

Intersessor Merciful Father
All accept these prayers for the sake of your son,
our saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE PEACE

¶ *All stand*

Rector 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.

All **And also with you.**

¶ *We offer one another a sign of peace, which may be a smile, a nod, or whatever feels appropriate.*

THE OFFERTORY HYMN

¶ *During this hymn, the altar is prepared, and our collection offered up. You can leave a donation on the way out of Church using the giving station beside the porch.*

**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 winged 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.

Words: Henry Milman (1791-1868)

*Music: Adapted from a chorale in
Musicalisches Hand-Burch, Hamburg 1690*

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Rector 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.

All **Amen.**

Rector The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Rector Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Rector Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Rector 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 saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

¶ *All kneel or sit*

All glory be to you, our heavenly Father,
who, in your tender mercy,
gave your only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption;

who made there by his one oblation
of himself once offered
a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice,
oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world;
he instituted, and in his holy gospel
commanded us to continue,
a perpetual memory of his precious death
until he comes again.

Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray,
and grant that, by the power of your Holy Spirit,
we receiving these gifts of your creation,
this bread and this wine,
according to your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's
holy institution,
in remembrance of his death and passion,
may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
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.

Therefore, Lord and heavenly Father,
in remembrance of the precious death and passion,
the mighty resurrection and glorious ascension
of your dear Son Jesus Christ,
we offer you through him this our sacrifice
of praise and thanksgiving.

Grant that by his merits and death,
and through faith in his blood,
we and all your Church may receive forgiveness of our sins
and all other benefits of his passion.
Although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins,
to offer you any sacrifice,
yet we pray that you will accept this
the duty and service that we owe.

Do not weigh our merits, but pardon our offences,
and fill us all who share in this holy communion
with your grace and heavenly blessing;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever

All **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THE FRACTURE AND AGNUS DEI

Rector We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

All Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

Jesus, lamb of God,
have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins,
have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world,
grant us peace.

HOLY COMMUNION

Rector Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

All **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say
the word, and I shall be healed.**

- ¶ *The altar party and Choir receive Holy Communion,
then the congregation will be invited to come forward.*
- ¶ *All baptised Christians are welcome to receive Holy
Communion. If you would prefer to receive a blessing,
please come forward holding this booklet in your hands
and the priest will bless you.*
- ¶ *The Choir sing 'Ave Verum Corpus' (William Byrd) and
Psalm 31:1-2,9-18 (Chant: Camidge in D minor)*

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Rector Let us pray.

¶ *All stand*

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.

All **Amen.**

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

HYMN

O Thou who through this holy week
The path of suffering trod,
Our sins to heal, our souls to seek,
And bring us to our God.

We cannot understand the woe
Thy love was pleased to bear;
O Saviour Christ, we only know
That all our hopes are there.

Then grant us, Lord, this week to trace
Thy passion and thy love,
And by thine all-inspiring grace
Uplift our hearts above:

Beyond the pain, beyond the cross,
The Christ of glory see,
And count the things of earth but loss
To gain our heaven in thee.

*Words: J. M. Neale (1818-66)
and NEH Editors*

*Music: Abridge (NEH 64)
Isaac Smith (1734-1805)*

THE BLESSING

Rector The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

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

All **Amen.**

Rector 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.

All **Amen.**

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

All **Amen.**

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

All **Amen.**

Rector Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

¶ *Once the Choir and Clergy have departed, please sit. The organ voluntary is part of our act of worship, please remain quiet.*

Adagio

Attrib. Tomaso Albinoni

¶ *Do join us for refreshments after the service in the Sunley Room (behind the organ).*

Our Holy Week journey continues...

See overleaf for timings.

Palm Sunday
29th March
8:00am *Holy Communion*
10:30am *Parish Eucharist with procession*
4:00pm *Evening Prayer*

Mon. & Tue.
30th & 31st March
9:45am *Morning Prayer*
4:45pm *Evening Prayer*
5:30pm *Said Eucharist with homily*
Tuesday 6:00pm: *'Why did Jesus have to die on a Cross?'*
Discussing the events of Holy Week together' discussion group

Holy Wednesday
1st April
9:30am *Morning Prayer*
10:00am *Holy Communion with homily*
4:45pm *Evening Prayer*
5:30pm *Said Eucharist healing prayers and anointing*

Maundy Thursday
2nd April
11:00am *Chrim Eucharist in Canterbury Cathedral*
6:00pm *Evening Prayer*
7:30pm *Liturgy of Maundy Thursday*

Good Friday
3rd April
9:45am *Morning Prayer*
Noon *Churches Together in St Peter's Gardens*
1:00pm *Meditations, Silence, & Hymns*
2:00pm *Liturgy of the Passion*

Holy Saturday
4th April
10:30am *Morning Prayer*
8:00pm *The Great Easter Vigil*
with the unveiling of the restored tiles. Bring a bell!

Easter Day
5th April
8:00am *Holy Communion*
10:30am *Festal Parish Eucharist*

<i>Day</i>	<i>Morning Prayer</i>	<i>Evening Prayer</i>
<i>Monday</i>	Ps 41 + Lamentations 1.1-12a	Ps 25 Colossians. 1.18-23
<i>Tuesday</i>	Ps 27 + Lamentations 3.1-18	Ps 55.13-24 + Galatians 6.11-end
<i>Wednesday</i>	Ps 102 + Jeremiah 11.18-20	Ps 88 + Revelation 14.18 - 15.4
<i>Thursday</i>	Ps 42;43 + Leviticus 16.2-24	Ps39 + Ephesians 2.11.18
<i>Friday</i>	Ps 69 + Genesis 22.1-18	Ps 130;143 + Colossians 1.18-23
<i>Saturday</i>	Ps 142 + Hosea 6.1-6	Ps.116; + John. 5.5-12

Last minute addition: Wednesday 1st 2:00pm, final Lent course on ‘The Joy of the Gospel’ - all welcome, please confirm location with Parish Office or Emma Montgomery.

After we have known the joy of Easter Day, and to continue our celebration of the Resurrection, a Said Eucharist will be offered (each lasting 20-25 minutes) every day 6th-11th April inclusive. Times as announced next Sunday, and on the website.