

WORSHIP - PALM SUNDAY - 28 MARCH 2021

Today we have no physical services in our churches, but we still meet on Zoom at 11.30 - the link is on the website. This is the Order of Service that is based on the Zoom service.

Hymn - All glory, laud and honour - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h3a8fTTrAdE>

**Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus 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,

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Mark 11.1-10

The Lord be with you **and also with you.**

Dear friends 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 Blessing of the Palms

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 and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

**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.**

The Summary of the Law

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: The first commandment is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.'

The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

The Kyrie – Mass of St Thomas, *David Thorne* - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ns-1y2agLOs>
Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins,
to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life.
Let us confess our sins, in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments
and to live in love and peace with 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.**

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. **Amen.**

The Collect - *Palm Sunday Collect from "All Desires Known", p12*

**God, our hope of victory whom we constantly betray; grant us so to recognize your coming
that in our clamour there may be commitment,
and in our silence the very stones may cry aloud in your name. Amen.**

Old Testament reading - *Isaiah 50.4-9a - is printed on the blue noticesheet*

Hymn - *Ride on, ride on, in majesty* - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VAh1lzSQ3P4>

Gospel - *Philippians 2.5-11 - is printed on the blue noticesheet*

Address - *a sermon from Clive is on the website*

The Nicene Creed

**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.**

Anthem – Hosanna to the Son of David, *Thomas Weelkes*

sung by King's College, Cambridge - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IQ2JcN-tgI8>

Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord. Thou that sittest in the highest heavens. Hosanna in excelsis Deo.

Prayers of Intercession, *Lent, Holy Week, Easter, page 83*

We stand in a crowd and shout 'Hosanna'. Lord, we will try and walk with you this week. It is not the Holy Week and Easter that we wanted, or that we were looking forward to, but as we worship, may we journey with you. We pray for the life of our churches, and for all who feel so isolated from the Church they love. We ask for forgiveness for the many times we have denied Jesus, turned our face from him, and – like the crowd – gone off in another direction. As we pray, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For grace to seek out those habits of sin which mean spiritual death, and by prayer and self-discipline to overcome them, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For Christian people, that through the suffering of disunity there may grow a rich union in Christ, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who make laws, interpret them, and administer them, that our common life may be ordered in justice and mercy, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who still make Jerusalem a battle-ground, for all places of war and conflict, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who have the courage and honesty to work openly for justice and peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those in the darkness and agony of isolation, that they may find support and encouragement, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who, weighed down by hardship, failure, or sorrow, feel that God is far from them, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who are tempted to give up the way of the cross, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

That we, with those who have died in faith, may find mercy in the day of Christ, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

And we pray, as Jesus 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.**

Hymn - When I survey the wondrous cross - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KEp6WKSXYQg>

The Blessing

Saviour of the world, you have redeemed us by your passion and cross: **Save and help us, we humbly pray.** May the glorious passion of our Lord Jesus Christ bring us to the joys of paradise, and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you this Holy Week, and for evermore. **Amen.**

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

Final music - Now thank we all our God, *Karg-Elert* - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rXweeOUORv4>