



Team Eucharist for Palm Sunday 28.03.2021 at St George's Church

Hymns before the Service:

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind and Take my Life and Let it Be.



The Gathering

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

Hymn: The Servant King

Like many of us, those in and around Jerusalem were longing for better days, were full of hopes and dreams and were expectant for a brighter tomorrow. Is he the one? Will our hopes be fulfilled in him?

So let us go with him in faith and love, so that, united with him in his sufferings, we may share his risen life.

The people hold up palms. The following 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 is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect

The president prays the Church's prayer of the day.

Let us pray for a closer union with Christ in his sufferings and in his glory. True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory.

All: Amen.

Ministry of the Word

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Servant's Humiliation and Vindication

⁴ The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of a teacher,^[a]
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens—
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

⁵ The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.

⁶ I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

⁷ The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

⁸ he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

⁹ It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.



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 above every name.

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

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

John 12:12-16

¹²The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—the King of Israel!” ¹⁴Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written: ¹⁵“Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt!” ¹⁶His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him.

This is the Passion of the Lord.

The Address

A minister shares with us.



Hymn: Knowing You

Time of Prayer

Let us pray to the Father, who loved the world so much that he sent his only Son to give us life.

For forgiveness for the many times we have denied Jesus,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, in your mercy

All: hear our prayer.

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, in your mercy

All: hear our prayer.

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

Lord, in your mercy

All: hear our prayer.

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, in your mercy

All: hear our prayer.

For those who still make Jerusalem a battleground, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, in your mercy

All: hear our prayer.

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

Lord, in your mercy

All: hear our prayer.

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

Lord, in your mercy

All: hear our prayer.

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

Lord, in your mercy

All: hear our prayer.

For ourselves at this time of longing with our many dreams and desires as we prepare ourselves for life beyond lockdown, that we with those who have died in faith, may find mercy in the day of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, in your mercy

All: hear our prayer.

**Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy**

Ministry of the Sacrament

The president introduces 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

All: and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

The Altar Table is prepared for Holy Communion.

Jesus, true vine and bread of life, ever giving yourself Merciful Father, turn us from sin to faithfulness and from disobedience to love, and prepare us to celebrate the death and resurrection of Christ our Saviour who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord is here.

All: His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

All: 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 *saying*:

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

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,

and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us his body and his 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.

Great is the mystery of faith.

**All: Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember now his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
and as we look for the coming of his kingdom, we make with this bread
and this cup the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.



Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Holy Spirit
and nourish us with the body and blood of Christ,

that we may grow into his likeness
and become a living temple to your glory.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:

**All: Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Kneeling at the foot of the cross, let us pray with confidence as our
Saviour taught us.

**All: 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

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup

All: we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

The Agnus Dei is said or sung.

**All: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

Giving of Communion

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave
for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance
that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

The president receives Holy Communion as music is played

Hymn: No Longer Slaves to Fear

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

The president and people pray the Post Communion 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.

All: Amen.

**Church notices are shared.
Banns of Marriage may be read.**

Blessing and Dismissal

The president assures us of God's blessing using this or another blessing.

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**

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

Holy Communion is administered as people leave church as directed.

Final Hymn: O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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