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Palm Sunday

*We are delighted to welcome the Venerable Douglas McKittrick, the Archdeacon of Chichester, to our Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday to Easter Sunday Services as Celebrant and Preacher.*

## **Eucharist of the Lord's Entry into Jerusalem**

### **THE GATHERING**

*The clergy, choir and people gather in the front garden of the Vicarage.*

### **ANTIPHON**

*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.



Priest In the name of the Father  
 and the + Son  
 and the Holy Spirit.  
 The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

### **INTRODUCTION**

Priest Dear brothers and sister 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 people hold up their palms while the following prayer is said over the palms.*

## **BLESSING OF THE PSALMS**

Priest 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.

All **Amen.**

*Holy Water is then sprinkled and the palms/people censed.*

## **THE GOSPEL ACCOUNT OF THE ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM** **Matthew 21: 1-11**

Priest Hear the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew

All **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 will send them back 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.'

Reader The Gospel of the Lord

All **Praise to you, O Christ**

## **THE PROCESSION**

Priest Let us go forth in peace, praising Jesus our Messiah.

*Procession back to the church*

## **HYMNS**

### **I I All glory, laud and honour**

*Refrain:*

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

1. Thou art the King of Israel,  
thou David's royal Son,  
who in the Lord's name comest,  
the king and blessed one. *R*
2. The company of angels  
are praising thee on high,  
and mortals, joined with all things  
created, make reply. *R*
3. The people of the Hebrews  
with palms before thee went:  
our praise and prayer and  
anthems  
before thee we present. *R*
4. To thee before thy passion  
they sang their hymns of praise:  
to thee now high exalted  
our melody we raise. *R*
5. Thou didst accept their praises,  
accept the prayers we bring,  
who in all good delightest,  
thou good and gracious king. *R*

### **Hymn: Ride on, ride on**

Ride on, ride on, the time is right:  
the roadside crowds scream with delight;  
Palm branches mark the pilgrim way  
Where beggars squat and children play.

Ride on, ride on, your critics wait,  
intrigue and rumour circulate;  
New lies abound in word and jest,  
And trust becomes a suspect guest.

Ride on, ride on, while well aware  
that those who shout and wave and stare,  
Are mortals who, with common breath,  
Can crave for life and lust for death

Ride on, ride on, though blind with tears,  
though dumb to speak and deaf to jeers.  
Your path is clear, though few can tell  
Their garments pave the road to hell.

Ride on, ride on, the room is let,  
the wine matured, the saw is whet;  
And dice your death-throes shall attend  
Though faith, not fate, dictates your end.

Ride on, ride on, God's love demands.  
Justice and peace lie in your hands.  
Evil and angels' voices rhyme:  
This is the man and this the time.

### **The Collect**

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**

### **Isaiah 50:4-9a**

#### ***A reading from the Prophet Isaiah***

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, 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. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. 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. 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; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 31:10-18**

℟️ Into your hands I commend my spirit.

Have mercy on me, Lord, for I am in trouble; my eye is consumed with sorrow, my soul and my body also.

For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;  
my strength fails me because of my affliction,  
and my bones are consumed. R̄

I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbours,  
an object of dread to my acquaintances; when they see me in the street  
they flee from me. R̄

I am forgotten like one that is dead, out of mind; I have become like a  
broken vessel.

For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is on every side;  
they scheme together against me,  
and plot to take my life. R̄

But my trust is in you. O Lord. I have said, "You are my God.

"My times are in your hand;

deliver me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

"Make your face to shine upon your servant, and save me for your mercy's  
sake." R̄

## **Philippians 2 5:11**

### ***A reading from the letter of St 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 some thing 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

**All: Thanks be to God**

### **Gospel Acclamation**

#### **Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory**

Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names

#### **Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory**

## **THE PASSION GOSPEL**

### **Offertory Hymn**

**335** Meekness and majesty

**Anthem:** We remember how you loved us - Marty Haugen

### **Communion Hymn**

**72** - Broken for me, broken for you

### **Recessional Hymn**

#### **We Sing Of A Love**

- 1) We sing a love that sets all people free,  
that blows like wind, that burns like scorching flame,  
enfolds the earth, springs up like water clear:  
come, living love, live in our hearts today.
- 2) We sing a love that seeks another's good,  
that longs to serve and not to count the cost,  
a love that, yielding, finds itself made new:  
come, caring love, live in our hearts today.
- 3) We sing a love, unflinching, unafraid  
to be itself, despite another's wrath,  
a love that stands alone and undismayed:  
come, strengthening love, live in our hearts today.
- 4) We sing a love that, wandering, will not rest  
until it finds its way, its home, its source,  
through joy and sadness pressing on refreshed:  
come, pilgrim love, live in our hearts today.
- 5) We sing the Holy Spirit, full of love,  
who seeks out scars of ancient bitterness,  
brings to our wounds the healing grace of Christ:  
come, radiant love, live in our hearts today.

**Voluntary:** Chorale prelude on 'Now thank we all our God' - Paul Manz

*Please do join us for coffee in the Church Hall after the service*

**Please Pray for:**  
**EAST AFRICA CRISIS**  
**WESTMINSTER PALACE ATTACK**

**Our Schools:** Nyewood Schools

**The Sick:** Christine (Neil) Harris, Oliver Baxter-Smith, Joanna Holley, John Crompton, Shirley Johnson, Peter Herzog, Rita Thompson, Jason, Brendan Soul, Christine (Robert) Harris, Malcolm Nixon, Clive Blackman, Neil Stanaway, Margaret Richards.

**The Departed:** Ruby Horner.

**DIARY**

**May 2017**

**27<sup>th</sup> 60s Night with the RAFA Skiffle Band.** Further details soon.

**June 2017**

**25<sup>th</sup> 'Pimms and Hymns'** further details shortly.

**July 2017**

**22<sup>nd</sup> Vintage Tea Party with Stalls** further details shortly.

**House Groups**

**Monday afternoons** at 14:30 - 16:30 **The Monday House Group** will reconvene on 24<sup>th</sup> April in the Committee Room at Church 14:30pm - 16:30pm ☎ Gill Hutchison 01243 827990

**Thursday evenings** Group will reconvene at 19:15 Furse Field on 4<sup>th</sup> May. ☎ Linda Beckley 01243 840772

**Men's Breakfast**

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday 08:30 Aldwick Hotel. Bookings:

☎ Roger Hollingshead 07860 794295 or Keith Richards 01243 822808

**Gift Aid Envelopes**

If you pay Income Tax please use one of the gift aid envelopes as this will increase your donation by 25%.



# HOLY WEEK

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Sunday 9th April

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD**  
(Palms will be blessed at both the 8am and 10.30am Eucharists)

8am Holy Communion

10.30am Parish Eucharist with Reading of the Passion from St Matthew's Gospel

6pm Sung Evensong

Monday in Holy Week 10th April

10am Eucharist

Tuesday in Holy Week 11th April

10am Eucharist

Wednesday in Holy Week 12th April

6.30pm Stations of the Cross followed by the Eucharist

Maundy Thursday 13th April

10am Morning Eucharist in Holy Week

7.30pm **EVENING EUCHARIST OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

9pm **WATCH OF PRAYER AND ADORATION** to Midnight  
Spend 3 minutes or 3 hours to be with the Lord

Good Friday 14th April

9.30am Children's Workshop and Worship (to 11.30am)

10am Walk of Witness This starts at the Methodist Church

2pm Good Friday Liturgy

Holy Saturday 15th April

5pm Evening Prayer

7pm **EASTER VIGIL AND FIRST EUCHARIST OF THE RESURRECTION**

Sunday 16th April

**EASTER DAY**

8am Holy Communion

10.30am Parish Eucharist