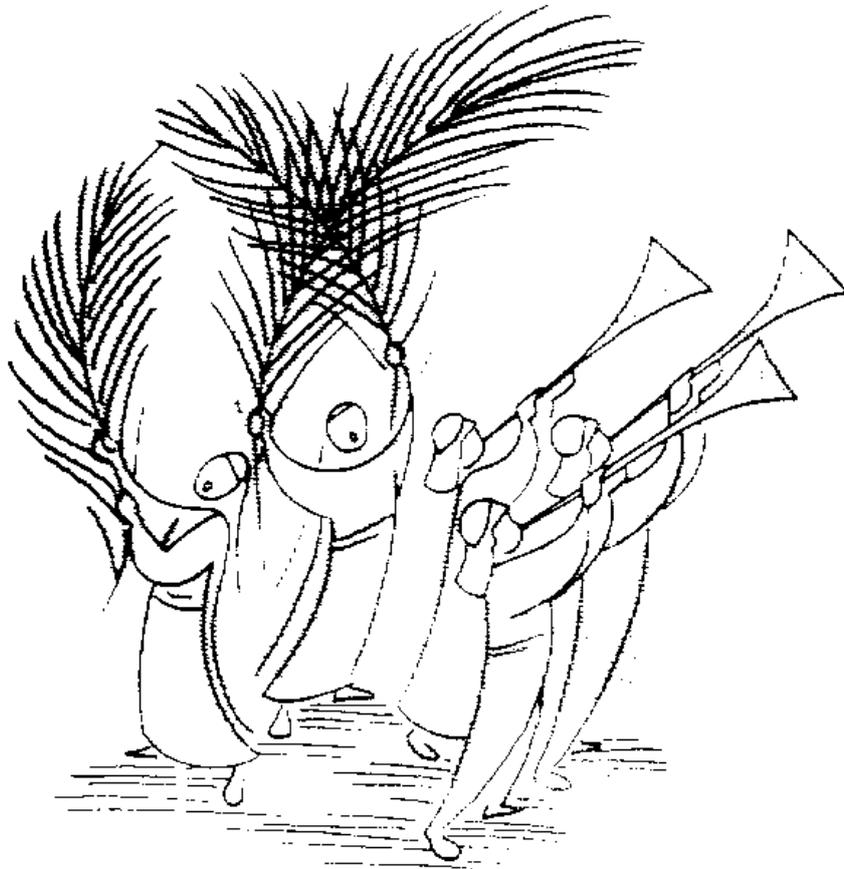


St Michael's Church

Sunday 5th April

Palm Sunday



The Triumphal Entry of Jesus into Jerusalem

Throughout the world, on this day, Christian churches remember the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. The branches and palms carried in procession mark the beginning of the *Great Week*, which will climax in the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus.

As today we remember the bold witness of the first disciples and followers of Jesus in Jerusalem, let us in our day be bold in our witness of the Lord.

Do enter into Holy Week, as it is a week to stand up and be counted - it may mean having to put ourselves out a bit and making some tough decisions, but our stand and our witness may be enough to inspire others to ask questions about their faith in the Lord.

Opening Sentence

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

Greeting

Dear friends in Christ, for five weeks of Lent we have been preparing, by works of charity and self-sacrifice, for the celebration of our Lord's paschal mystery. Today we come together to begin the solemn celebration in union with the whole Church throughout the world. Christ entered in triumph into His own city, to complete His work as our Messiah: to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us remember with devotion this entry, which began His saving work and follow Him with a lively faith. United with Him in His suffering on the Cross, may we share His resurrection and new life.

Blessing of the Palms

Let us pray.

Almighty God, we pray you bless + these branches and make them holy.

Today we joyfully acclaim Jesus our Messiah and King.

May we reach one day the happiness

of the new and everlasting Jerusalem

by faithfully following Him

who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Gospel

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord.

When they were near Jerusalem and had come in sight of Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village facing you, and you will immediately find a tethered donkey and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you are to say, 'The Master needs them and will send them back directly.'" This took place to fulfil the prophecy: Say to the daughter of Zion: Look, your king comes to you; he is humble, he rides on a donkey and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden. So the disciples went out and did as Jesus had told them. They brought the donkey and the colt, then they laid their cloaks on their backs and he sat on them. Great crowds of people spread their cloaks on the road, while others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them in his path. The crowds who went in front of him and those who followed were all shouting:

"Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest heavens!"

And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil. "Who is this?" people asked, and the crowds answered, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

Procession into Church

Let us go forth in peace, praising Jesus our Messiah,
as did the crowds who welcomed Him to Jerusalem.

Procession Hymn

**R. 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. **R**

The company of angels are praising thee on high,
and mortals, joined with all things created, make reply. **R**

The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went:
our praise and prayer and anthems before thee we present. **R**

To thee before thy passion they sang their hymns of praise:
to thee now high exalted our melody we raise. **R**

Thou didst accept their praises, accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious king. **R**

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
who as an example of humility for the human race to follow
caused our Saviour to take flesh and submit to the Cross,
graciously grant that we may heed his lesson of patient suffering
and so merit a share in his Resurrection.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

First reading

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah(50:4-7)

The Lord has given me
a disciple's tongue.
So that I may know how to reply to the wearied
he provides me with speech.
Each morning he wakes me to hear,
to listen like a disciple.
The Lord has opened my ear.
For my part, I made no resistance,
neither did I turn away.
I offered my back to those who struck me,
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;
I did not cover my face
against insult and spittle.
The Lord comes to my help,
so that I am untouched by the insults.
So, too, I set my face like flint;
I know I shall not be shamed.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Second reading

A reading from St Paul's letter to the Philippians. (2:6-11)

His state was divine,
yet Christ Jesus did not cling
to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave
and became as men are;
and being as all men are,
he 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 other names
so that all beings
in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

This is the word of the Lord
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!

Gospel

The Lord be with you,
And also with you.

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Narrator First thing in the morning, the chief priest together with the elders and scribes, in short the whole Sanhedrin, had their plan ready. They had Jesus bound and took him away and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate questioned him,

Pilate Are you the king of the Jews?

Narrator He answered,

Jesus It is you who say it,

Narrator The chief priests brought many accusations against him. Pilate questioned him again,

Pilate Have you no reply at all? See how many accusations they are bringing against you!

Narrator But to Pilate's amazement, Jesus made no further reply. At festival time Pilate used to release a prisoner for them, anyone they asked for. Now a man called Barabbas was then in prison with the rioters who had committed murder during the uprising. When the crowd went up and began to ask Pilate the customary favour, Pilate answered them,

Pilate Do you want me to release for you the king of the Jews?

Narrator For he realised it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed Jesus over. The chief priests, however, had incited the crowd to demand that he should release Barabbas for them instead. Then Pilate spoke again.

Pilate But in that case, what am I to do with the man you call king of the Jews?

Narrator They shouted back,
All Crucify him!

Narrator Pilate asked them,

Pilate Why? What harm has he done?

Narrator But they shouted all the louder,

All Crucify him!

Narrator So Pilate, anxious to placate the crowd, released Barabbas for them and, having ordered Jesus to be scourged, handed him over to be crucified. The soldiers led him away to the inner part of the palace, that is, the Praetorium, and called the whole cohort together. They dressed him up in purple, twisted some thorns into a crown and put it on him. And they began saluting him,

All Hail, king of the Jews!

Narrator They struck his head with a reed and spat on him; and they went down on their knees to do him homage. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the purple and dressed him in his own clothes.

They led him out to crucify him. They enlisted a passer-by, Simon of Cyrene, father of Alexander and Rufus, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross. They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha, which means the place of the skull.

They offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he refused it. Then they crucified him, and shared out his clothing, casting lots to decide what each should get. It was the third hour when they crucified him. The inscription giving the charge against him read: 'The King of the Jews.' And they crucified two robbers with him, one on his right and one on his left. The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said,

All Aha! So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself: come down from the cross!

Narrator The chief priests and the scribes mocked him among themselves in the same way. They said,

All He saved others, he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the king of Israel, come down from the cross now, for us to see it and believe.

Narrator Even those who were crucified with him taunted him. When the sixth hour came there was darkness over the whole land

until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice,

Jesus Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?

Narrator This means

Jesus 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?'

Narrator When some of those who stood by heard this, they said,

All Listen, he is calling on Elijah.

Narrator Someone ran and soaked a sponge in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it him to drink, saying,

Bystander Wait and see if Elijah will come to take him down.

Narrator But Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. (Pause) And the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The centurion, who was standing in front of him, had seen how he had died, and he said,

Centurion In truth this man was a son of God.

Narrator This is the Passion of Christ.

All: Praise to you O Christ.

Intercessions

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

The Peace

Priest: Christ is our peace he has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross; we meet in his name and share his peace!

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Prayers

Priest: Let us pray my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

People: **May the Lord accept this sacrifice at your hands,
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

Prayer over the Gifts

Through the Passion of your Only Begotten Son, O Lord,
may our reconciliation with you be near at hand,
so that, though we do not merit it by our own deeds,
yet by this sacrifice made once for all,
we may feel already the effects of your mercy.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you,
and with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts,
we lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right and just..... *The Eucharist prayer continues*

The Communion

Our Father

Let us pray with confidence to the Father
in the words our Saviour gave 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.

The priest continues

**For the Kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours now and for ever**

Breaking of the Bread:

Priest: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**People: Though we are many we are one body, because we all
share in the one bread.**

Preparation for Communion:

All: **With this bread...**

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the
sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of
the Lamb.

People: **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my
roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

All: **With this wine...**

Communion:

Priest: The Body of Christ.

Communicant: **Amen.**

Minister: The Blood of Christ.

Communicant: **Amen.**

Communion Antiphon

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it,
your will be done.

Prayer after Communion

Nourished with these sacred gifts,
we humbly beseech you, O Lord,
that, just as through the death of your Son
you have brought us to hope for what we believe,

so by his Resurrection
you may lead us to where you call.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Prayer over the People

Look, we pray, O Lord, on this your family,
for whom our Lord Jesus Christ
did not hesitate to be delivered into the hands of the wicked
and submit to the agony of the Cross.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Priest: May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, + and
the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Priest: The Mass is ended, Go in peace

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Notices

Holy Week – For the Christian there is no other week like Holy Week. Then more than any other we are encouraged to put Christ first as we solemnly recall his passion, death and resurrection.

To help us in these challenging times to walk with Our Lord from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday we will be sending out by email today and placing on the Church website a booklet for you to use at home in this holiest of weeks.

The passion of Our Lord and the agony of the cross was for Jesus a time of deep loneliness and isolation. We share more than ever before those same feelings and are closer to Our Saviour in all we are experiencing as we are separated from those we love and from one another.

So with Jesus we place this Holy Week into God's hands, doing all we can to remain true and faithful, remembering that we are an Easter people and that with God all things are possible!

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We pray for all who are ill, that God may grant them health and peace:

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for those who have died recently

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and for all whose anniversary of death falls at this time:

7th April

George Spreadbury

10th April

Margaret Butler, Doris Shadbolt