

A very warm Welcome to St Michael's Church

Palm Sunday
Sunday 28th March 2021



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.

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. **Amen**

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 the letter of St Paul 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 tom 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.

Sermon

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 men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate of 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.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshipped and glorified.
He 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.**

Intercessions (Sit)

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The Peace

Jesus tells us:

'If you bring your gift to the altar and then remember that your neighbour has something against you, first be reconciled with your neighbour and then offer your gift.' (Mt. 5:24)

Christ 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.

And also with your spirit.

Offertory Prayers

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made; it will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands; it will become for us our spiritual drink.

Blessed be God for ever.

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

**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

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

Preface

Father, all-powerful and ever living God, we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Though he was sinless, he suffered willingly for sinners. Though innocent, he accepted death to save the guilty. By his dying he has destroyed our sins. By his rising he has raised us up to holiness of life.

We praise you, Lord, with all the angels
in their song of joy:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
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.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that, by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of all,
rejoicing at his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate the memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.
Send the holy spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,

so that we, in the company of Holy Mary mother of God,
St Michael and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
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. Amen.

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.
For thine is the Kingdom, the power,
and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the bread

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

**Though we are many, we are one Body,
because we all share in one Bread.**

Lamb of God

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

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

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

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the World.
Happy are those who are called to His supper.

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

Communion Antiphon

Father, if this cup may not pass, but I must drink it,
then your will be done.

If watching the Mass online, we would encourage you to join in with the liturgy. At the point at which the clergy who are present receive Holy Communion you may wish to make an act of spiritual communion by using one of the following prayers:

My Jesus, I believe that you are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you.
Amen.

Or

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the bread of life and the one true vine. I believe that you are truly present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist. I seek you. I worship and adore you. Since I cannot receive you in the Eucharistic bread and wine, I pray that you will come into my heart and soul, that I may be united to you, by your all-powerful and ever-present Holy Spirit. Let me receive you, and be nourished by you. Become for me the manna in my wilderness, the bread of angels for my very human journey through time, a foretaste of the heavenly banquet, and solace in the hour of my death. I pray all this, trusting that you yourself are our Life, our Peace, and our everlasting Joy. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

Lord,
you have satisfied our hunger
with this Eucharistic food.
The death of your Son gives us hope
and strengthens our faith.
May his resurrection give us perseverance
and lead us to salvation.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **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.

Blessing

The Lord be with you,
and also with you.

The Father of mercies has given us an example of unselfish love in the sufferings of his only Son. Through our service of God and neighbour may we receive his countless blessings. **Amen.**

We believe that by his dying
Christ destroyed death for ever.
May he give us everlasting life. **Amen.**

He humbled himself for our sakes.
May we follow his example
and share in his resurrection. **Amen.**

May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son + and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Angelus

The angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary
And she conceived by the Holy Spirit

Hail, Mary, full of grace
The Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women,
And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

**Holy Mary, Mother of God,
Pray for us sinners, now,
And at the hour of our death.**

Behold the handmaid of the Lord
Be it unto me according to thy word.

Hail Mary.....

Holy Mary.....

And the Word was made flesh.

And dwelt among us

Hail Mary.....

Holy Mary.....

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

We beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts;
That as we have known the incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by
the message of an angel, so by his Cross and Passion we may be
brought to the glory of his Resurrection; Through Jesus Christ our
Lord. **Amen**

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Bounds Green food bank – wish list: -

Urgently needed food items include tinned fruit/meat/fish/ sauces.
tea bags, dried pasta/Rice uht milk, condensed milk.
breakfast cereal, jam, honey, sugar and cleaning products.

Any Easter themed produce will also be greatly received at this time

Thank you to all who have given so far, it is much appreciated. We are pleased to accept any donations and pass them on to the food bank.

Thank you for the support it really is appreciated especially as we are feeding over 250 families each week. Revised opening days
Tuesdays and Thursdays 2-4pm

Holy Week – For the Christian there is no other week like Holy Week.

We are pleased to be able to offer the following service for Holy Week. Please remember that it is important to book a place as we have to limit seating at both of our churches. We shall stream our services online live via our Facebook page for those unable to join us. The services are as follows:-

Palm Sunday

Parish Mass 10.30am at Wood Green

Parish Mass 11:00am at Bowes

Monday of Holy Week

Devotion through art 3.30pm -5pm on Zoom (call Fr Engin for details)

Night Prayer on Facebook 8pm

Tuesday of Holy Week

Mass with Stations of the Cross 11am at Bowes

Bible Study on Zoom 1.30pm

Evening Prayer on Zoom 6pm

Wednesday in Holy Week

Mass with homily 12noon

Evening Prayer on Zoom 6pm

Maundy Thursday

Mass of the Last Supper: 7pm -8pm (Please book if poss)

Vigil of prayer: 8pm – 9pm

Good Friday

Stations of the Cross & Good Friday Liturgy 12noon – 2pm

(Please book if poss)

Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil and first Mass of Easter: 7.30pm at Bowes (Please book)

Easter Sunday

Parish Mass 10.30am Wood Green (Please book)

Parish Mass 11:00am Bowes

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

Georgia Cordell, Naomi Brown, Francis Ng Yu Tin, Milan, Baby Naira, Mildred, Kathleen, Eric, Kate, Seelah, Maureen Clements, Jean Bjork, Simon Payen, Shirley Angus, Augustus Olufunwa, Chris Zinzan, Christopher Gibbons, Jazzmine Grimes, Androulla & Fannos Hadjiordani Ray and Pam Bennett , Emmanuel Kuye, Doreen Lelliot, Bob Wood, Krystyna Hammil, Cicely Blalock, Amy Harris, Jerry Moran, Daniel Sintin, Sally Sintin, Amie Samura, Victor Snaith; Marcus Cullen, Jennifer Douglas, Alexandra F Assis, Joshua Rattray, Victorine Clarke, Thomas Hewitt, Geri Thompson, Mary Thompson, Sarah Reggerie, Ian Lennon, Kathleen Wale, Serena Forni, Derek Ogden, Lawrence Barrett, Dominic Swift, Peter John Clements, Patience Mafunga, Jereline Simoms, Ayo Dumbuya, , Dorren Norine, Beverley Pownall, Shola Adebowale ,Una and Pat Murphy , Andrea Negri, Shane Claridge, Francis Burniston, James Ighodaro, Theresa Naish, Loiuse, Anastasia, Allen, Jean Bromley, Angela Whyte, Josephine Baker, Saman Joseph, Myrtle, Brenda la Rose, Joe Donkor, Dorothy, Brandon, Ronald, Edna Noel, Anita Atherley, Evelyn Baker, Vincent Booth, Rita Thompson, Mark,

for those who have died recently

Clydie Noel, Derek Dobner, Eileen Potter, Shanika

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

1ST April

Steve Payen

3rd April

Cecil Bowyer

St Michael's Candle: Is burning in loving memory of Steve Payen

The Blessed Sacrament Candle: is burning in loving memory of
Rosemary Canjee

The Blessed Virgin Mary's Candle: is burning in loving memory of
Tylemay Vythelingum