



St John the Divine
Eucharist Service
Palm/Passion Sunday
28th March 2021

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The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Welcome & notices

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Dear sisters and brothers 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.

As we hold up our palm crosses, let us pray.
God our Saviour,
whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as Messiah to suffer and to die;
let these palm crosses 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 of eternal life;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Mark 11.1–11

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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,

'Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

This is the Gospel of the Lord,
praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Hymn: All glory praise and honour
Theodulph of Orleans (d.821),
tr. John Mason Neale (1818-66) alt. - tune: St Theodulph
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**All glory, praise and honour
to you, redeemer, king,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.**

- 1. You are the king of Israel
and David's royal son,
now in the Lord's name coming,
the king and blessed one.**
All glory, praise and honour ...
- 2. The company of angels
are praising you on high,
and we and all creation
exultant make reply.**
All glory, praise and honour ...
- 3. The people of the Hebrews
with palms before you went:
our praise and prayer and anthems
before you we present.**
All glory, praise and honour ...
- 4. To you before your passion
they sang their hymns of praise:
to you now high exalted
our melody we raise.**
All glory, praise and honour ...
- 5. Their praises you accepted:
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good take pleasure,
our good and gracious king.**
All glory, praise and honour ...

THE LITURGY OF THE PASSION

Let us pray.

God of all,
you gave your only-begotten Son
to take the form of a servant,
and to be obedient even to death on a cross:
give us the same mind that was in Christ Jesus
that, sharing in his humility,
we may come to be with him in his glory,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A reading from the prophecy of Isaiah 50.4-9a

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 awakens—
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 backwards.
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?

May your word live in us,
and bear much fruit to your glory.

Psalm 31.9-18

⁹ Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble:
my eye wastes away for grief,
my throat also and my inward parts.

¹⁰ **For my life wears out in sorrow,
and my years with sighing:
my strength fails me in my affliction,
and my bones are consumed.**

¹¹ I am become the scorn of all my enemies:
and my neighbours wag their heads in derision.

¹² **I am a thing of horror to my friends:
and those that see me in the street shrink from
me.**

¹³ I am forgotten like one dead and out of mind:
I have become like a broken vessel.

¹⁴ **For I hear the whispering of many:
and fear is on every side;**

¹⁵ While they plot together against me:
and scheme to take away my life.

¹⁶ **But in you, Lord, have I put my trust:
I have said 'You are my God.'**

¹⁷ All my days are in your hand:
O deliver me from the power of my enemies
and from my persecutors.

¹⁸ **Make your face to shine upon your servant:
and save me for your mercy's sake.**

A reading from Paul's letter to the church in Philippi 2.5–
11

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 something 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.

May your word live in us

And bear much fruit to your glory.

Hymn: From opposite directions

Lucy Berry (b.1957) - tune: Aurelia

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- 1. From opposite directions
two great processions came:
one in the name of Power,
one in Salvation's name.
One from Oppressions' palace
beneath an emperor's thumb.
The other from the people,
the village and the slum.**
- 2. From opposite directions
rode Pontius Pilate in,
expediency's servant,
the willing slave of sin;
and Jesus Christ, a servant
to love which never dies,
to God, to us, to Meaning,
to dreadful sacrifice.**
- 3. From opposite directions
they rode from east and west;
God on a borrowed donkey
and Rome its pure-bred best,
while two great crowds of people
applauded in one breath
the brutish might of bullies
or love which conquers death.**
- 4. From opposite directions
we still are called today.
We choose to join with power -
or take the other Way;
while some wave palms and worship,
declare we're Jesus' friend,
yet disappear, like magic,
before the bitter end.**

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
St Mark 14 & 15

(After Mark 14 is read, Mark 15 continues here)

... As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a
consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole
council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed
him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him, 'Are you the King of
the Jews?' He answered him, 'You say so.' Then the
chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked

him again, 'Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.' But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them, 'Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?' For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again, 'Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?' They shouted back, '**Crucify him!**' Pilate asked them, 'Why, what evil has he done?' But they shouted all the more, '**Crucify him!**' So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him, 'Hail, King of the Jews!' They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

Please stand if able to

They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, 'The King of the Jews.' And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, 'Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!' In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, 'He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe.' Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, 'Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?' which means, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, 'Listen, he is calling for Elijah.' And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, 'Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.' Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

Pause for silent reflection

And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, 'Truly this man was God's Son!'

There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.

There is a short silence. There is no sermon.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

As we pray, we stand with Christ in his suffering.

Response:

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

**Holy God,
holy and mighty,
holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.**

THE GREETING OF 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.

And also with you.

Offertory hymn: Ride on, ride on in majesty
Henry Hart Milman (1791-1868) alt. - tune: Winchester New
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- 1. Ride on, ride on in majesty;
hark, all the tribes hosanna cry!
O Saviour, meek, pursue your road
with palms and scattered garments strowed.**
- 2. Ride on, ride on in majesty,
in lowly pomp ride on to die;
O Christ, your triumphs now begin
o'er captive death and conquered sin.**

**3. Ride on, ride on in majesty;
your last and fiercest strife is nigh;
the Father on his sapphire throne
awaits his own anointed Son.**

**4. Ride on, ride on in majesty,
in lowly pomp ride on to die;
bow your meek head to mortal pain,
then take, O God, thy power and reign!**

Jesus, true vine and the bread of life,
ever giving yourself that the world might live,
let us share your death and passion:
make us perfect in your love.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who became obedient unto death,
even death on a cross.

He offered the one true sacrifice for sin,
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

The tree of defeat became the tree of victory;
where life was lost, there life has been restored.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
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.

Merciful God, we thank you

for these gifts of your creation,
this bread and wine,

and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,
we who eat and drink them
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;
and when he had given you thanks
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup,

and again giving you thanks
he gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Drink from this, all of you.

This is my blood of the new covenant
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.

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:
proclaiming his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross,
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming again,
we celebrate, with this bread and this cup,
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit,
unite us in the body of your Son,
and bring us with all your people
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom, and in whom,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you, Father,
in songs of never-ending praise:
**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

As our Saviour Christ has taught us,
we are confident to pray,

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

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

We who are many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.

Come, let us take this holy sacrament of the body and
blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and
feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

SENDING OUT GOD'S PEOPLE

Let us pray.

God our help and strength,
through these holy mysteries confirm our faith
that by the death and resurrection of your Son
we may walk in the way of salvation.

**Father,
we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.**

Hymn: My song is love unknown

Samuel Crossman (1624-84) alt. - tune: Love Unknown
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1. **My song is love unknown,
my Saviour's love to me,
love to the loveless shown
that they might lovely be.
O who am I
that for my sake
my Lord should take
frail flesh, and die?**
2. **He came from his blest throne
salvation to bestow:
but all made strange, and none
the longed-for Christ would know.
But O my friend!
my friend indeed,
who at my need
his life did spend.**
3. **Sometimes they strew his way
and his sweet praises sing,
resounding all the day
hosannas to their King.
Then "Crucify!"
is all their breath
and for his death
they thirst and cry.**
4. **They rise and needs will have
my dear Lord made away;
a murderer they save;
the Prince of life they slay.
Yet cheerful he
to suffering goes,
that he his foes
from thence might free.**
5. **Here might I stay and sing,
no story so divine;
never was love, dear King,
never was grief like thine.
This is my friend,
in whose sweet praise
I all my days
could gladly spend.**

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 of life and peace. **Amen.**

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

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NOTICES

Thu 1 Apr - Maundy Thursday - 7.30pm
Jesus washes disciples' feet at the Last Supper

Fri 2 Apr - Good Friday - 9.30am
Commemoration of the death of Christ

Sat 3 Apr - Holy Saturday - 7.30pm
Service of Light & Easter Vigil (no eucharist)
Part A: Anticipating the resurrection

Sun 4 Apr - Easter Day - 9.30am
Renewal of baptismal vows & Eucharist
Part B: Celebrating the resurrection
[Daylight Savings ends]