



10.30am Palm Sunday

The gateway to Holy Week

This year we walk through Holy Week with St Matthew, taking in the events of Jesus' journey to the Cross at a series of services each day. The long Passion reading, usually read today, will be broken up into smaller portions throughout the week, giving time for preaching and personal reflection. The readings for Holy Week are available in a separate booklet which is available in church.

An introduction to the Liturgy of Palm Sunday

In our celebration the Liturgy of Palm Sunday is divided into three sections.

The Entry into Jerusalem Here we commemorate Christ's entry into Jerusalem to accomplish his saving work by dying and rising again. In gathering outside the church and processing with palms we recreate his joyful entry and reception by the people.

The procession marks the beginning of the Holy Week Journey which will end at Calvary.

Jesus in the Temple Here we continue our reading of the events of Holy Week with the story of Jesus entering the Jerusalem Temple – God appearing in his sanctuary – and its cleansing. This in turn leads into the readings that will follow on the coming days of Holy Week. A sermon is then preached and intercessions offered.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament We have been in the crowds that followed Jesus and begun our Holy Week Journey. We respond by celebrating the memorial of our redemption, and feed on him who now, in this holiest of weeks, goes to his death.

The service will be streamed live on the Oakham Team Ministry Facebook page.

*Please join in the procession, the hymns and all the text in **bold**.*

Entry into Jerusalem

The Welcome

We gather outside the south entrance of the church for words of welcome and the blessing of the Palm Crosses.

The Choir will sing Hosanna Filio David by Tomas Luiz da Victoria (1540-1611).

After the Blessing all respond with the words:

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

The Palm Gospel *Matthew 21.1-11*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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 he will send them 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.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Collect

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.

Amen

We process into church following the choir and the minsters while the bells are rung. Arriving in church we join in singing the processional hymn.

Processional Hymn *All glory, laud and honour*



*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:
2. The company of angels
are praising thee on high,
and mortal men and all things
created make reply:
3. The people of the Hebrews
with palms before thee went:
our praise and prayer and anthems
before thee we present:
4. To thee before thy passion
they sang their hymns of praise:
to thee now high exalted
our melody we raise:
5. Thou didst accept their praises,
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King:
6. Thy sorrow and thy triumph
grant us, O Christ, to share,
that to the holy city
together we may fare:
7. For homage may we bring thee
our victory o'er the foe,
that in the Conqueror's triumph
this strain may ever flow:

*Words: Gloria, laus et honor, St Theodulph of Orleans (c750-821), translated by John Mason Neale (1818-1866)
Music: melody by Melchior Teschner (1584-1635), later form c 1613, harmonised by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
(Ancient & Modern – 159)*



The temple

The Epistle *Philippians 2.5-11*

Please sit

A reading from the letter of 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 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,

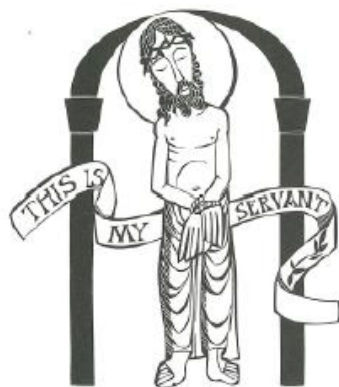
and every tongue should confess

that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Gradual Hymn *The Servant King*

Please stand.



1. From heaven you came, helpless
babe,
entered our world, your glory
veiled;
not to be served but to serve,
and give your life that we might live.

This is our God, the Servant King,
he calls us now to follow him,
to bring our lives as a daily offering
of worship to the Servant King.

2. There in the garden of tears,
my heavy load he chose to bear;
his heart with sorrow was torn.
'Yet not my will but yours,' he said.

3. Come, see his hands and his feet,
the scars that speak of sacrifice,
hands that flung stars into space,
to cruel nails surrendered.

4. So let us learn how to serve,
and in our lives enthrone him;
each other's needs to prefer,
for it is Christ we're serving.

*Words and music: Graham Kendrick (b 1950)
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The Gospel *Matthew 21.12-17*

We remain standing for the Gospel reading.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glorify to you O Lord.

Then Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who were selling and buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold doves. He said to them, 'It is written,

"My house shall be called a house of prayer"; but you are making it a den of robbers.'

The blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he cured them. But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the amazing things that he did, and heard the children crying out in the temple, 'Hosanna to the Son of David', they became angry and said to him, 'Do you hear what these are saying?' Jesus said to them, 'Yes; have you never read,

"Out of the mouths of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise for yourself"?' He left them, went out of the city to Bethany, and spent the night there.

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

Please sit.



The Communion

The Peace

Please stand.

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.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn *My song is love unknown*



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 men 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. Why, what hath my Lord done?
What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run,
he gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries!
yet they at these
themselves displease,
and 'gainst him rise.

7. 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.

5. 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.

6. In life, no house, no home
my Lord on earth might have;
in death, no friendly tomb
but what a stranger gave.
What may I say?
Heaven was his home;
but mine the tomb
wherein he lay.

*Words: Samuel Crossman (c1624-1683)
Music: Love Unknown, John Nicholson Ireland (1879-1962) (Ancient and Modern 147)*

The Eucharistic Prayer (B)

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

The Thanksgiving continues ending with

....exalting us there to join with angels and archangels
for ever praising you and singing:

**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.

The bread and the wine are blessed and the words of Jesus at the last Supper are used ending with

...Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

The prayer continues, ending with

.....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 Lord's Prayer

Please sit or kneel.

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.



The Breaking of the Bread

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes

**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.**

The giving of Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed 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.**

All who are baptised are welcome to receive the bread and wine at the altar rail. If you would like a blessing, please come to the altar rail, holding a copy of your service book.

Anthem Behold the Lamb of God
from *The Messiah* by G F Handel (1685-1759)

Communion hymn *The royal banners forward go*



1. The royal banners forward go,
the Cross shines forth in mystic glow,
where he in flesh, our flesh who made,
our sentence bore, our ransom paid.

2. There whilst he hung, his sacred side
by soldier's spear was opened wide,
to cleanse us in the precious flood
of water mingled with his blood.

3. Fulfill'd is now what David told
in true prophetic song of old,
how God the heathen's king should be
for God is reigning from the tree.

4. O tree of glory, tree most fair,
ordain'd those holy limbs to bear,
how bright in purple robe it stood,
the purple of a saviour's blood!

5. Upon its arms, like balance true
he weigh'd the price for sinners due,
the price which none but he could pay,
and spoiled the spoiler of his prey.

6. To thee, eternal Three in One,
let homage meet by all be done,
as by the cross thou dost restore,
so rule and guide us evermore. Amen

The Conclusion

Post Communion prayers

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.

Amen.

**Faithful God, may we who share this banquet
glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
our salvation, life and hope,
who reigns as Lord now and for ever. Amen.**

Notices

Closing Hymn *Ride on, ride on in majesty*



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| 1. Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hark, all the tribes hosanna cry:
O Saviour meek, pursue thy road
with palms and scattered garments strowed. | 3. Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The winged squadrons of the sky
look down with sad and wondering eyes
to see the approaching sacrifice. |
| 2. Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die:
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin
o'er captive death and conquered sin. | 4. Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The last and fiercest strife is nigh:
the Father on his sapphire throne
awaits his own anointed Son. |
| 5. Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
bow thy meek head to mortal pain,
then take, O God, thy power, and reign. | |

Words: Henry Hart Milman (1791-1868)

*Music: Winchester New, adapted from a chorale in Musicalisches Hand-Buch, Hamburg 1690
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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.

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

