



Holy Week 2020

Palm Sunday

Through Death to Life: Holy Week and the Triduum

In the Western Church, Holy Week has developed to follow the human story of Jesus closely. Emotionally, it sweeps us across the huge contrasts of atmosphere which are found in the Gospel narratives.

This stark and shocking change of mood can be seen throughout the week –

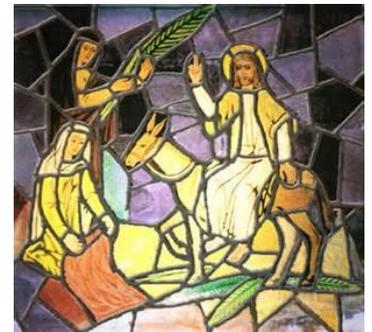
- in the sudden shift from the clownish celebrations of the Palm Sunday Procession to the reading of the Passion almost directly afterwards
- on Maundy Thursday, where we move from the bitter-sweet celebration of the Supper to the darkness of Gethsemane and the betrayal.

These contrasts are reflected in the ‘setting’ of the church – the dark, sparseness of an empty church after Maundy Thursday segues to sombre, painful waiting at the foot of the cross on Good Friday before the hushed candlelit expectancy at the beginning of the Vigil, which climaxes with exuberant light and noise-filled joy at the coming of the light.

During the events of Holy Week, Jesus is voluntarily ‘handed over’ into human hands. Before, he was in control; now he is in the hands of others to do with him what they will. The events culminate in the Triduum – one service running over three days from Maundy Thursday to Holy Saturday. On our journey to the Triduum, we follow Jesus as:

Palm Sunday – Hosanna to the Son of David

He enters Jerusalem to the acclaim of the crowds (who were to later jeer and call for his crucifixion). The triumph announces what will come later (the Resurrection), but first there will be the sad days of Jesus’ passion and death.

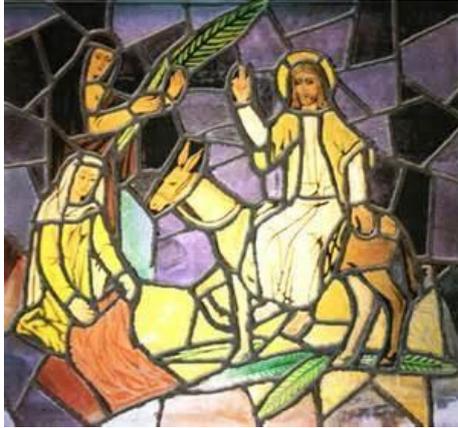


Mary of Bethany, the Betrayal of Judas and Preparations for the Last Supper

After the entrance into Jerusalem, we remember both a sweet figure and a sad figure. The first is Mary of Bethany, the sister of Lazarus and Martha. As a sign of her complete and freely given love for Jesus, she wipes his feet with expensive oil and then dries them with her hair.

Judas disapproves of this affectionate gesture – he could not comprehend of such an action, and arranges to betray Jesus for thirty silver coins. We pray that we may live the solemn days of Holy Week with the pure and passionate soul of Mary, rather than the cold, unfeeling soul of Judas.

PALM SUNDAY BLESSING OF PALMS, PROCESSION AND EUCHARIST



COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM AND THE BLESSING OF THE PALMS

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.

Hosanna in the Highest!

Behold your king comes to you, O Zion, meek and lowly, sitting upon an ass.

Ride on in the cause of truth and for the sake of justice.

Your throne is the throne of God, it endures for ever;

and the sceptre of your kingdom is a righteous sceptre.

You have loved righteousness and hated evil.

Therefore God, your God, has anointed you

with the oil of gladness above your fellows.

Hosanna in the Highest!

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all **and also with you.**

Dear brothers and sisters 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.

Everyone holds up their palms, while the President prays

God our Saviour,
whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as Messiah to suffer and to die;
bless + these palms, and
let them 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 is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

The Palm Gospel is read

THE PROCESSION

Let us go forth, praising Jesus our Messiah

We process to the Church, singing as we go

**We have a King who rides a donkey,
we have a King who rides a donkey,
we have a King who rides a donkey,
and his name is Jesus.**

*Jesus the King is risen, Jesus the King is risen,
Jesus the King is risen early in the morning.*

Trees are waving a royal welcome,
trees are waving a royal welcome,
trees are waving a royal welcome,
for the King called Jesus.

*Jesus the King is risen, Jesus the King is risen,
Jesus the King is risen early in the morning.*

We have a King who cares for
people,
we have a King who cares for people,
we have a King who cares for people,
and his name is Jesus

*Jesus the King is risen, Jesus the King is risen,
Jesus the King is risen early in the morning.*

*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 Blessèd One.

All glory, laud and honour...

The company of angels
Are praising Thee on High,
And mortal men and all things
Created make reply.

All glory, laud and honour...

The people of the Hebrews
With palms before Thee went;
Our prayer and praise and anthems
Before Thee we present.

All glory, laud and honour...

To Thee, before Thy passion,
They sang their hymns of praise;
To Thee, now high exalted,
Our melody we raise.

All glory, laud and honour...

Thou didst accept their praises;
Accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest,
Thou good and gracious King.
All glory, laud and honour...

ENTRANCE TO THE CHURCH

Jesus is coming: **SHOUT HOSANNA**
He's riding on a donkey: **SHOUT
HOSANNA**

Open the gates: **SHOUT HOSANNA**
Open the ancient doors: **SHOUT
HOSANNA**

Don't be afraid: **SHOUT HOSANNA**
Wave the branches: **SHOUT
HOSANNA**

Spread out your coats: **SHOUT
HOSANNA**

Peace in heaven: **SHOUT HOSANNA**
Glory in highest heaven: **SHOUT
HOSANNA**

Instruments are played, as we sing

RIDE ON, RIDE ON IN MAJESTY!

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hark, all the tribes hosanna cry:
O Saviour meek, pursue thy road
with palms and scattered garments
strowed.

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.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The winged squadrons of the sky
look down with sad and wondering
eyes
to see the approaching sacrifice.

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The last and fiercest strife is nigh:
the Father on his sapphire throne
awaits his own anointed Son.**

**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**

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray for a closer union with Christ
in his suffering and in his glory.

Silence is kept

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

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah, 50.4-9a

The Lord God has given me
the tongue of a teacher,[a]
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 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?
All of them will wear out like a garment;
the moth will eat them up.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

The parts in bold are spoken by all

Evangelist Now Jesus stood before the
governor; and the governor
asked him:
Pilate Are you the King of the Jews?
Jesus You say so
Evangelist But when he was accused by
the chief priests and elders,
he did not answer. Then
Pilate said to him:
Pilate Do you not hear how many
accusations they make against
you?

Evangelist But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge; so that the governor was greatly amazed. Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them:

Pilate Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?

Evangelist For he realised that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him:

Pilate's wife Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.

Evangelist Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them:

Pilate Which of the two do you want me to release for you?

Crowd Barabbas!

Pilate Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?

Crowd Let him be crucified.

Pilate Why? What evil has he done?

Crowd (louder) Let him be crucified.

Evangelist So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his

hands before the crowd:

Pilate I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.

Crowd His blood be on us and on our children!

Evangelist So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him:

Soldiers Hail, King of the Jews!

Evangelist They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him. As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene, named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means 'the place of a skull'), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, 'This is Jesus the King of the Jews'.

Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads:

Passers-by **You who would destroy the Temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.**

Evangelist In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him:

Priests **He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said: 'I am God's Son'.**

Evangelist The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way. From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice,

Jesus **Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?**
Evangelist That is, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' When some of the bystanders heard it, they said:

Bystanders **This man is calling for Elijah.**

Evangelist At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said,

Bystanders **Wait; let us see whether**

Elijah will come to save him.

Evangelist Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.

Silence

At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many of the bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said,

Centurion: Truly this man was God's Son!



HOMILY

SILENT REFLECTION



THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We stand with Christ in his Suffering.
For forgiveness for the many times
we have denied Jesus,

let us pray to the Lord
Lord, have mercy

LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

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 with you always
and also with you.

Let us offer one another the sign of peace

OFFERTORY HYMN

**Make way, make way
For Christ the King
In splendour arrives
Fling wide the gates and welcome
Him
Into your lives**

*Make way! (Make way!)
Make way! (Make way!)
For the King of kings
(For the King of kings)
Make way! (Make way!)
Make way! (Make way!)*

**And let His kingdom in
He comes the broken hearts to heal
The prisoners to free
The deaf shall hear, the lame shall
dance
The blind shall see
Make way!...**

**And those who mourn with heavy
hearts
Who weep and sigh
With laughter, joy and royal crown
He'll beautify.
Make way!...**

**We call you now to worship Him
As Lord of all
To have no gods before Him
Their thrones must fall!
Make way!...**

OFFERTORY PRAYERS

Jesus, true vine and 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 EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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 him thanks and
praise.**

It is indeed right and just, our duty and our
salvation, always and everywhere to give you
thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. For as the
time of his passion and resurrection draws
near the whole world is called to
acknowledge his hidden majesty. The power
of the life-giving cross reveals the judgement
that has come upon the world and the
triumph of Christ crucified. He is the victim
who dies no more, the Lamb once slain, who
lives for ever, our advocate in heaven to
plead our cause, exalting us there to join with
angels and archangels, for ever praising you
and saying:

SANCTUS (Tune: Ode to Joy)

**Holy, Holy, ever holy
God of endless pow'r and might;
Heav'n and earth display your glory,
Lord enthroned in endless light.
Christ has spread this feast before
us,
Offered up himself in love;
Now we join in celebration
With the blessed saints
above.**



**Blessed is the coming Saviour,
Sent in God his Father's name,
He whose flesh and blood are offered
Sinful people to reclaim,
So we join our glad hosannas,
Raise our voices to the height:
'Holy, holy, ever holy
God of endless pow'r and might!**

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.

Jesus Christ is Lord
**Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his

mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this 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 the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Thomas, St Chad, and all the saints, may praise and glorify you forever, 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, forever and ever.

Amen

Kneel or Sit

THE COMMUNION RITE

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

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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins 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.



All who have been baptised and who normally receive communion in their own church are welcome to come up to the Altar to receive. If you wish to come up for a blessing, please carry a copy of this service booklet with you.

COMMUNION HYMN

There is a green hill far away,
without a city wall,
where the dear Lord was crucified
who died to save us all.

We may not know, we cannot tell,
what pains he had to bear,
but we believe it was for us
he hung and suffered there.

He died that we might be forgiven,
he died to make us good,
that we might go at last to heaven,
saved by his precious blood.

There was no other good enough
to pay the price of sin,
he only could unlock the gate
of heaven and let us in.

O dearly, dearly has he loved!
And we must love him too,
and trust in his redeeming blood,
and try his works to do.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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

NOTICES & SENDING OUT

**Give me joy in my heart, keep me
praising,
Give me joy in my heart, I pray,
Give me joy in my heart, keep me
praising,
Keep me praising 'till the break of
day.**

**Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
Sing hosanna to the King of kings!
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
Sing hosanna to the King.**

**Help me follow the Lord, keep me
faithful
Help me follow the Lord, I pray,
Help me follow the Lord, keep me
faithful
Keep me faithful 'till the break of
day.**

**We will walk with the cross – help us
follow
We will walk to the cross today,
We will walk to the cross – help us
follow
Help us follow this and every day.**

The Lord be with you
And also with you

May the Father, who so loved the world that he
gave his only Son, bring you by faith to his eternal
life. **Amen.**

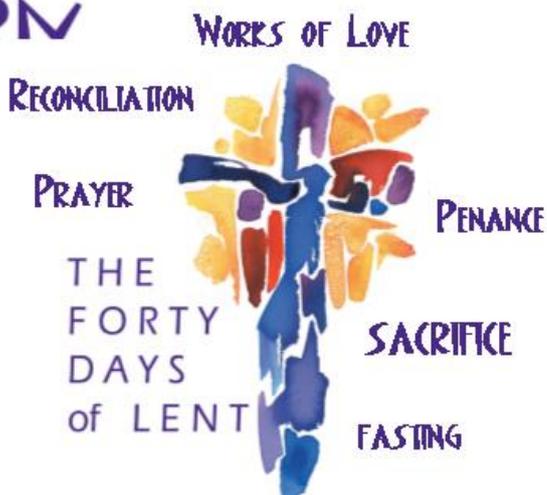
May Christ, who accepted the cup of sacrifice in
obedience to the Father's will, keep you steadfast
as you walk with him the way of his cross.
Amen.

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...**Amen.**

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

RETURN
to the
LORD
YOUR
GOD



SERVICES AND EVENTS
IN HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday	6.30pm	Way of the Cross with Words and Music (ST)
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Monday of Holy Week	6.30pm	“Given in love” – a reflective service with prayers for healing and anointing with Spikenard Oil (ST)
Tuesday of Holy Week	9.30am	Said Eucharist (ST)
	7.30pm	Compline (AS)
Wednesday of Holy Week	Daytime	Labyrinth (ST)
	7.30pm	“Called to the Cross” – a service of quiet devotion and prayers before the Blessed Sacrament (AS)
Maundy Thursday	11am	ChrisM Mass at Lichfield Cathedral
	8.00pm	Triduum Begins - Eucharist of the Last Supper with washing of the feet and watch until Midnight (HT)
Good Friday	10.00am	Matins and Litany of Good Friday (ST)
	12.00noon	An Hour at the Cross (AS)
	2.00pm	Triduum Continues – The Liturgy of Good Friday (HT)
	4.00pm-6.00pm	Explore Easter – Children’s Craft Event, including creating an Easter Garden (Community Hall followed by Church)
Holy Saturday	Daytime	Cleaning of all three churches, and preparation of Holy Trinity for a floral Stations of the Resurrection
	8.00pm	Triduum Ends - Easter Vigil followed by Easter Biscuits, Sparkling Wine and Fireworks (HT)