



St Mary's Church, Thorpe
10am LIVE from St Mary's Vicarage

THE LITURGY OF PALM SUNDAY

Commemoration of the Lord's Entry into Jerusalem

We begin with the Gospel, the blessing of the palms and then sing our celebration hymn as we remember Jesus riding into Jerusalem to shouts of Hosanna.

Please STAND

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

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.

This prayer of blessing is said by the priest over the palm branches:

God our Saviour, whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as Messiah to suffer and to die; let these palms 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.

All Amen.

The Gospel of the Palms

See the reverse of the weekly newsletter.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N.*
All Glory to you, O Lord.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All Praise to you, O Christ.

Let us go forth praising Jesus our Messiah.



Hymn

***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, and David's royal Son,
now in the Lord's name comest, the King and Blessèd One.**

**The company of angels are praising you on high;
and we with all creation - in chorus make reply.**

**The people of the Hebrews with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present.**

**To you before your passion
they sang their hymns of praise;
to you, now high exalted, our melody we raise.**

**As you received their praises, accept the prayers we bring,
for you delight in goodness, O good and gracious King!**

**Within that blessèd City, your praises ay we sing,
And ever raise hosannas to our most loving King.**

The Collect

The priest introduces a period of silent prayer with the words:

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

Silence is kept.

**Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love
towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour
Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh**

and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Please SIT

Reading *See the reverse of the weekly newsletter.*

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

Reading

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God**



An acclamation heralds the Gospel reading.

All **Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!**

The Reading of the Passion Gospel

Matthew 27: 11-54

The Lord be with you,

All **and also with you.**

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

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus said, 'You say so.' But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him, 'Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?' 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 a prisoner 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, 'Whom do you want me to release for you, Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?' For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the

judgement seat, his wife sent word to him, 'Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.' 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, 'Which of the two do you want me to release for you?' And they said,

All **'Barabbas.'**

Pilate said to them, 'Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?' All of them said,

All **'Let him be crucified!'**

Then he asked, 'Why, what evil has he done?' But they shouted all the more,

All **'Let him be crucified!'**

So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, 'I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.' Then the people as a whole answered,

All **'His blood be on us and on our children!'**

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, saying, 'Hail, King of the Jews!' 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 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 and saying, '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.' In the same way the chief priests also, along with the

scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, '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."' 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, 'Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?' That is, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, 'This man is calling for Elijah.' 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, 'Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.' Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. (*Silence is kept.*) 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 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, 'Truly this man was God's Son!'

This is the passion of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Palm Sunday Sermon

Intercessions

Lord hear us.

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Merciful Father,

All **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Please STAND

The 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.

All The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

The Collection

(our financial gift is usually gathered here. If you are able, please use our online method of donation instead, by clicking on the DONATE button our Facebook page or by PayPal on our church website: www.stmaryschurchthorpe.co.uk - thank you).

Offertory Hymn

The altar is prepared with the bread and wine, which the priest offers to God in thanksgiving.

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry;
Thy humble beat, pursues his road
with palms and scattered garments strewed.**

**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.**

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

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Your 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 your meek head to mortal pain,
then take, O God, your power and reign.**

Offertory Prayer

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.

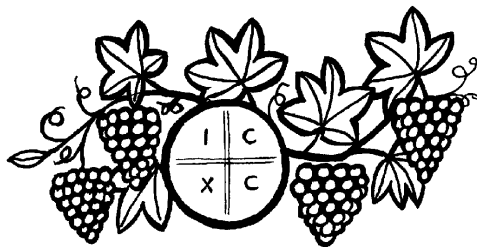
All Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer B

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them to the Lord.**

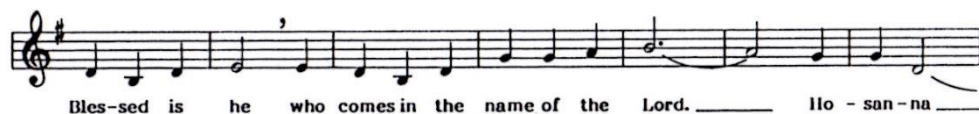
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**



The priest continues with the prayer until they sing:

And so, with all the choirs of angels in heaven, we proclaim
your glory, and join in their unending hymn of praise:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



*The priest continues to pray the words of the Eucharistic prayer,
recalling the words of Jesus at the last Supper.*

Descant (2nd time)

Celebrant or Deacon

All

Let us pro-claim the mys-ter-y of faith: Christ has died,

Christ is ri-sen, Christ — will come a -

come a - gain.

- gain, Christ will come a - gain.

The priest continues with the Eucharistic prayer until the doxology when they sing:

Through Him, with Him, in Him, in the unity
of the Spirit, all honour and glory be yours,
almighty Father, for ever and ever.

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a — men, a — men.

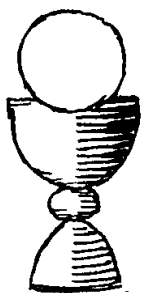
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The Lord's Prayer

Standing at the foot of the Cross, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour, Jesus Christ, has taught us:

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**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 priest breaks the consecrated bread.

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

The Agnus Dei

The cantor sings the verse and then everyone sings the refrain:

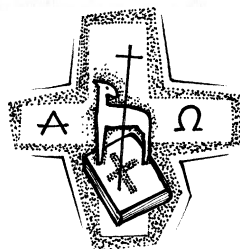


Hear our prayer, have merc-y; hear our prayer, have merc-y; give us your peace.

Giving of Communion

This is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

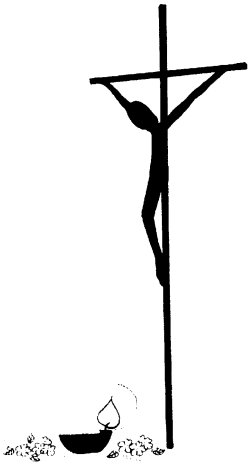
All **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**



Communion Hymn

Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness,
leave the gloomy haunts of sadness;
come into the daylight's splendour,
there with joy thy praises render
unto him whose grace unbounded
hath this wondrous banquet founded:
high o'er all the heavens he reign-eth,
yet to dwell with thee he deign-eth.

Now I sink before thee lowly,
filled with joy most deep and holy,
as with trembling awe and wonder
on thy mighty works I ponder:
how, by mystery surrounded,
depth no mortal ever sounded,
none may dare to pierce unbidden
secrets that with thee are hidden.



Sun, who all my life dost brighten,
light, who dost my soul enlighten,
joy, which through my spirit flow-eth,
fount, which life and health bestow-eth
at thy feet I cry, my Maker,
let me be a fit partaker
of this blessed food from heaven,
for our good, in spirit given.

Jesus, Bread of Life, I pray thee,
let me gladly here obey thee;
never to my hurt invited,
be thy love with love requited:
from this banquet let me measure,
Lord, how vast and deep its treasure;
through the gifts thou here dost give me,
as thy guest in heaven receive me.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Silence is kept

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.

All **Amen.**

All **We thank you, Lord, that you have fed us spiritually
in this Holy Sacrament, united us with Christ,
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet
prepared for all people. Amen.**

The Notices

The Blessing

Please STAND

All 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.

All **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.

All **Amen.**

May the Spirit, who strengthens us to suffer with Christ that we may share his glory, set your minds on life and peace.

All **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty, the + Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**



Hymn

**It is a thing most wonderful,
almost too wonderful to be,
that God's own Son should come from heav'n,
and die to save a child like me.**

**And yet I know that it is true:
He chose a poor and humble lot,
and wept and toiled and mourned and died
for love of those who loved Him not.**

**I cannot tell how He could love
a child so weak and full of sin;
His love must be most wonderful
if He could die my love to win.**

**I sometimes think about the cross,
and shut my eyes, and try to see
the cruel nails and crown of thorns,
and Jesus crucified for me.**



But even could I see Him die,
I could but see a little part
of that great love which, like a fire,
is always burning in His heart.

It is most wonderful to know
His love for me so free and sure;
but 'tis more wonderful to see
my love for him so faint and poor.

And yet I want to love Thee, Lord;
O light the flame within my heart,
and I will love Thee more and more,
until I see Thee as Thou art.

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ, Amen.

THIS IS HOLY WEEK

*Please join us as we continue our journey taking up our cross
and following in the footsteps of our Lord Jesus Christ:*

Holy Monday – Wednesday 10am Worship

Maundy Thursday 8pm Liturgy & watch of prayer

Good Friday 1pm Liturgy, reverencing the Cross
and Communion.

Holy Saturday 8pm Easter Vigil

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