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Holy Eucharist
Palm Sunday

Sunday 10th April 2022 • 8.45 am

Welcome to St Thomas' Cathedral for this service

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ: Palm Sunday

Today's worship begins with glad shouts of "Hosanna!" and moves to shouts of "Crucify him!" We journey with Jesus as he is welcomed in triumph upon entering Jerusalem and then is utterly rejected and crucified at Golgotha outside the gates of the city. We enter Holy Week today with prayers, music, and ceremonies that would be recognized by ancient pilgrims to Jerusalem walking the way of the cross.

This is not merely the story of Jerusalem two thousand years ago—it is our story, too. We have a part in this great act by which God redeems the whole of creation through Jesus Christ. Today we are part of the passion of Christ and through it we see the reality of God's saving action in our lives. Hosanna means "save us." The jarring intersection of triumph and defeat encompassed in this worship shows us that when the power of self and the powers of this world fail utterly it is in this humble, frail Jesus of Nazareth that the power of God is revealed. We shout hosanna not knowing what it will bring. It brings the cross, at once a terrible death and a throne of mercy for us. We are the children whom God so loved that the only Son was sent to live and die as one of us. There is no moment of defeat, of alienation, of brokenness, or even of death itself that can keep God from us.

Follow the readings and the Order of Service for the Lord's Supper in **The Book of Common Prayer** (refer page numbers). Hymns can be found in the **English Hymnal**.

For your safety please respect others and give one another space.

Please use **face covering** at all times during the service.

Please use hand sanitiser on the way in and out.

Please **take this order of service with you** to reflect on the prayers and readings and as a reminder of your visit.

Order of Service

The congregation is asked to join in all text printed in **bold**.

The Gathering

Voluntary

'Valet will ich dir geben' (Farewell, I gladly bid thee) J. S. Bach, BWV 735 (1685 - 1750)

All keep silence and prepare for worship.

Welcome

All STAND.

Commemoration of the Lord's entry into Jerusalem

All repeat after the Cantor.

Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel. Blesséd is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Words: St. Matthew 21. 9

Music: Harrison Oxley (1933 - 2009)

Presbyter All Blessèd is the One who comes in the name of the Lord:

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

All turn and face the West Door.

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.

God our Saviour, whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as Messiah to suffer and to die; † bless these palms, that they may 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 lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

Amen.

The congregation follows the choir and makes it way to the porch for the procession. Carry this service booklet with you.

All join in singing.

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!
For the King of kings!
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.

> Graham Kendrick (b. 1950) arr. David Peacock

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus and his disciples 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, O Christ.

Let us go forth praising Jesus our Messiah. **Hosanna in the highest.**

Hymn at the Procession

All glory, laud, and honour, To Thee, Redeemer, King, To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.

- ² Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David's royal Son, Who in the Lord's name comest, The King and Blessèd One.
- ³ The company of Angels Are praising Thee on high, And mortal men and all things Created make reply.
- ⁴ The people of the Hebrews With palms before Thee went; Our praise and prayer and anthems Before Thee we present.
- ⁵ To Thee, before Thy passion, They sang their hymns of praise; To Thee, now high exalted, Our melody we raise.
- ⁶ Thou didst accept their praises; Accept the prayers we bring, Who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King.

Words: Theodulph of Orleans (750 - 821); trans. by John Mason Neale

Tune: ST THEODULPH (VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN) Melchior Teschner c. 1613; harmonised by J. S. Bach Stand up! - stand up for Jesus! Ye soldiers of the Cross; Lift high his royal banner, It must not suffer loss. From victory unto victory His army he shall lead, Till every foe is vanquished, And Christ is Lord indeed.

² Stand up! – stand up for Jesus! The strife will not be long; This day the noise of battle, The next the victor's song. To him that overcometh A crown of life shall be; He with the King of Glory Shall reign eternally.

Words: G. Duffield (1818 - 88)

Tune: MORNING LIGHT G. I. Webb (1803 - 87)

All sit.

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collects for the Day | Page 458 & Page 445

Read by the Presbyter

Old Testament Reading | Page 459

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Zechariah 9. 9-12

At the conclusion of the reading: This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 57. I - 6 • Miserere mei, Deus

BE merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me, for my soul trusteth in thee: and under the shadow of thy wings shall be my refuge, until this tyranny be over-past.

- ² I will call unto the most high God: even unto the God that shall perform the cause which I have in hand.
- ³ He shall send from heaven : and save me from the reproof of him that would eat me up.
- ⁴ God shall send forth his mercy and truth: my soul is among lions.
- ⁵ And I lie even among the children of men, that are set on fire: whose teeth are spears and arrows, and their tongue a sharp sword.
- ⁶ Set up thyself, O God, above the heavens : and thy glory above all the earth.

All STAND. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,

and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:

world without end. Amen.

Please be **SEATED**.

The Epistle | Page 459

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians 2. 5 - 11

At the conclusion of the reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

All **STAND** and join in singing the gradual hymn.

Gradual Hymn | #99

Tune: CASWALL

Glory be to Jesus v.v. 1, 2, 3 and 7

Remaing **STANDING** for the reading of the Passion of our Lord.

The Passion of our Lord

Narrator The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.

And 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,

Pilate 'Are you the King of the Jews?'

lesus 'You say so.'

Narrator Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate

asked him again, Pilate 'Have you no answer? See how many

charges they bring against you.'

Narrator 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, Pilate 'Do you want me to release for you

the King of the Jews?'

Narrator 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,

Pilate 'Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the

King of the Jews?'

Crowd (ALL) 'Crucify him!'

Pilate 'Why, what evil has he done?'

Crowd (ALL) 'Crucify him!'

Narrator

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,

Crowd (ALL) 'Hail, King of the Jews!'

Narrator

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.

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,

Crowd (ALL)

'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.'

Narrator 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,

Narrator

Jesus 'Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?'

Narrator which means, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

Crowd (ALL) 'Listen, he is calling for Elijah.'

Narrator And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on

a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying,

Bystander 'Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him

down.'

Narrator Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. 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,

Centurion 'Truly this man was God's Son!'

All **SIT** and silence is kept.

All **STAND** and recite together.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,

creator of heaven and earth:

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

Please be **SEATED.**

Sermon

The Revd Avinash Rangayya

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

All STAND.

The Peace

The Celebrant offers a 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.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

While remaining in your place, share the sign of peace with a namaste with your neighbour.

At this time an offering will be received for the ministries of the Cathedral. Thank you for your generosity. All join in singing the hymn.

Preparation of the Table

Hymn at the Offertory | #620

Ride on! ride on in majesty!

Tune: WINCHESTER NEW

All say

Offertory Prayer | page 357

All join in singing.

Majesty, worship His Majesty; unto Jesus be glory, honour and praise. Majesty, kingdom, authority, flows from His throne unto His own, His anthem raise. So exalt lift up on high the name of Jesus, magnify, come glorify, Christ Jesus the King. Majesty, worship His majesty, Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.

J. Hayford (b. 1934)

Kneel as able or remain seated

Intercessor

Followers of Jesus, we journey this week with Christ celebrating the mystery of his passion, death, and resurrection. Seeking the saving transformation of the church and world, we pray: Be present to us, O Christ,

All Our strength and our Redeemer.

Sovereign Lord, who entered Jerusalem on a lowly donkey, make your way known among the nations, that all leaders would embrace humble service over empty power.

Be present to us, O Christ,

Our strength and our Redeemer.

Son of Man, who being deeply grieved asked your disciples to abide with you in your dark night, awaken your church that we might embody your steadfast love for the world. Be present to us, O Christ,

Our strength and our Redeemer.

Prince of Peace, who in the face of betrayal remained constant in love, reveal your forgiveness and reconciliation that, from Jerusalem to the ends of the earth, the promise of your peace may be fulfilled. Be present to us, O Christ,

Our strength and our Redeemer.

Suffering Servant, who was mocked, beaten, and hanged on a cross to die, open our eyes to the ways we continue to abuse and neglect our sisters and brothers who live in trouble, sorrow, fear, need, sickness, and oppression, that we might repent and serve one another in love.

Be present to us, O Christ,

Our strength and our Redeemer.

Eternal One, you breathed your last that we might be united with you forever. Draw near to those who are dying and those who have died that they may be with you in paradise. Be present to us, O Christ,

Our strength and our Redeemer.

Presbyter

Holy God, you have established your rule over the human heart not by force but by the servant example of Jesus Christ; receive our prayers as we seek to follow the way of the Cross. Move us by your Spirit to proclaim Christ Jesus with our lips and praise him with our lives. **Amen.**

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The Communion | Page 368

Communicants are requested to leave space on either side of them when they receive Communion.

During the adminstration of Communion, the choir sings.

Let Thy blood in mercy poured, Let Thy gracious body broken, Be to me, O gracious Lord, Of Thy boundless love the token. Thou didst give Thyself for me, Now I give myself to Thee.

Thou didst die that I might live; Blessed Lord, Thou cam'st to save me; All that love of God could give Jesus by His sorrows gave me. Thou didst give Thyself for me, Now I give myself to Thee.

By the thorns that crowned Thy brow, By the spear-wound and the nailing, By the pain and death I now claim, O Christ, Thy love unfailing. Thou didst give Thyself for me, Now I give myself to Thee.

Wilt thou own the gift I bring? All my penitence I give Thee; Thou art my exalted King, Of Thy matchless love forgive me. Thou didst give Thyself to me, Now I give myself to Thee.

Words: John Brownlie (1857 – 1925)

Music: Alfred V. Fedak (b. 1953)

Prayer after Communion

All **STAND** and say.

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.

All sing.

In Christ alone who took on flesh fullness of God in helpless babe! This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save. Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied; for every sin on Him was laid – here in the death of Christ I live.

The Blessing
The Presbyter

Christ crucified draw you to himself, to find in him a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven; And the blessing of God almighty, † the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

All join in singing the hymn at the closing.

Hymn at the Closing | # 364

All hail the power of Jesu's name

Tune: MILES LANE

Dismissal

From the West Door the Presbyter says

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

Postlude

Toccata in d ('Dorian')

I.S. Bach, BWV 538

Birthdays this Week

May God bless you abundantly.

Elizabeth George (11), Sarah Phillips (11), Rayhan Jadhav (14), Hepzibah Pathak (14)

Prayer Requests & Announcements

Pray for

- † all senior citizens in our congregation and those who are house bound.
- the Cathedral Servers and Lay Readers.
- † the many who have been displaced from their homes in Ukraine.
- † all clergy and the faithful as they prepare for Holy Week.
- † in the Diocese, for Pandita Ramabai Church and the Revd Ulhas Devkule.
- † the Church of North India's Diocese of Pune and the Rt Revd Paul Dupare.
- † the Church of South India's Diocese of Nandyal and the Rt Revd Pushpa Lalitha.
- † in the Anglican Communion, for the Church of North India and the Most Revd Prem Chand Singh.

Holy Week Services in the Cathedral

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Palm Sunday 10th April 7am Eucharist (said)

8.45am Eucharist (choral)

Blessing of palms and procession.

Lenten Devotion Mon 11th, Tues 12th, Wed 13th April 6.30pm

Maundy Thursday 14th April Eucharist (choral) 6.30pm

Washing of feet & stripping of the altar.

Good Friday 15th April 9am to 12 noon

The Seven Words of Jesus from the Cross.

The Easter Vigil Holy Saturday 16th April 8pm

Lighting the Easter fire and Paschal Candle.

Easter Day Sunday 17th April 9am

Festival Choral Eucharist

The Resurrection Story in Songs

'The Day He Wore My Crown'

By the Stop-Gaps Choral Ensemble Saturday 7th May 2022 • 7pm at St Thomas' Cathedral

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