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Palm Sunday
The Sunday of the Passion



Holy Eucharist
with blessing of palms and procession
Sunday 2nd April 2023 • 8.45 am

Welcome to St Thomas' Cathedral for this service

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ: Palm Sunday

Today's liturgy marks the beginning of Holy Week. In this Palm Sunday service we journey with Jesus as he is welcomed in triumph upon entering Jerusalem and then utterly rejected and crucified at Golgotha outside the gates of the city.

Today's reading of Christ's passion sets forth the central act of God's love for humankind. We are not just observers but are part of the passion of Christ and through it we come to know the reality of God's saving action in our lives. Holy Week will culminate in the celebration of the Triduum—the Sacred Three Days of Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection.

*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**.*

Do not leave this service booklet behind. Take it home with you to reflect on the prayers and readings and as a reminder of your visit.



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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), BWV 735

Johann Sebastian Bach, (1685 - 1750)

All keep silence and prepare for worship

Welcome

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.

The congregation gathers in the porch. Carry this service booklet with you.

Commemoration of the Lord's entry into Jerusalem

All repeat after the Cantor

**Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel.
Blessèd 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.**

The Blessing of Palms

All hold up palms or branches while this prayer is said by the Presbyter

† Bless, we beseech Thee, O Lord,
these branches, and crosses of palm;
and grant that, as Thy people do on this day
outwardly venerate Thee,
they may inwardly love Thee
with such devotion that their love
may be shown forth in good works;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who with Thee and the Holy Spirit
liveth and reigneth for ever.

Amen.

The Palm Gospel

Mark 11. 1 - 11

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.

All join in singing the hymn

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

All take their places and join in singing

**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:**

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

² **Give me peace in my heart, keep me loving,
Give me peace in my heart, I pray;
Give me peace in my heart, keep me loving,
Keep me loving till the break of day**

³ **Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,
Give me love in my heart, I pray;
Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,
Keep me serving till the break of day:**

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collects for the Day | **Page 458 & Page 445**

Read by the Presbyter

Old Testament Reading | **Page 459**

Zechariah 9. 9 -12

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Zechariah.

At the conclusion of the reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Sung by the choir to a chant by Macfarren

Psalm 57. 1 - 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.*

All sit

The Epistle | **Page 459**

Philippians 2. 5 - 11

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

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 | **# 102**

O sacred head, sore wounded v.v. 1, 2 & 4

Tune: PASSION CHORALE

*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?’
- Jesus* ‘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,

Crowd (ALL) **‘Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!’**

Narrator 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,

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!’

A moment of silence is kept

All recite together

The Nicene Creed | **Page 354**

All sit

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.

Preparation of the Table
Hymn at the Offertory | # 96

Thirty years among us dwelling

Tune: ST. THOMAS, # 31

All say

Offertory Prayer | **page 357**

Litany for Holy Week

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.

Continued

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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Proceed to the High Altar

During the administration of Communion, the choir sings

O Man of sorrow, O Man of grief,
You gave your life-blood for me,
Your crucifixion, your painful death on the cross at Calvary.

O Man of sorrow, O Man of grief,
You paid the price for my sin,
Your crucifixion, your sacrifice, victory for me will win.

O Man of sorrow, O Man of grief,
Rise Easter morrow,
Bring sin's relief!

Endure your torment, that I may live,
With you in paradise some day,
O Man of sorrow, O Man of grief,
Bitter is the price you pay.

O Man of sorrow, O Man of grief.

Jan Carneghi (arranged by Walter Rodby)

While seated all sing

Drop, drop slow tears

Hymn | # 98

Tune: SONG 46

All STAND and say

Prayer after Communion

**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

**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)

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 | # 620

Ride on! ride on in majesty!

Tune: WINCHESTER NEW

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

Tocatta from Suite Gothique Léon Boëllmann (1862 - 1897)

Birthdays this Week

*“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works,
which God prepared in advance for us to do.”*

Ephesians 2:10

Laila Furtado (3), Ravi Joshua (5)



The Donkey

by G. K. Chesterton

When fishes flew and forests walked
And figs grew upon thorn,
Some moment when the moon was blood
Then surely I was born.

With monstrous head and sickening cry
And ears like errant wings,
The devil’s walking parody
On all four-footed things.

The tattered outlaw of the earth,
Of ancient crooked will;
Starve, scourge, deride me: I am dumb,
I keep my secret still.

Fools! For I also had my hour;
One far fierce hour and sweet:
There was a shout about my ears,
And palms before my feet.

† Holy Week and Easter 2023 †

Sunday 2 nd April	8.45 a.m.	Palm Sunday <i>Holy Eucharist with procession & blessing of palms</i>
Monday 3 rd April	6.30 p.m.	Holy Week devotion <i>(lasting approximately 30 minutes)</i>
Tuesday 4 th April	6.30 p.m.	Holy Week devotion
Wednesday 5 th April	6.30 p.m.	Organ music for Passiontide with readings from the Bible and poems
Thursday 6 th April	6.30 p.m.	Maundy Thursday <i>Holy Eucharist with feet washing ceremony</i>
Friday 7 th April	9 a.m. to 12 noon	Good Friday <i>Meditations on the seven last words of Christ</i>
Saturday 8 th April	8 p.m.	Easter Vigil <i>Lighting the Paschal Candle with Holy Eucharist</i>
Sunday 9 th April	9 a.m.	Easter Day <i>Festival Holy Eucharist</i>

Holy Week Reflections

Wednesday 5th April 2023 • 7pm

*Music will feature Bach's chorale preludes
for Lent & Passiontide
with readings from the Bible
and much-loved poetry.*



Pray with us

† **THE WORLD** We pray for the unbelievable situation in Mexico where a fatal fire at a detention centre has caused avoidable deaths when people were left locked up. May God's comfort be on all those who are grieving and outraged and searching for answers in this tragedy. • In Ecuador, we ask God to inspire and enable rescue workers as they search for people buried following a destructive landslide.

† **OUR COUNTRY** For our soldiers. Pray for their safety and well-being as they guard our borders. Pray for their families.

† **THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** For all the faithful as we make our journey to the Cross this Holy Week. • In the *Anglican Communion* for the Episcopal Church of South Sudan. • For God's healing hand on Pope Francis.

† **THE CHURCH IN INDIA** For all schools and colleges under the *Church of North India* and *The Church of South India*.

† **THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** Pray for the Holy Spirit to lead and guide proceedings at the Diocesan Council to be held on 21st and 22nd April. Pray for God's guidance to provide a Bishop for our Diocese. • This week for St. Francis Church (Tamil Pastorate) and the Revd Jebas Augustin.

† **OUR CATHEDRAL** For all church services during Holy Week. • Our hearts go out to Vijay, Meagan and Shalom Pandian and their families as they grieve the passing of their baby daughter Deborah. Pray for God's comforting presence at this difficult time. As a worshipping community we uphold the family in our prayers. • For God's guidance to pupils making plans for their higher education. • For the Altar Guild – Servers and Lay Leaders. • For God's comforting presence with all senior citizens and their care providers.

Merciful God, as we enter Holy week,
turn our hearts again to Jerusalem,
and to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
Stir up within us the gift of faith
that we may not only praise him with our lips,
but may follow him in the way of the cross.
Amen.

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