



Welcome

PALM SUNDAY

13 April



actorschurch



St. Paul's Covent Garden

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We gather in the South Chapel for the Blessing of the Palms. The Priest introduces the service and we listen to the Antiphon.

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

*We hold up our Palms for them to be blessed and sprinkled with Holy Water. We listen to the reading of **the Palm Sunday Gospel***

Priest	The Lord be with you
All	And also with you
Priest	Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
All	Glory to you, O Lord.
<i>At the end:</i>	
Priest	This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All	Praise to you, O Christ.
Priest	Let us go forth, praising Jesus our Messiah

*We sing the **hymn** and process up the south aisle and down the centre aisle to our places.*

Refrain:

1. 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 Blessed One. Refrain

3. The company of angels are praising thee on high; and mortal men and all things created make reply. Refrain

4. The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went; our praise and prayer and anthems before thee we present. Refrain

5. To thee before thy passion they sang their hymns of praise; to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise. Refrain

6. Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring, who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King. Refrain

*The prayer of the day – the **Collect** – is said:*

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.
Amen.

*We sit for the **first** and **second readings**.*

First Reading

Isaiah 50.4-9a, read by Charles

The servant of the LORD said:

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he awakens – awakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards.

⁶I 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.

⁷The 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;

⁸he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

⁹It 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.

At the end:

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Philippians 2.5-11, read by Jim

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in
Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the
form of God, did not regard equality with
God as something to be exploited,

⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a
slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

⁸he humbled himself and became obedient
to the point of death – even death on a
cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name that is above every
name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend, in heaven and on
earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every
tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is
Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

At the end:

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

*We stand to sing the **hymn** and turn towards
the Gospel book*

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.**

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.**

3. Ride on! ride on in majesty!

**The angel-squadrons of the sky
look down with sad and wondering
eyes**

to see the approaching sacrifice.

4. Ride on! ride on in majesty!

**Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;
the Father on his sapphire throne
expects 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.**

*All remain standing as the **Gospel** is read
dramatically – please join in the parts marked
C: on the separate sheet*

*We sit for the **Sermon***

*We stand to say the **Creed***

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen
We believe in One Lord Jesus Christ
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the
Father.
He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and
the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the
prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the
dead, and the life of the world to
come. Amen.

*The **Prayers of Intercession** follow*
At the end:

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

*The Priest introduces the **Peace**:*

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with
 you always
All **And also with you**
 Priest Let us offer one another a
 sign of peace.

*We sing a **hymn** as the Altar is prepared for
 the **Eucharistic Prayer**. A **collection** is taken
 during the **hymn***

1. I cannot tell why he, whom angels
 worship,
 should set his love upon the sons of
 men,
 or why, as Shepherd, he should seek
 the wanderers,
 to bring them back, they know not
 how or when.
 But this I know, that he was born of
 Mary,
 when Bethlehem's manger was his
 only home,
 and that he lived at Nazareth and
 laboured,
 and so the Saviour, Saviour of the
 world, is come.

2. I cannot tell how silently he
 suffered,
 as with his peace he graced this place
 of tears,
 or how his heart upon the cross was
 broken,
 the crown of pain to three-and-thirty
 years.
 But this I know, he heals the broken-
 hearted,
 and stays our sin, and calms our
 lurking fear,
 and lifts the burden from the heavy-
 laden,
 for yet the Saviour, Saviour of the
 world, is here.

3. I cannot tell how he will win the nations,
 how he will claim his earthly heritage,
 how satisfy the needs and aspirations of east and west, of sinner and of sage.
But this I know, all flesh shall see his glory,
 and he shall reap the harvest he has sown,
 and some glad day his sun shall shine in splendour,
 when he the Saviour, Saviour of the world is known.

4. I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship,
 when, at his bidding, every storm is stilled,
 or who can say how great the jubilation
 when all the hearts of men with love are filled.
But this I know, the skies will thrill with rapture,
 and myriad, myriad human voices sing,
 and earth to heaven, and heaven to earth, will answer:
“At last the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is King!”

Priest	Blessed are you Lord God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life
All	Blessed be God for ever

Priest	Blessed are you Lord God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer. Fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink
All	Blessed be God for ever
Priest	Pray my brothers and sisters that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God the Almighty Father
All	May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hand, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his Church.

The Priest adds the prayer over the gifts to which we reply **Amen**

Priest	The Lord be with you
All	And also with you.
Priest	Lift up your hearts.
All	We lift them to the Lord.
Priest	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All	It is right to give thanks and praise...

*The Eucharistic Prayer continues until we sing the **Sanctus** and **Benedictus** from the music sheet. The **Eucharistic Prayer** continues until...*

Priest	Great is the mystery of faith
All	Dying, you destroyed our death
	Rising you restored our life
	Lord Jesus, come in glory

<i>The Eucharistic Prayer continues until</i>	
Priest	...for ever and ever
All	Amen

Priest	As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:
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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**

Priest We break this bread to share
 in the body of Christ
**All Though we are many we
 are one body, because we
 all share in one bread**

*We sing the **Agnus Dei** from the music sheet.*
Priest Jesus 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.**

*The congregation approaches the altar to receive
Communion. All those who are in good
standing with their own Church are invited to
receive Communion. Those who prefer to ask for
a Blessing are invited to bow their heads at the
Altar rail or bring this booklet as a sign to the
Priest.*

**Please keep absolute silence during
Communion**

*After Communion we remain seated to sing the
hymn*

**1. The head that once was crowned
with thorns
is crowned with glory now:
a royal diadem adorns
the mighty victor's brow.**

**2 The highest place that heaven
affords
is his, is his by right,
the King of kings, and Lord of lords,
and heaven's eternal light;**

**3 The joy of all who dwell above,
the joy of all below,
to whom he manifests his love,
and grants his name to know.**

**4 To them the cross, with all its
shame,
with all its grace, is given:
their name an everlasting name,
their joy the joy of heaven.**

**5 They suffer with their Lord below,
they reign with him above;
their profit and their joy to know
the mystery of his love.**

**6 The cross he bore is life and health,
though shame and death to him;
his people's hope, his people's
wealth,
their everlasting theme.**

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.

We say together:

Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood
of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you
our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your
Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory. **Amen.**

Any Banns of marriage and notices are given.

Priest The Lord be with you

All And also with you

*The **Blessing** is given to which all reply: **Amen***

*We sing the **hymn** and turn to face the West*

*End for the **dismissal***

1. When I survey the wondrous cross
where the young Prince of Glory
died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the cross of Christ, my God:
all the vain things that charm me
most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

3. See, from his head, his hands, his
feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

4. Were the whole realm of nature
mine,
that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

Priest

Go in peace to love and serve
the Lord

All

Thanks be to God.

‘What’s On’ this week

This is Holy Week. Nothing should come before time spent with God in Church during this week.

Please sign the various lists at the back of Church. Please note that the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is available, by appointment, at any time during Holy Week.

Today

4pm Choral Evensong, with the choir of St. Paul’s

Holy Monday 14 April

1.10pm Holy Eucharist

Holy Tuesday 15 April

1.10pm Holy Eucharist

Holy Wednesday 16 April

1.10pm Holy Eucharist

7.30pm Tenebrae – with the Choir of St. Paul’s

Maundy Thursday 17 April

7.00pm Mass of the Last Supper

with foot-washing and optional vigil of prayer until 9pm

Good Friday 18 April

2.00pm The Good Friday Liturgy

All Christians should attend church on Good Friday,

Holy Saturday 19 April

Please note that the church and grounds are closed all day today.

Easter Day 20 April

11.00am Parish Sung Eucharist for Easter Day,

with Easter eggs for children and Easter cake for all.