



Welcome

Palm Sunday

29 March



actorschurch



St. Paul's Covent Garden

Please switch off all mobile phones.

BEWARE: We do occasionally suffer from theft: take care of your belongings

Accessibility

Large Print versions of the Order of Service are available.

Gluten free wafers are available.

Hearing loop installed; collect a receiver from the back of church.

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We gather in the South Chapel for the Blessing of the Palms. The Priest introduces the service and we are all invited to shout aloud:

**Hosanna to the Son of David
Blessed is he who comes in the name
of the Lord**

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...

All Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end:

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 50.4-7, read by Gary

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 wakens – wakens
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

At the end:

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

Second Reading

Philippians 2.5-11, read by Jennifer

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*

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

Refrain:

**Lift high the cross,
 the love of Christ proclaim
 till all the world adore
 his sacred Name.**

**2. Come, Christian people, sing your
 praises, shout!
 If we are silent, even stones cry
 out. Refrain**

**3. Jesus, you wept to see our human
 strife,
 teach us compassion for each human
 life. Refrain**

**4. Peace was your plea and peace
 your loving theme:
 let peace be our passport, peace a
 living dream. Refrain**

**5. Great is the cost of walking on this
 road,
 to follow and suffer with the Son of
 God. Refrain**

**6. Worlds to be born and children
 yet to be,
 come, take up this song into
 eternity. Refrain**

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
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All	Blessed be God for ever
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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

The Eucharistic Prayer continues until

Priest ...for ever and ever

All Amen

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.*

After Communion we remain seated to sing the hymn

**Lord, through this Holy Week of our salvation,
which thou hast won for us who went astray,
in all the conflict of thy sore temptation
we would continue with thee day by day.**

2. We would not leave thee, though
our weak endurance
makes us unworthy here to take our
part;
yet give us strength to trust the
sweet assurance
that thou, O Lord, art greater than
our heart.

3. Thou didst forgive thine own who
slept for sorrow,
thou didst have pity: O have pity
now,
and let us watch through each sad
eve and morrow
with thee, in holy prayer and solemn
vow.

4. Along that sacred way where thou
art leading,
which thou didst take to save our
souls from loss,
let us go also, till we see thee
pleading
in all-prevailing prayer upon thy
cross.

5. Until thou see thy bitter travail's
ending,
the world redeemed, the will of God
complete,
and, to thy Father's hands thy soul
commending,
thou lay the work he gave thee at his
feet.

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***

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 note that the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is available, by appointment, at any time during Holy Week.

Monday 30 March

1.10pm Holy Eucharist

Tuesday 31 March

1.10pm Holy Eucharist

Wednesday 1 April

1.10pm Holy Eucharist

7.30pm Tenebrae – with St. Paul's Church Choir

Maundy Thursday 2 April

6.00pm Mass of the Last Supper

Good Friday 3 April

2.00pm The Good Friday Liturgy

***All Christians should attend church on Good Friday,
the day of the death of Our Lord.***

Saturday 4 April

Church and grounds closed all day

Sunday 5 April

11.00am Parish Sung Eucharist for Easter Day

with Easter eggs for children, Easter cake and fizz for all.