

Palm Sunday 2020

On this Palm Sunday like no other in our lifetimes, we will nevertheless, having sought to prepare during Lent, now start the solemn celebration of our Lord's death and Resurrection. Today we remember that Christ entered his own city to complete his work as our Saviour—the one who draws us to Resurrection life. As we join, let us remember that the shouts of triumph became jeers and cries of derision by Friday. Let us walk beside him during Holy Week in faith and love, so that united with him in his sufferings, we may share his risen life. The notices will be followed by the anthem *Hosanna to the Son of David*- Weelkes in preparation.

The Palm Collect Michael will bless the palm crosses for the parish of Cuckfield, and they will be shared once we are able to meet again as a reminder of our unity with each other through the cross.

The Palm Gospel

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *Matthew*.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel is read

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.



The traditional hymn is sung as we reflect on the Lord's entry into Jerusalem

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,
thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's Name comest,
the King and Blessed One. *Refrain*

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

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

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

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

Theodulf of Orléans in 820, trans John Mason Neale 1851

The Palm Sunday Collect

The Liturgy of the Word

Isaiah 50: 4-9a & Philippians 2: 5-11

At the end of each, the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (There are no responses)

A few words of reflection from Michael

The Prayers of Intercession

The response: Lord, in your mercy; **hear our prayer**

And at the end: Merciful Father,

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

The Peace is introduced and shared

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

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you: **and also with you.**

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

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

A proper preface is used, then we say:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Prayer continues, then:

Great is the mystery of faith: **Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.**

The prayer ends: **Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

**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 president breaks the bread.

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.**

The Invitation to Spiritual Communion

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

Post Communion Prayer

Hymn - My song is love unknown

Blessing and Dismissal Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All: **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Music

*If you are able to stay to chat to people after the music,
this would be a blessing, particularly to those more mature
members of the congregation who would love to see you.*

*Please check the church website for the full range of services
during Holy Week, all accessible on the Zoom link:*

<https://zoom.us/j/2471610099>



My song is love unknown,
My Saviour's love to me;
Love to the loveless shown,
That they might lovely be.
O who am I, that for my sake
My Lord should take frail flesh, and die?

He came from His blest throne
Salvation to bestow;
But men made strange, and none
The longed-for Christ would know:
But oh, my Friend, my Friend indeed,
Who at my need his life did spend.

Sometimes they strew His way,
And His sweet praises sing;
Resounding all the day
Hosannas to their King:
Then "Crucify!" is all their breath,
And for His death they thirst and cry.

They rise and needs will have
My dear Lord made away;
A murderer they save,
The Prince of life they slay.
Yet cheerful He to suffering goes,
That He His foes from thence might free.

In life, no house, no home
My Lord on earth might have;
In death, no friendly tomb,
But what a stranger gave.
What may I say? Heav'n was His home;
But mine the tomb wherein He lay.

Here might I stay and sing,
No story so divine;
Never was love, dear King,
Never was grief like Thine.
This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend.

Samuel Crossman (1623-1683)