

The Parish Church of St Matthew  
Northampton

# Palm Sunday

OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Year B



The Liturgy of Palms,  
Procession, and Mass of the Passion

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2024

9.30 am

# ¶ The Beginning of Holy Week

## *Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion*

Palm Sunday has a double focus - the Triumphal Entry of Christ into Jerusalem, and the celebration of his passion and death.

The **Liturgy of the Palms** and procession contains the first commemorative actions of Holy Week which remind us of the main events in the last week of Jesus' ministry. Palm branches are carried, although they are secondary to the procession itself. The procession is also an act of praise to Christ the King who reigns and triumphs on the cross, and it expresses our own readiness to take up our cross and follow our crucified and risen Lord, as we go with him to the place of suffering and death.

The practice of giving palm crosses is well established and provides a valuable devotional focus throughout the year. However, in the procession, it is not as telling a symbol as the carrying of branches whether of palm or of other trees, perhaps brought by members of the congregation.

The solemn reading of the passion and death of Jesus Christ is central to the **Liturgy of the Passion**. This year, the narrative comes from Mark, and takes us into the heart of Holy Week. For this reason the full form of the Passion is used. Coming after the Procession, it reminds us that the kingly power of Christ is the power of self-giving love alone.

Although the services of this week are shaped by the historical commemoration of the events of the last week in Jesus' earthly life, taken together, they form an extended celebration of the victory Christ won over death.

## Setting

Mass of the Altar of Life

David Halls (b. 1948)



## Order of Service

### ¶ Commemoration of the Lord's Entry into Jerusalem

#### **At the Parish Centre**

§ *As the people gather, suitable music is played or sung*

§ *The sacred ministers enter, and the choir sing the following anthem*

*Choir      The children of the Hebrews, carrying palms and olive branches,  
went forth to meet the Lord, crying out and saying.  
Hosanna in the highest!  
Hosanna to the Son of David!  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

*Plainsong*

*Priest      † In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*  
*All          **Amen.***

### The Greeting

*All          Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you  
**and also with you.***

### Introduction

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 Palm Liturgy

§ *The people hold up their palms to be blessed and the priest extends his hands towards them*

Let us pray:

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 is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*All*

**Amen.**

§ *The priest sprinkles the branches with holy water in silence*

## The Palm Gospel

*All* The Lord our redeemer be with you  
**and also with you.**

*All* Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

When they 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.

Mark 11.1-11

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Priest

Let us go forth in peace, praising Jesus our Messiah,  
as did the crowds who welcomed him to Jerusalem.

§ *The procession to church (Jerusalem) begins in the following order -  
servers, choir, sacred ministers and people*

## Processional Hymn

All

***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.**

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.**

7

**Thy sorrow and thy triumph  
Grant us, O Christ, to share,  
That to the holy city  
Together we may fare.**

<sup>8</sup>  
**Do thou direct our footsteps,  
Upon our earthly way,  
And bring us by thy mercy  
To heaven's eternal day.**

<sup>9</sup>  
**For homage may we bring thee  
Our victory o'er the foe,  
That in the Conqueror's triumph  
This strain may ever flow.**

<sup>10</sup>  
**Within that blessed city  
Thy praises may we sing,  
And ever raise hosannas  
To our most loving King.**

Words St Theodulph of Orleans (c.750-821)  
translated by John Mason Neale (1818-1866)

Melody Melchior Teschner (1584-1635)  
Harmony by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

*When the priest enters the church building ...*

*Priest*    **O Jerusalem, look towards the east and behold:  
lift up your eyes, O Jerusalem, and behold the power of your King!**  
*All*        **'Blessed is he who comes.  
Hosanna in the highest.'**

## The Entry into Jerusalem

§ *The procession enters and all go to their seats*

§ *The priest honours the altar with incense*

*All*        **RIDE on, ride on in majesty!  
Hark, all the tribes hosanna cry:  
Thy humble beast pursues his road  
With palms and scattered garments strowed.**

**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.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
The wingèd squadrons of the sky  
Look down with sad and wondering eyes  
To see the approaching sacrifice.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
The last and fiercest strife is nigh;  
The Father on his sapphire throne  
Awaits his own anointed Son.**

**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.**

Words Henry Hart Milman (1791-1868)

Music Winchester New  
adapted from a chorale in *Musicalisches Hand-Buch*, 1690

## ¶ Liturgy of the Passion

§ *The priest, now wearing eucharistic vestments, goes to his chair*

### The Collect

Let us pray for a closer union with Christ  
in his suffering and in his glory.

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.**

*All*

§ *Sit*

# First Reading

*Reader*      A reading from the prophecy of Isaiah.

The 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.  
The Lord God has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backward.  
I 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.  
The 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;  
he who vindicates me is near.  
Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together.  
Who are my adversaries?  
Let them confront me.  
It is the Lord God who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

Isaiah 50.4-9a

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

*Silence is kept*



# ¶ The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ

§ *The congregation is invited to **remain seated***

## Acclamation



**Choir** Christ humbled himself and became obedient unto death,  
even death on a cross.  
Therefore God has highly exalted him  
and given him the name that is above every name.

**All** **Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

**Asst priest** The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

*No response is made*

**Evangelist** It was two days before the Passover and the festival of  
Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes  
were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him;  
for they said,

**Priests** Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people.

**Evangelist** While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at  
the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment  
of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his  
head. But some were there who said to one another in anger,

**Disciples** Why was the ointment wasted in this way? For this ointment could  
have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money  
given to the poor.

**Evangelist** And they scolded her. But Jesus said,

**Jesus** Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good  
service for me. For you always have the poor with you, and you can  
show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always  
have me. She has done what she could; she has anointed my body  
beforehand for its burial. Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is  
proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in

remembrance of her.

**Evangelist** Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. When they heard it, they were greatly pleased, and promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him,

**Disciples** Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?

**Evangelist** So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them,

**Jesus** Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher asks, Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.

**Evangelist** So the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

When it was evening, he came with the Twelve. And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said,

**Jesus** Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.

**Evangelist** They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another,

**Disciples** Surely, not I?

**Jesus** It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.

**Evangelist** While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said,

**Jesus** Take; this is my body.

**Evangelist** Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it.

**Jesus** This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.

**Evangelist** When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

And Jesus said to them,

**Jesus** You will all become deserters; for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.' But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.

**Evangelist** Peter said to him,

**Peter** Even though all become deserters, I will not.

**Jesus** Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.

**Peter** (*vehemently*) Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.

**Evangelist** And all of them said the same.

They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples,

**Jesus** Sit here while I pray.

**Evangelist** He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. And said to them,

**Jesus** I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake.

**Evangelist** And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him.

**Jesus** Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want.

**Evangelist** He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter,

**Jesus** Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

**Evangelist** And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. He came a third time and said to them,

**Jesus** Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.

**Evangelist** Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign:

- Judas** The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard.
- Evangelist** So when he came, he went up to him at once and said,
- Judas** Rabbi!
- Evangelist** and kissed him. Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to them,
- Jesus** Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled.
- Evangelist** All of them deserted him and fled.
- A certain young man was following him, wearing nothing but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him, but he left the linen cloth and ran off naked.
- They took Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled. Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire.
- Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none. For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree. Some stood up and gave false testimony against him.
- Witnesses** We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.'
- Evangelist** But even on this point their testimony did not agree. Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus,
- High Priest** Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?
- Evangelist** But he was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him,
- High Priest** Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?
- Jesus** I am; and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven.
- Evangelist** Then the high priest tore his clothes and said,
- High Priest** Why do we still need witnesses? You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?

**Evangelist** All of them condemned him as deserving death. Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him,

**Scribes** Prophecy!

**Evangelist** The guards also took him over and beat him.

While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest came by. When she saw Peter warming himself, she stared at him and said,

**Servant Girl** You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth.

**Evangelist** But he denied it:

**Peter** I do not know or understand what you are talking about.

**Evangelist** And he went out into the forecourt. Then the cock crowed. And the servant-girl, on seeing him, began again to say to the bystanders,

**Servant Girl** This man is one of them.

**Evangelist** But again he denied it. Then after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter,

**Bystanders** Certainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean.

**Evangelist** But he began to curse, and he swore an oath,

**Peter** I do not know this man you are talking about.

**Evangelist** At that moment the cock crowed for the second time.

Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him, Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times. And he broke down and wept.

(pause)

### **ALL STAND**

**Evangelist** 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.

**Evangelist** 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.

**Evangelist** 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?

**Evangelist** For he realised 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** Crucify him!

**Pilate** Why, what evil has he done?

**Crowd** (*louder*) Crucify him!

**Evangelist** 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,

**Soldiers** Hail, King of the Jews!

**Evangelist** 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,

**Passers-by** Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!

**Evangelist** In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves.

**Priests** 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.

**Evangelist** 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?

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

**Bystanders** Listen, he is calling for Elijah.

**Evangelist** 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.

**Evangelist** Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

## **Act of Reverence**

*all are invited to kneel for a time, or bow deeply*

**Then, all stand with the presiding priest**

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!

**Evangelist** There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger

and of Joses, and Salome. These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.

**Asst priest** This is the Passion of the Lord.

*No response is made*

§ We **SIT** for a time of silent contemplation

Homily

§ Sit

*At the end, there may be a time of quiet reflection*



# Prayers of the Faithful

*Priest* In solidarity with Christ in his suffering we offer our prayers to God.

§ *Kneel*

*Intercessor* For forgiveness for the many times we have denied Jesus,  
let us pray to the Lord.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

For grace to seek out those habits of sin  
which mean spiritual death,  
and by prayer and self-discipline to overcome them,  
let us pray to the Lord.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

For Christian people,  
that through the suffering of disunity  
there may grow a rich union in Christ,  
let us pray to the Lord.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who make laws, interpret them, and administer them,  
that our common life may be ordered in justice and mercy,  
let us pray to the Lord.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who still make Jerusalem a battleground,  
let us pray to the Lord.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who have the courage and honesty to work openly  
for justice and peace,  
let us pray to the Lord.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

For those in the darkness and agony of isolation,  
that they may find support and encouragement,  
let us pray to the Lord.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who, weighted down with hardship, failure, or sorrow,  
feel that God is far from them, (*the acutely ill ...*)  
let us pray to the Lord.

*All*      **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who are tempted to give up the way of the cross,  
let us pray to the Lord.

*All*      **Lord, have mercy.**

That we, with those who have died in faith,  
may find mercy in the day of Christ, (*the recently departed ...,*  
*anniversaries of death ...*)  
let us pray to the Lord.

*All*      **Lord, have mercy.**

*Choir*      *Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal,*  
*have mercy upon us.*

§    *Stand*

## ¶    The Liturgy of the Sacrament

### Sign 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.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of Christ's peace.

### The Offertory

§    *The altar is prepared. A collection is taken.*  
*Please give as you are able.*

# Hymn

1  
**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?

2  
He came from his blest throne,  
Salvation to bestow:  
But men made strange, and none  
The longed-for Christ would know.  
    But **O** my friend,  
    **My** friend indeed,  
    Who at my need  
    His life did spend!

3  
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.

4  
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.

5  
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.

Words Samuel Crossman (1624-1683)      Music Love Unknown  
John Ireland (1879-1962)

## Invitation to Prayer

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 hands  
for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

## Prayer over the Gifts

O Lord, through the passion of our only begotten Son,  
may our reconciliation with you be near at hand,  
so that, though we do not merit it by our own deeds,  
yet by this sacrifice made once for all,  
we may feel already the effects of your mercy.  
Through Christ our Lord.

*All*        **Amen.**

## The Eucharistic Prayer

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

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

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

It is indeed right and just, our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
For as the time of his passion and resurrection draws near  
the whole world is called to acknowledge his hidden majesty.  
The power of the life-giving cross  
reveals the judgement that has come upon the world  
and the triumph of Christ crucified.  
He is the victim who dies no more,  
the Lamb once slain, who lives for ever,  
our advocate in heaven to plead our cause,  
exalting us there to join with angels and archangels,  
for ever praising you and singing:

*All*        **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.**

§ *Remain standing*

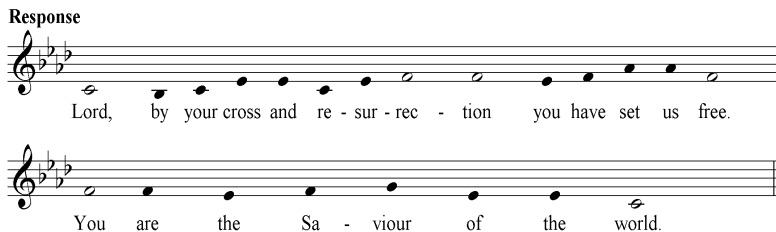
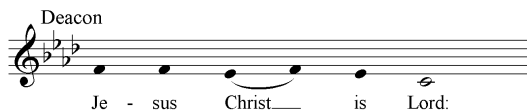
Accept our praises, heavenly Father,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
and as we follow his example and obey his command,  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us his body and his blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way,  
after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:

Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.



Therefore, heavenly Father,  
 we remember his offering of himself  
 made once for all upon the cross;  
 we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;  
 we look for the coming of your kingdom,  
 and with this bread and this cup  
 we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Accept through him, our great high priest,  
 this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,  
 and as we eat and drink these holy gifts  
 in the presence of your divine majesty,  
 renew us by your Spirit,  
 inspire us with your love  
 and unite us in the body of your Son,  
 Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
 we worship you, Father almighty,

President

in songs of e - ver last - ing praise

Response

Bless-ing and hon-our and glo-ry and power be yours for e-ver and e-ver. A - men.

## The Lord's Prayer

§ *Kneel*

Standing at the foot of the cross,  
 let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

*All* **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.**

## Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread,  
*All* **communion in Christ's body once broken.**

## Invitation to Communion

Behold 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 clergy receive Holy Communion*

## Giving of Communion

Father, if this cup cannot pass without my drinking it,  
your will be done.

## Spiritual Communion – *for those watching at home*

## Act of Reception

*All* In union, blessed Jesus,  
with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church  
where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day,

*(and remembering particularly my own parish ...)*

I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving,  
for creation and all the blessings of this life,  
for the redemption won for us by your life, death,  
and resurrection,  
for the means of grace and the hope of glory.

*(and particularly for the blessings given me ...)*

I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament,  
and, since I cannot at this time receive communion,  
I pray you to come into my heart.  
I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart,  
my soul, and my mind.

Let nothing separate me from you;  
let me serve you in this life until, by your grace,  
I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace.  
Amen.

*Words at the distribution:*

The body of Christ, broken for you.

*Response* **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*Response* **Amen.**

*Agnus Dei is sung here by the choir*

## Motet

*Choir*     *Hosanna to the Son of David!*  
*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!*  
*Hosanna in the highest.*

Music Arthur Hutchings (1906-1989)



# Hymn

All

**NOW** my soul, thy voice upraising,  
Tell in sweet and mournful strain  
How the Crucified, enduring  
Grief and wounds, and dying pain,  
Freely of his love was offered,  
Sinless was for sinners slain.

See, his hands and feet are fastened!  
So he makes his people free;  
Not a wound whence blood is flowing  
But a fount of grace shall be;  
Yea, the very nails which nail him  
Nail us also to the tree.

Jesu, may those precious fountains  
Drink to thirsting souls afford;  
Let them be our cup and healing,  
And at length our full reward:  
So a ransomed world shall ever  
Praise thee, its redeeming Lord.

Words Latin, Claude de Santeuil (1628-1684)  
tr Henry William Baker (1821-1877)

Music Webbe's St Thomas  
Samuel Webbe (1740-1816)

## Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

§ Stand

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.

All

**Amen.**

**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.**

## Hymn

*All*

**The royal banners forward go,  
The cross shines forth in mystic glow,  
Where he in flesh, our flesh who made,  
Our sentence bore, our ransom paid.**

**Where deep for us the spear was dyed,  
Life's torrent rushing from his side,  
To wash us in that precious flood,  
Where mingled water flowed, and blood.**

**Fulfilled is all that David told  
In true prophetic song of old,  
Amongst the nations, God, says he,  
Has reigned and triumphed from the tree.**

**O tree of beauty, tree of light,  
O tree with royal purple dight,  
Elect on whose triumphal breast  
Those holy limbs should find their rest!**

**On whose dear arms, so widely flung,  
The weight of this world's ransom hung,  
The price of humankind to pay  
And spoil the spoiler of his prey.**

**O Cross, our one reliance, hail!  
So may thy power with us prevail  
To give new virtue to the saint,  
And pardon to the penitent.**

**To thee, eternal three in one,  
Let homage meet by all be done;  
Whom by the cross thou dost restore,  
Preserve and govern evermore. Amen.**

Words: Latin, Venantius Fortunatus (530-609 )  
Tr John Mason Neale (1818-66)

Tune: Gonfalon Royal  
Percy Buck (1871-1947)

§ Sit

## Notices for the Community

### ¶ Sending Out

§ Stand

*All* The Lord our redeemer be with you  
**and also with you.**

## Solemn Blessing

*All* You believe that by his dying  
Christ destroyed death for ever.  
**Amen.**

*All* You have been crucified with Christ  
and live by faith in the Son of God,  
who loved you and gave himself for you.  
**Amen.**

*All* May he send you out to glory in his cross,  
and live no longer for yourselves but for him,  
who died and was raised to life for us.  
**Amen.**

*All* And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son †, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

## The Dismissal

The Mass is ended, go in peace.

All **Thanks be to God.**

## Organ Voluntary

Valet will ich dir geben BWV 736

*J S Bach (1685-1750)*

*'Farewell I gladly bid thee'*

*The procession departs*

*Those leaving immediately are asked to be aware of those who wish to listen to the organ voluntary*

*Refreshments are served after Mass, please join us in the Parish Centre*

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## Collection – responding to God's generosity

We invite you to make a monetary offering towards the ministry and mission of St Matthew's Church. You may do so using any of the following methods:

**Cash, cheques, stewardship envelopes** - using the receptacle provided at the back of church. If you are a taxpayer please use the envelopes in the chairs, and fill out the details in order that our parish may also benefit from the Gift Aid (an extra 25p for every pound given) associated with your giving.

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**Giving on your smart phone** - using the QR code printed below. It gives you the option of any amount, Gift Aid, and making a regular payment.

**Giving online** - click the donate button on the parish website or Facebook page and follow the instructions.

*Your generosity is gratefully received. Thank you.*



*Our thanks are due to Anonymous Donor 10  
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This evening at 5.30 pm  
**A Service of Penitence and Forgiveness**

**Please take this booklet home  
as an aid to prayer and reflection during the week,  
and then re-cycle it.**

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