

The Parish Church of St Giles with St Mary's, Pontefract



Palm Sunday
10th April 2022,
at 10.15 a.m.

Welcome

We welcome you to this celebration of Parish Mass for Palm Sunday.

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week, the annual memorial of Jesus' death and resurrection. Jesus' last days were spent in Jerusalem, the ancient capital city of Israel. On Palm Sunday we remember his triumphal entry into the city, when he was hailed as King David's heir, the promised Messiah, by the same crowds who would later call for him to be crucified. The symbolic act of processing with palms (usually enacted on this day) is a very ancient Christian tradition, which encourages all of us to take our place amongst the crowds and walk alongside Jesus during Holy Week. Palm Sunday is also traditionally a day when the Passion Narrative: the story of Jesus' suffering and death, is read.

The Palm Sunday liturgy, in particular, helps us to feel again what it is to be part of a crowd that welcomes a humble king; to undergo joy, mood change and face the challenging questions that are so much a part of our Christian lives – all significant as we prepare for Easter.

On this day, then, we move from the joyful celebration of Jesus as King to remembering his death on the cross, anticipating the events of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.

We wear red vestments, because we have moved from Lenten preparation and penitence into the spiritual roller-coaster of exaltation, abasement, expectation, identification with Jesus and joy that is Holy Week itself.

(Adapted from Palm Sunday liturgy 2020, Wakefield Cathedral).

The Liturgy of the Palms

Commemoration of the Lord's Entry into Jerusalem

Please turn and face the font for the beginning of the service

Introit

*The children of the Hebrews,
carrying palms and olive branches,
went forth to meet the Lord,
crying out and saying.
Hosanna in the highest!*

The Gathering

† In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Hosanna to the Son of David.

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

Behold your king comes to you, O Zion,
meek and lowly, sitting upon an ass.

Ride on in the cause of truth and for the sake of justice.

Your throne is the throne of God, it endures for ever;
and the sceptre of your kingdom is a righteous sceptre.

You have loved righteousness and hated evil.

Therefore God, your God, has anointed you
with the oil of gladness above your fellows.

Hosanna to the Son of David.

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

The Greeting

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.

Prayer over the Palms

The people hold up their palms while this prayer is said by the president

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 lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever.

Amen.

The Palm Gospel

Luke 19.28-40

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God

joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen,
saying,

“Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!”

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your
disciples to stop.” He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones
would shout out.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The president says

Let us go forth, praising Jesus our Messiah.

Hymn (509)

**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 Blessèd One.**

All glory, laud and honour...

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

All glory, laud and honour...

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

All glory, laud and honour...

**To Thee before Thy Passion
they sang their hymns of praise;
to Thee now high exalted
our melody we raise.**

All glory, laud and honour...

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

All glory, laud and honour...

**Do Thou direct our footsteps
upon our earthly way,
and bring us by Thy mercy
to heaven's eternal day.**

All glory, laud and honour...

St Theodulf of Orleans (d.821), Tr. John M Neale

The Collect for Palm Sunday

Let us pray.

Silence is kept

True and humble king,
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:
grant us the faith to know you and love you,
that we may be found beside you
on the way of the cross,
which is the path of glory.

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Reading Philippians 2.5-11

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form, he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death –
even death on a cross.

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

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory.

The Passion according to St Luke

The dramatic reading of the Passion replaces the usual Gospel reading. At the end of the reading, silence is kept.

Hear the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Please stand (if you are able).

N Jesus came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he said to them,

J "Pray that you may not come into the time of trial."

N Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed,

J "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done."

N When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, and he said to them,

J "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial."

N While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; but Jesus said to him,

J "Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?"

N When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked,

C "Lord, should we strike with the sword?"

N Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said,

J "No more of this!"

N And he touched his ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him,

J "Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!"

N Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house. But Peter was following at a distance. When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among

them.

R Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said, "This man also was with him." But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know him." A little later someone else, on seeing him, said, "You also are one of them." But Peter said, "Man, I am not!" Then about an hour later still another kept insisting, "Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean." But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are talking about!"

N At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly. Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; they also blindfolded him and kept asking him,

C "Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?"

R They kept heaping many other insults on him. When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. They said,

C "If you are the Messiah, tell us."

R He replied,

J "If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I question you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God."

R All of them asked,

C "Are you, then, the Son of God?"

R He said to them,

J "You say that I am."

R Then they said,

C "What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!"

R Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying,

C "We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king."

N Then Pilate asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" He answered,

J "You say so."

N Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no basis for any

accusation against this man." But they were insistent and said,

C "He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place."

N When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

R Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him." Then they all shouted out together,

C "Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!"

R (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting,

C "Crucify, crucify him!"

R A third time he said to them, "Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him." But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished. As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said,

J "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us'; and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

R Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him.

N When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said,

J "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."

N And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying,

C "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!"

N The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying,

C "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!"

N There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying,

R "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"

N But the other rebuked him, saying,

R "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied,

J "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

N It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said,

J "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."

N Having said this, he breathed his last.

Silence will be kept for a time.

N When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God.

R The centurion said, "Certainly this man was innocent." And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

N Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid. It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments. On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

This is the passion of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Prayers of Intercession

We come boldly to the throne of grace,
praying to the almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit for mercy and grace.

After each prayer: Lord, in your mercy
 hear our prayer.

Today we pray for Lyncon George Goodwin and his family on the occasion of his celebration of the sacrament of baptism.

We pray for those for whom prayers have been requested:

Patrick; Mike; Steven; Terry; Cynthia; Steph; Tracey; Brenda; Dawn; Morag; Josie and Ken; Janis Gallagher; Lucy Nichol; Carl Thornton; Pat Steel; Janet Hickling; Ann Knox; Fr Mark; David Murray; Rhys Williams; Alan Sambrooks; Linda Sambrooks; Adrian Pope; Jonathan Bellamy; Carl Farraker; Marilyn Spicer; Cath Godridge; Pam Newbert; Andrew and Jennie Priest; David and Denzil; Ben (child).

We pray for those who have recently died:

Patrick Donaldson; Margaret Street; Maureen Steane.

Those whose years mind falls at this time:

Frank Whitney; George Campling; Eileen Whitney.

At the end:

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

Our children and young people return (St Giles 3:16 group)

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The 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.

cf Ephesians 2.13

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Preparation of the Altar

Hymn (511)

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hark, all the tribes hosanna cry.
O Saviour meek, pursue Thy 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!
Thy 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.**

Henry Hart Milman (1791-1868)

Taking of the Bread and Wine

Jesus, true vine and bread of life,
ever giving yourself that the world might live,
let us share your death and passion:
make us perfect in your love.

Amen.

Prayer over the Gifts

Pray, my brothers and sisters
that this my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God,
the almighty Father.

**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.**



The Eucharistic Prayer

Let us pray.

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

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.

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:

***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.

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.

He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:

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

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.

Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:

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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Lord of all life,

help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with Our Lady, Giles and all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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

**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

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

Every time we eat this bread
and drink this cup,
**we proclaim the Lord's death
until he comes.**

Agnus Dei

***Jesus, Lamb of God,
have mercy on us.***

***Jesus, bearer of our sins,
have mercy on us.***

***Jesus, redeemer of the world,
grant us your peace.***

Giving of Communion

The president says the invitation to communion.

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

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

The President and people receive communion.

The body of Christ broken for you. **Amen.**

If you would prefer not to receive Holy Communion, please use this prayer of spiritual communion.

**In union, O Lord with the faithful at every altar of your Church,
where the Holy Eucharist is celebrated, I desire to offer you praise
and thanksgiving. I present to you my soul and body with the
earnest wish that I may always be united to you.**

**And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to
come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, and embrace
you with all the affections of my soul. Let nothing ever separate you
from me.**

May I live and die in your love.

Hymn (86)

**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 O, 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.**

**Why, what hath my Lord done?
What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run,
He gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries!
Yet they at these
themselves displease,
and 'gainst Him rise.**

**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

Anthem

Drop, drop, slow tears - Orlando Gibbons

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

Let us pray.

**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.**

Notices are given.

The Blessing and Dismissal

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Hymn (272)

**All for Jesus! All for Jesus!
This our song shall ever be;
for we have no hope, nor Saviour,
if we have not hope in Thee.**

**All for Jesus! Thou wilt give us
strength to serve Thee, hour by hour:
none can move us from Thy presence
while we trust Thy love and pow'r.**

**All for Jesus! At Thine altar
Thou dost give us sweet content;
there, dear Saviour, we receive Thee
in the holy sacrament.**

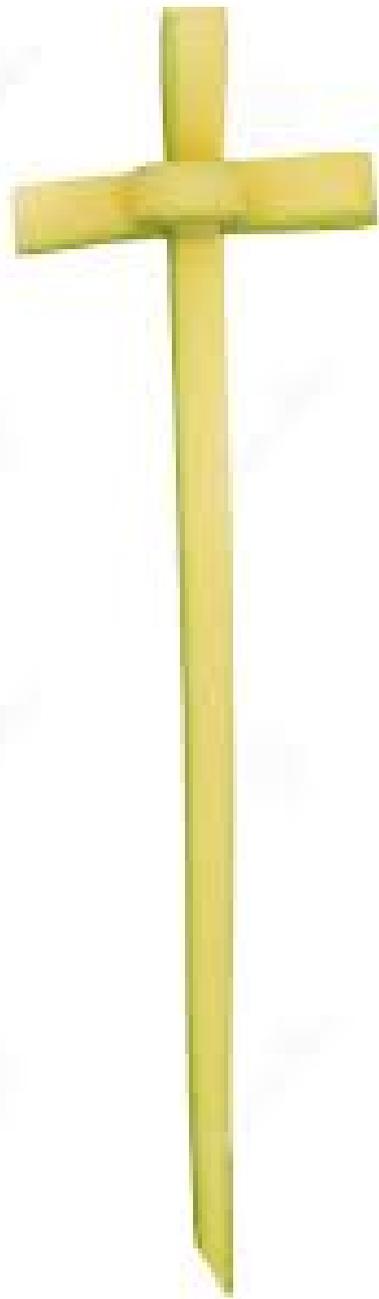
**All for Jesus! Thou hast loved us,
all for Jesus! Thou hast died,
all for Jesus! Thou art with us;
all for Jesus glorified!**

**All for Jesus! All for Jesus!
This the Church's song shall be,
till at last the flock is gathered
one in love, and one in Thee.**

William John Sparrow-Simpson

The clergy and people depart.

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