



Palm Sunday

24th March 2024

9.20am Gathering for Procession

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

we say together

Hosanna to the Son of David!

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna in the highest!**

Dear friends in Christ, for five weeks of Lent we have been preparing, by works of charity and self-sacrifice, for the celebration of our Lord's paschal mystery. Today we come together to begin the solemn celebration in union with the whole Church throughout the world. Christ entered in triumph into His own city, to complete His work as our Messiah: to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us remember with devotion this entry, which began His saving work and follow Him with a lively faith. United with Him in His suffering on the Cross, may we share His resurrection and new life.

Blessing of the Palms:

Almighty God, we pray you bless + these branches and make them holy. Today we joyfully acclaim Jesus our Messiah and King. May we reach one day the happiness of the new and everlasting Jerusalem by faithfully following Him who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Gospel Reading: Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
All Glory to you, O Lord. *Luke 19:28-40*

²⁸ Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹ When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, ³⁰ '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. ³¹ If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this, "The Lord needs it.'" ³² So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?'

³⁴ They said, 'The Lord needs it.' ³⁵ Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ 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,

³⁸ 'Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!' ³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.' ⁴⁰ He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Let us journey in peace praising Jesus our Messiah as did the crowds who welcomed him to 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:

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

The people of the Hebrews, with palms before thee went:
our praise and prayer and anthems, before thee we present:

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

Give me joy in my heart keep me praising, give me joy in my heart I pray,
Give me joy in my heart keep me praising, keep me praising till the end of day.

*Sing Hosanna! Sing Hosanna! Sing Hosanna to the King of Kings,
Sing Hosanna! Sing Hosanna! Sing Hosanna to the King!*

Give me peace in my heart keep me resting, give me peace in my heart I pray,
Give me peace in my heart keep me resting, keep me resting till the end of day.

Give me love in my heart keep me serving, give me love in my heart I pray,
Give me love in my heart keep me serving, keep me serving till the end of day.

Give me oil in my lamp keep me burning, give me oil in my lamp I pray,
Give me oil in my lamp keep me burning, keep me burning till the end of day.

Hymn to begin the part of the service in church

Ride on, ride on in majesty !
Hark, all the tribes hosanna cry.
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 winged 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.

Collect:

A prayerful 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. **All Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Reading: *Philippians 2.5-11*

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.

This is the Word of the Lord
All Thanks be to God

Hymn

O God, you search me and you know me.
All my thoughts lie open to your gaze.
When I walk or lie down you are before me:
Ever the maker and keeper of my days.

You know my resting and my rising
You discern my purpose from afar.
And with love everlasting you besiege me:
In ev'ry moment of life or death, you are.

Before a word is on my tongue, Lord,
You have known its meaning through and through.
You are with me beyond my understanding:
God of my present, my past and future, too.

Although your Spirit is upon me,
Still I search for shelter from your light.
There is nowhere on earth I can escape you:
Even the darkness is radiant in your sight.

For you created me and shaped me,
Gave me life within my mother's womb.
For the wonder of who I am, I praise you:
Safe in your hands, all creation is made new.

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Please SIT for:

Gospel

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

[Please join in with the parts that say "all"]

(Three individual parts: Narrator, Pilate, Jesus)

Narrator First thing in the morning, the chief priest together with the elders and scribes, in short the whole Sanhedrin, had their plan ready. They had Jesus bound and took him away and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate questioned him,

Pilate Are you the king of the Jews?

Narrator He answered,

Jesus It is you who say it,

Narrator The chief priests brought many accusations against him. Pilate questioned him again,

Pilate Have you no reply at all? See how many accusations they are bringing against you!

Narrator But to Pilate's amazement, Jesus made no further reply. At festival time Pilate used to release a prisoner for them, anyone they asked for. Now a man called Barabbas was then in prison with the rioters who had committed murder during the uprising. When the crowd went up and began to ask Pilate the customary favour, Pilate answered them,

Pilate Do you want me to release for you the king of the Jews?

Narrator For he realised it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed Jesus over. The chief priests, however, had incited the crowd to demand that he should release Barabbas for them instead. Then Pilate spoke again.

Pilate But in that case, what am I to do with the man you call king of the Jews?

Narrator They shouted back,

All **Crucify him!**

Narrator Pilate asked them,

Pilate Why? What harm has he done?

Narrator But they shouted all the louder,

All **Crucify him!**

Narrator So Pilate, anxious to placate the crowd, released Barabbas for them and, having ordered Jesus to be scourged, handed him over to be crucified. The soldiers led him away to the inner part of the palace, that is, the Praetorium, and called the whole cohort together. They dressed him up in purple, twisted some thorns into a crown and put it on him. And they began saluting him,

All **Hail, king of the Jews!**

Narrator They struck his head with a reed and spat on him; and they went down on their knees to do him homage. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the purple and dressed him in his own clothes. They led him out to crucify him. They enlisted a passer by, Simon of Cyrene, father of Alexander and Rufus who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross. They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha, which means the place of the skull. They offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he refused it. Then they crucified him, and shared out his clothing, casting lots to decide what each should get. It was the third hour when they crucified him. The inscription giving the charge against him read: 'The King of the Jews.' And they crucified two robbers with him, one on his right and one on his left. The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said,

All **Aha! So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself: come down from the cross!**

Narrator The chief priests and the scribes mocked him among themselves in the same way. They said,

All **He saved others, he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the king of Israel, come down from the cross now, for us to see it and believe.**

Narrator Even those who were crucified with him taunted him. When the sixth hour came there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice,

Jesus Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?

Narrator This means

Jesus "My God, my God, why have you deserted me?"

Narrator When some of those who stood by heard this, they said,

All **Listen, he is calling on Elijah.**

Narrator Someone ran and soaked a sponge in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it him to drink, saying, "Wait and see if Elijah will come to take him down." But Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The centurion, who was standing in front of him, had seen how he had died, and he said, "In truth this man was the Son of God."

This is the Passion of Christ.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

Sermon

Prayers of Intercession: Lord, in your mercy *All* **hear our prayer.**

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

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.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All **and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.

I once was lost but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.

How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come.

'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures.

He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

When we've been there a thousand years, bright shining as the sun,

we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun.

The Lord is here

All **his Spirit is with us**

Lift up your hearts

All **We lift them to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

All glory be to you, our heavenly Father, who, in your tender mercy, gave your only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray, and grant that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, we receiving these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine, according to your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and 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.

Great is the mystery of faith

All Christ has died, Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

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. *(all)* **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, now and forever. Amen.**

Silence is kept

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.

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

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.**

Communion and blessings

Post-Communion Prayer: 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.

Celebrations and Notices

The Dismissal

Blessing: 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 of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. *All Amen*

Hymn

Bless the Lord oh my soul
Oh my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before
Oh my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name.

The sun comes up
It's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass
And whatever lies before me
Let me be singing
When the evening comes.

Bless the Lord oh my soul
Oh my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before
Oh my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name.

You're rich in love
And You're slow to anger
Your name is great
And Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness
I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons
For my heart to find.

Bless the Lord oh my soul
Oh my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before
Oh my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name
Bless You Lord.

And on that day
When my strength is failing
The end draws near
And my time has come
Still my soul will
Sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years
And then forevermore
Forevermore.

Bless the Lord oh my soul
Oh my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before
Oh my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name.

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

The Rest of Holy Week (Notes about our Services and Events)

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings (March 25th, 26th and 27th)

8.30pm on each of these three evenings on Zoom, a short act of worship/devotion. This ensures that our church is marking every day in Holy Week with an act of worship. Zoom is free to install on your PC, phone or tablet. Or, if you don't yet have it, then you should see "first time user of Zoom?" when you click on the link (which is in the weekly emailing. **If you haven't received the weekly emailings, please email Andy: revd.andydavis@gmail.com**

The three service orders for these services have been sent with the weekly emailings; or you can email Andy for them; or they are on the website: go to "Information Hub" and then the folder called "Services / Worship Info".

Maundy Thursday (March 28th)

7.30pm Sung Communion and Gethsemane Watch until Midnight

"Maundy" comes from "Mandatum" which means "command". We explore three particular commands of love, given by Jesus at the Last Supper:

Do this in remembrance of me.....celebrating the gift of Holy Communion that Jesus gave us on this very holy night.

You also ought to wash one another's feet..... We focus on Jesus washing his disciple's feet (a profound sign of humility and service).

Could you not watch with me one hour.....

The vigil of silent prayer until midnight is a reminder of Jesus's agony and time of anguished prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane, and a chance for us to obey (fully, or for a shorter or longer time) this command.

Towards the end of the main service, and in preparation for the stark solemnity of Good Friday, altars can be stripped, and some church ornamentation removed or covered.

Extra Communion wafers are consecrated to provide "Reserved Sacrament" for two purposes: to allow a simple sharing of Communion on Good Friday, and to be carried to a place in church to become a focus for the Vigil evoking Gethsemane. You are invited to stay until the silent Gethsemane watch has begun.....and then leave whenever you like (after a few minutes.....after any length of time you choose.....or at Midnight(!) You could also go home and return later; or if you are not coming to the service, you could still drop in for part (or all) of the Vigil. In a previous parish I got to know a man who ONLY came to church once a year – to this silent vigil – not even to the service that came before it. He loved this bittersweet time of silence and reflection.....


Good Friday (March 29th)

10.00am to 11.30am Easter Craft Workshop for children

Join us on Good Friday for Easter crafts, games and hot crossed buns!

This is a free event for children aged 3-10yrs at the Paterson Centre. A parent/carer will need to stay with their children for the full session. Teas and coffees will be served



Other Easter news - an all-age family Service will be held on Easter Sunday at 10am with an Easter Egg Hunt afterwards do join us!

2.00pm The Service of the Cross

(Also called "The Liturgy of Good Friday")

This includes a "Passion Gospel", reflections on the meaning of the Cross; the Veneration of the cross (an opportunity – for those who wish – to make a very simple act of devotion to Christ crucified) and an opportunity to receive the bread of Holy Communion from the specially Reserved Sacrament (see Maundy Thursday).

Easter Sunday (March 31st)

6.00am Easter Ceremonies

This service is based on the Easter baptismal ceremonies of the early church, which went on for many hours and through the night. If we were to do the full version, which has been used in the modern church for some years, it can take several hours.....but this "pared down" version is about 45 to 60 minutes.

It begins with a small fire outside (the "New Fire") symbolizing the beginning of the Resurrection. The Easter candle is lit from the fire and carried into the church. Individual candles (which we hold) can be lit from the Easter Candle, to show that we can share in Christ's light. By candlelight, there is the singing of an ancient Easter hymn, the "Exsultet". There are then some bible readings, tracing God's liberating acts in scripture..... then all the lights come on and there is an explosion of sound to celebrate the resurrection. It is called "The Joyful Noise" and you can bring bells, whistles, drums, football rattles..... anything like that(!) The remainder of the service includes the renewal of baptismal vows at the font (by candlelight) and a Communion from the Peace onwards.....

8.00am Holy Communion (1662)

A service in traditional language, celebrating the Risen Christ!

10.00am All-Age Sung Communion

A modern language service, celebrating the Risen Christ!

Notices

Communion arrangements: you are invited to come up to receive bread and wine starting with the back rows and working towards the front rows. This means the front row people will be the last to receive. At the altar, please queue to the left if you would like to drink wine from the common cup, and queue to the right if you would prefer to receive bread dipped in the wine (intincted). A friendly reminder that the bread may only be intincted by the president and not by individual communicants.

Meon Valley Food Bank Food Donations Thank you for your continued support. We are preparing to help over 60 children receiving Free School meals over the Easter break, with food parcels. So your donations are needed even more over the next few weeks. We will be open next Monday between 10 and 12 to receive food donations. We will be closed on Monday 1st April. EASTER MONDAY. The items we require for the coming week are: jars of cooking sauce/pasta sauce, tinned meat meals, tinned spaghetti, tinned potatoes, tinned fruit, tinned vegetables, tinned rice pudding, tinned custard, kids toothpaste, soap bars and snack bars. Thank you, The Meon Valley Food Bank Team.

Internment of Paul Scott's ashes. On Saturday 30th March at 11.30am Paul's ashes will be interred alongside Toni's in the Memorial path. Prior to this, anyone who wishes to meet up with Paul's family to reminisce and give thanks for Paul and Toni's friendship is invited to come into the Paterson Centre for coffee from 10.30am. If you would like to join this, please let Anne Pearson know so that she can ensure there is adequate catering. annepearson1@msn.com Thank you. A wheelchair is available should anyone need it, please let Jill Phipps know on 07842636746.

Royal British Legion jigsaw puzzle sale Saturday 27th April 2024 from 10.30-12 noon in the Paterson Centre. If you have any puzzles to donate please make sure that they are complete and then seal the box.

Easter Flowers in St. Barnabas If you would like to remember a loved one by giving a donation in their memory towards our Easter flowers, please pop this in an envelope marked Easter Flowers or use one of the white envelopes in the basket marked Easter flowers at the back of the pews and post it in the postbox attached to the wall in the link. We will do our best to decorate the church as is fitting for this special time of the church year. Thank you. The flower team.

Can you help? I have been coordinating the church cleaning for a while and I would like to hand over the task, so I am looking for someone to take it on please. It is not a very onerous job and I will give you all the information you need. You do not have to be a member of the cleaning team to coordinate it!! Jen Frampton. Contact jaframpton@aol.com
07775708563

For Our Daily Prayers

All those who live in **Broad Lane, Coronation Road and Ludwells Lane.**

Please remember in your prayers: **John, Lara, Linda, Christie, Danny, Thomas** and his parents **Lucy and Tony.**

Please pray for all who are sick or suffering; for those awaiting the results of tests, lonely or isolated, in hospital or hospice.

All those who have been recently bereaved.

Please send all items for Sun 7th April pew leaflet by morning of Wed 3rd April to office@stbarnabas.org.uk