

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT CLAPHAM



**PALM SUNDAY
2024**

Palm Sunday, marks the start of **Holy Week**.

We begin our celebration by commemorating Christ's entry into Jerusalem with the reading of the Palm Gospel and the Blessing of Palms outside. For those wishing to take part, we gather outside **The Vicarage, 49 Elms Crescent at 10.10am** and then process with palms to the church.

Once we arrive at church, the focus of our service shifts to the events leading to the death of Christ.

For those of us joining the service **at church** the service will begin with the singing of **Hymn 159** Once the procession arrives we will **continue singing for TWO more verses only** as the palms branches are laid at the altar, the service continues with the Collect on page 5.

PROCESSION

COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM

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

INTRODUCTION

PRAYER OVER THE PALMS *We hold up our palms to be blessed*

God our Saviour, whose Son Jesus Christ
entered Jerusalem as Messiah to suffer and to die;
let these palms 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. **Amen.**

THE PALM GOSPEL

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

MARK 11:1-11

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he 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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

THE PROCESSION

Let us go forth, praising Jesus our Messiah.

HYMN 159 ALL GLORY, LAUD AND HONOUR

*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.**

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 ...

**Thy sorrow and thy triumph
grant us, O Christ, to share,
that to the holy city
together we may fare.**

All glory, laud and honour ...

**For homage may we bring thee
our victory o'er the foe,
that in the Conqueror's triumph
this strain may ever flow.**

All glory, laud and honour ...

ARRIVAL AT CHURCH

THE COLLECT

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

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 PASSION READING

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

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.

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

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

The Passion Gospel is read

At the end

This is the Passion of the Lord.

In response to the Passion Gospel we kneel to sing:

HYMN 181 O SACRED HEAD

**O sacred head, surrounded
by crown of piercing thorn!
O bleeding head, so wounded,
so shamed and put to scorn!
Death's pallid hue comes o'er thee,
the glow of life decays;
yet angel-hosts adore thee,
and tremble as they gaze.**

**Thy comeliness and vigour
is withered up and gone,
and in thy wasted figure
I see death drawing on.
O agony and dying!
O love to sinners free!
Jesu, all grace supplying,
turn thy face to me.**

**In this thy bitter passion,
good Shepherd, think of me
with thy most sweet compassion,
unworthy though I be:
beneath thy cross abiding
for ever would I rest,
in thy dear love confiding,
and with thy presence blest.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

We stand with Christ in his suffering.

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

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.

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.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

For those who, weighed down with hardship, sickness or sorrow,
feel that God is far from them,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we, with those who have died in faith,
may find mercy in the day of Christ,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

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
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

HYMN 763 PRAISE TO THE HOLIEST IN THE HEIGHT

**Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise:
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.**

**O loving wisdom of our God!
When all was sin and shame,
a second Adam to the fight
and to the rescue came.**

**O wisest love! that flesh and blood,
which did in Adam fail,**

**should strive afresh against the foe,
should strive and should prevail;**

**And that a higher gift than grace
should flesh and blood refine,
God's presence and his very self,
and essence all-divine.**

**O generous love! that he, who smote
in Man for man the foe,
the double agony in Man
for man should undergo;**

**And in the garden secretly,
and on the cross on high,
should teach his brethren, and inspire
to suffer and to die.**

**Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise:
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.**

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

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.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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.
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.

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

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ,
Though we are many, we are one body
because we all share in the one bread.

THE AGNUS DEI

**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.**

GIVING OF 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.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.

**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 161 RIDE ON, RIDE ON IN MAJESTY

**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!
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.**

THE 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.
Amen.

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

Please join us for refreshments and a chat after the service



Easter 2024

Maundy Thursday 28 March at 8pm
Eucharist of Last Supper with foot washing

Good Friday 29 March
Family Workshop 10am – 12noon
(making hot cross buns and the Easter Garden)
Stations of the Cross at 12noon
followed by Good Friday Liturgy

Easter Sunday 31 March
Dawn Service with Easter Fire at 5am
Easter Day Festival Mass at 10.30am

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