



Holy Communion All Hallows Church

Palm Sunday
2 April 2023

A warm welcome to our worship this morning. Whether a regular or a visitor, it is good to have you here.

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We stand as the bell sounds to mark the beginning of our worship.

HYMN

The congregation meets at the War Memorial outside the Hall. The following hymn is sung as we process into church.

- 1 Make way, make way, for Christ the King
 in splendour arrives;
 fling wide the gates and welcome him
 into your lives.
- Refrain *Make way! (Make way!) Make way! (Make way!)
 For the King of kings. (For the King of kings.)
 Make way! (Make way!) Make way! (Make way!)
 And let his kingdom in.*
- 2 He comes the broken hearts to heal,
 the prisoners to free;
 the deaf shall hear, the lame shall dance,
 the blind shall see.
- 3 And those who mourn with heavy hearts,
 who weep and sigh,
 with laughter, joy and royal crown
 he'll beautify.
- 4 We call you now to worship him
 as Lord of all,
 to have no gods before him,
 their thrones must fall!

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HYMN

Sung as the congregation, choir and ministers process into the church.

Chorus *All glory, laud, and honour
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.*

1 Thou art the King of Israel,
thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest,
the King and blessèd one:

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

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

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

5 Thou didst accept their praises,
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King:

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

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

Gloria, laus et honor, St Theodulph of Orleans (c.750–821) translated by John Mason Neale (1818–1866)

GREETING

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

All Amen.

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

All And also with you.

Words of welcome may be said.

BLESSING THE PALM CROSSES

The congregation hold up their palm crosses as the minister blesses them using the following prayer:

Minister 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, now and for ever.

All Amen.

CONFESSION

Minister God shows his love for us
in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Let us then show our love for him
by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

KYRIE ELEISON

Minister O God, you know my foolishness
and my sins are not hidden from you:
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Minister Let not the flood overwhelm me
nor the depths swallow me up;
let not the pit shut its mouth upon me:
Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Minister Hear me, O Lord, as your loving kindness is good;
turn to me as your compassion is great:
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

ABSOLUTION

Minister May God our Father forgive you your sins,
and bring you to the eternal joy of his kingdom
where dust and ashes have no dominion.

All Amen.

COLLECT

The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words 'Let us pray' or a more specific bidding. The Collect is said:

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.

READING Isaiah 50.4-9a

The servant of the LORD said:

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 backwards. 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? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Silence may be kept.

SECOND READING Philippians 2.5-11

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.

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Silence may be kept.

HYMN

- 1 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hark, all the tribes hosanna cry:
O Saviour meek, pursue thy road
with palms and scattered garments strowed.
- 2 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.
- 3 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The wingèd squadrons of the sky
look down with sad and wondering eyes
to see the approaching sacrifice.
- 4 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The last and fiercest strife is nigh:
the Father on his sapphire throne
awaits his own anointed Son.
- 5 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)

PASSION READING Matthew 26.14-27.66

Reader Hear the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew.

No response is made. The Passion is read.

Please stand during the following part of the reading:

Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, 'Whom do you want me to release for you, Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?' For he realised that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgement seat, his wife sent word to him, 'Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.'

Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them, 'Which of the two do you want me to release for you?' And they said,

All 'Barabbas.'

Pilate said to them, 'Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?' All of them said,

All 'Let him be crucified!'

Then he asked, 'Why, what evil has he done?' But they shouted all the more,

All 'Let him be crucified!'

So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, 'I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.' Then the people as a whole answered,

All 'His blood be on us and on our children!'

So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Please sit. The reading continues.

At the end the reader says:

This is the Passion of the Lord.

No response is made. The congregation sit in silence.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Minister Let us declare our faith in God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Minister Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

This response may be included:

Lord, hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

And at the end:

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

Silence is kept.

PEACE

Minister 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.

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

HYMN

1 And now, O Father, mindful of the love
that bought us, once for all, on Calvary's tree,
and having with us him that pleads above,
we here present, we here spread forth to thee

that only offering perfect in thine eyes,
the one true, pure, immortal sacrifice.

2 Look, Father, look on his anointed face,
and only look on us as found in him;
look not on our misusings of thy grace,
our prayer so languid, and our faith so dim:
for lo, between our sins and their reward
we set the Passion of thy Son our Lord.

3 And so we come: O draw us to thy feet,
most patient Saviour, who canst love us still;
and by this food, so awful and so sweet,
deliver us from every touch of ill:
in thine own service make us glad and free,
and grant us never more to part with thee.

William Bright (1824–1901)

TABLE PRAYER

Minister 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.

All Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Minister The Lord is here.

All His spirit is with us.

Minister Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Minister Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

Minister 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/choir 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.**

Minister Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus.

**All Dying you destroyed our death.
Rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Minister And so, Father,
calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once
for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,

so that we, in the company of all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All Amen.

Silence may be kept.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Minister Standing at the foot of the cross,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray.

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

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

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

AGNUS DEI

All/choir Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

GIVING OF COMMUNION

Minister Jesus is 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.

Please wait to be directed forward to receive communion.

COMMUNION MOTET

HYMN

1 From heaven you came, helpless babe,
entered our world, your glory veiled;
not to be served, but to serve,
and give your life that we might live.

*Chorus This is our God, the Servant King,
he calls us now to follow him,
to bring our lives as a daily offering
of worship to the Servant King.*

2 There in the garden of tears,
my heavy load he chose to bear;
his heart with sorrow was torn,
'Yet not my will but yours,' he said.

- 3 Come, see his hands and his feet,
 the scars that speak of sacrifice,
 hands that flung stars into space
 to cruel nails surrendered.
- 4 So let us learn how to serve,
 and in our lives enthrone him;
 each other's needs to prefer,
 for it is Christ we're serving.

Graham Kendrick (b. 1950)

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Minister 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.**

All **We thank you, Lord, that you have
 fed us in this sacrament,
 united us with Christ,
 and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet
 prepared for all peoples. Amen.**

NOTICES

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 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.

- 3 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.
- 4 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? Heaven was his home;
 but mine the tomb wherein he lay.
- 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.

Samuel Crossman (c. 1624–1683)

BLESSING

Minister 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.**

DISMISSAL

Minister Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

The people and ministers depart.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY Malcolm Williamson: All glory, laud and honour

OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR

Those who suffer in **body, mind or spirit**, among them Richard H, Kay G, Jonathan, Kath T, June M, Jenny A, Hilly S, Diana B, Peter S, Andre.

The housebound and those in residential homes: Shirley C.

If you would like to add a name to our prayer list, please obtain the consent of the person you wish us to pray for. Then tell Pat Thomas whom to pray for and the reason why.

REMEMBER THE DEPARTED

Those whose anniversaries fell on this past week: Donald Cock, Merville Thomas, Frederick Albert Lambert, George Arthur Goodwin Hacksley, Jean Butler, Sharon Keevil, Bill Wych, Jane Cosford, Wendy Buckby, Kevin Andrew Thomas, Elspeth Gordon, Ian Cox, Baby Kevin Thomas, Ernest Fensome, Baby Dodkins, Angela Pelling, Marjory Riley, Olive Butler, Graham Spencer, Michael Thompson, Charles Saunby.

NOTICES

Holy Week posters are available in church, please take as many as you need.

Come and sing Stainer's Crucifixion this evening 18:00, All Hallows.

Good Friday Workshop 7 April 10:00-11:30, Vicarage garden. If you would like to attend, please email the benefice office, or tell Pat Thomas.

Everyone is warmly invited to the installation and licensing of Canon Paula as our permanent incumbent of our Benefice (as opposed to Interim Minister) at a joint service on 19 April at 19:30 at All Hallows (where there are toilets!)

Holy week services

Monday 9:00-9:30	Morning Prayer (Zoom)
21:00-21:30	Compline (All Saints)
Tuesday 9:00-9:30	Morning Prayer (Zoom)
21:00-21:30	Compline (All Saints)
Wednesday 9:00-9:30	Morning Prayer (Zoom)
12:15-13:00	Midweek Eucharist (All Hallows)
19:30-20:30	Stations of the Cross (All Hallows)
21:00-21:30	Compline (Zoom)
Thursday 9:00-9:30	Morning Prayer (Zoom)
10:00-10:30	Holy Communion (All Saints)
19:30-20:30	Holy Communion w/ foot washing (All Saints)
20:30 onwards	The Watch (Lady Chapel, All Saints)
Friday 10:00-11:30	Children's Good Friday workshops (Vicarage)
13:30-15:00	Good Friday Liturgy (All Hallows)
Sunday 8:00-8:30	Eucharist (All Saints)
9:15-10:15	Eucharist (All Saints)
11:15-12:15	Eucharist (All Hallows)

DIARY – HOLY WEEK

Mon 3 Apr

9:00-9:30	Zoom	Morning Prayer
21:00-21:30	All Saints	Compline

Tues 4 Apr

9:00-9:30	Zoom	Morning Prayer
9:30-12:00	All Hallows' Hall	coffee shop
16:00-17:00	Zoom	Pastoral Team Meeting AH
21:00-21:30	All Saints	Compline

Wed 5 Apr

9:00-9:30	Zoom	Morning Prayer
9:30-12:00	All Hallows' Hall	coffee shop
10:30-12:30	All Hallows	open to the public
11:00-15:00	All Saints	organ tuning
12:15-13:00	All Hallows	Midweek Eucharist
16:00-17:00	Zoom	Pastoral Team meeting AS
19:30-20:30	All Hallows	Stations of the Cross
21:00-21:30	Zoom	Compline

Thurs 6 Apr

Maundy Thursday

9:00-9:30	Zoom	Morning Prayer
10:00-10:30	All Saints	Holy Communion
19:30-20:30	All Saints	Holy Communion w/ foot washing
20:30 onwards	All Saints	The Watch in the Lady Chapel

Fri 7 Apr

Good Friday

9:30-12:00	All Hallows' Hall	coffee shop
10:00-11:30	Vicarage	Children's Good Friday workshops
13:30-15:00	All Hallows	Good Friday Liturgy

Sat 8 Apr

9:30-12:00	All Hallows' Hall	coffee shop
10:30-12:30	All Hallows	open to the public

Sun 9 Apr

Easter Sunday

8:00-8:30	All Saints	Eucharist
9:15-10:15	All Saints	Eucharist
11:15-12:15	All Hallows	Eucharist

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