

ALL SAINTS' MARGARET STREET

PALM SUNDAY

OF THE LORD'S PASSION



BLESSING OF PALMS, PROCESSION &

HIGH MASS

Sunday, 29th March, 2026

11am

§ *The congregation gathers with palms to commemorate the Lord's entry into Jerusalem.*

ANTIPHON

*Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord:
O King of Israel, hosanna in the highest.*

Walter Vale, 1875-1939

INTRODUCTORY RITES

In the name of the ☩ Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**

Dear brothers and sisters, since the beginning of Lent we have prepared our hearts by penance and charitable works. Today we gather together to herald with the whole Church the beginning of the celebration of our Lord's Paschal Mystery, that is to say, of his Passion and Resurrection. For it was to accomplish this mystery that he entered his own city of Jerusalem.

Therefore, with all faith and devotion, let us commemorate the Lord's entry into the city for our salvation following in his footsteps, so that, being made by his grace partakers of the Cross, we may have a share also in his Resurrection and in his life.

§ *The people hold up their palms to be blessed.*

☩ Bless, O Lord, we beseech thee, these branches: and grant that as thy people outwardly with their bodies do worship thee, so inwardly in their souls they may serve thee with pure devotion, that they may be victorious over the assaults of the enemy, and cleave steadfastly unto all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

ANTIPHON

The children of the Hebrews, bearing branches of olive, went out to meet the Lord, crying out and saying: Hosanna in the highest.

THE PALM GOSPEL Matthew 21.1-11

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

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

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, ‘Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, “The Lord needs them.” And he will send them immediately.’ This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

‘Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

‘Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!’

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, ‘Who is this?’ The crowds were saying, ‘This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to thee, O Christ.

PROCESSION

Let us go forth in peace.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

§ Please follow the stewards’ guidance as the procession is formed.

**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...*

The company of angels
Are praising thee on high,
And mortal men and all things
Created make reply. *All glory...*

The people of the Hebrews
With palms before thee went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems
Before thee we present. *All glory...*

To thee before thy passion
They sang their hymns of praise;
To thee, now high exalted,
Our melody we raise. *All glory...*

Thou didst accept their praises,
Accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest,
Thou good and gracious King. *All glory...*

Do thou direct our footsteps
Upon our earthly way,
And bring us by thy mercy
To heaven's eternal day. *All glory...*

Within that blessèd City
Thy praises may we sing,
And ever raise hosannas
To our most loving King. *All glory...*

St Theodulph of Orleans, d.821

Tr J.M. Neale, 1818-1866

ST THEODULPH

Melody by M. Teschner, c.1613

Adapted and harmonized by J.S. Bach, 1685-1750

§ *At the courtyard gate the procession pauses. All join in with the words in bold.*

THE earth is the Lord's, and all that therein is:
The compass of the world, and they that dwell therein.
For he hath founded it upon the seas:
And prepared it upon the floods. **Hosanna in the highest!**

Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord:
Or who shall rise up in his holy place?
Even he that hath clean hands, and a pure heart:
And that hath not lift up his mind unto vanity,
Nor sworn to deceive his neighbour. **Hosanna in the highest!**

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors:
And the King of glory shall come in.

Who is the King of glory:
It is the Lord strong and mighty, even the Lord mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors:
And the King of glory shall come in.

Who is the King of glory:
Even the Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors:
And the King of glory shall come in.

Almighty and everlasting God, who didst ordain that our Lord Jesus Christ should ride upon a colt, the foal of an ass; and didst teach the throngs of people to spread their garments and the branches of trees in the way, and to sing Hosanna in his praise: grant, we beseech thee, that we may follow the example of their innocence, and like them, render thee a worthy service; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

§ *The procession resumes.*

**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!
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.

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

Henry Milman, 1791-1868

WINCHESTER NEW

Adapted from a chorale in *Musicalisches Hand-Buch*, Hamburg 1690

THE PROPHETIC ANTHEM

O Jerusalem, look toward the East and behold: lift up thine eyes, O Jerusalem, and behold the power of thy King!

THE COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, who of thy tender love towards the world hast sent thy 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 thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

§ *All sit.*

FIRST READING Isaiah 50.4-9

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 wakens— wakens 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.

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

PSALMODY 31.9-16

Thou hast not shut me up into the hand of the enemy: but hast set my feet in a large room. Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble: and mine eye is consumed for very heaviness; yea, my soul and my body. For my life is waxen old with heaviness: and my years with mourning. My strength faileth me, because of mine iniquity: and my bones are consumed. I became a reproof among all mine enemies, but especially among my neighbours: and they of mine acquaintance were afraid of me; and they that did see me without, conveyed themselves from me. I am clean forgotten as a dead man out of mind: I am become like a broken vessel. For I have heard the blasphemy of the multitude, & fear is on every side: while they conspire together against me, and take their counsel to take away my life. But my hope hath been in thee, O Lord: I have said, Thou art my God.

EPISTLE Philippians 2.5-11

Christ Jesus, 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.**

§ *All stand.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Christ became obedient for us unto death, even the death of the Cross; wherefore God also hath highly exalted him and given him a name which is above every name.

THE PASSION GOSPEL Matthew 26.14-27.66

§ *All kneel briefly at the words 'yielded up the ghost'.*

HOMILY

Fr Julian Browning

§ *All stand to sing the Nicene Creed.*

CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heav'n and earth, and of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heav'n, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the scriptures, and ascended into heav'n, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the Giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the prophets.

And I believe one holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.

And let light perpetual shine upon them.

Hail Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

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

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

THE PEACE

In Christ Jesus, ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ, for he is our peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And with thy spirit.**

OFFERTORY MOTET

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoso believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

John 3.16-17

John Stainer, 1840-1901

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

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at thy hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God: that these gifts which we offer in the sight of thy divine majesty, may obtain for us grace to service thee in this life with all godliness, and bring us in the end to everlasting felicity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God. **It is meet and right so to do.**

§ *The celebrant sings the preface.*

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory, Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

MASS IN Bb MAJOR

After the Liturgy of St John Chrysostom

Sergei Rachmaninoff, 1873-1943

Arr Walter Vale, 1875-1939

§ *All kneel. The Canon of the Mass follows.*

Jesus Christ is Lord:

O Saviour of the world, who by thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us, save us, and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

§ *The Canon concludes: Father Almighty, world without end. Amen.*

THE COMMUNION RITE

§ *The celebrant introduces the Lord's Prayer, which is sung by 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.

AGNUS DEI

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

§ *As the choir sings the Agnus, the celebrant shows the consecrated host to the people:*

Behold 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 that thou shouldst come under my roof, but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.

§ Anyone baptized in the name of the Trinity may receive Holy Communion. Low-gluten hosts are available at the Lady Altar.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

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

St Matthew 26.42

§ All kneel or sit to sing the communion hymn.

**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, 1624-1683

LOVE UNKNOWN
John Ireland, 1879-1962

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord Jesus Christ, who didst humble thyself by taking the form of a servant and wast obedient even unto the death of the cross for our salvation: grant us the mind to follow thee and to proclaim thee as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**

May God, the Father of all mercies, who hast given you an example of love in the Passion of his only Begotten Son, grant that, by following that example of service and self-abasement, you may come to possess a share in his Resurrection;

and may the blessing of God almighty, the ☩ Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**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.**

Claude de Santeuil, 1628-1684

Tr H.W. Baker, 1821-1877

WEBBE'S ST THOMAS

Samuel Webbe, c.1740-1816

ANGELUS *St Luke 1.28; 38; 42*

THE Angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary.

And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

Be it unto me according to thy word.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

And the Word was made flesh.

And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

We beseech thee, O Lord, to pour forth thy grace into our hearts, that, as we have known the Incarnation of thy Son, Jesus Christ, by the message of an angel, so, by his ☩ Cross and Passion, may we be brought unto the glory of his Resurrection, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Welcome to All Saints', especially if you are visiting.

Please join us for coffee in the courtyard after Mass.

HOLY WEEK 2026

Sunday, 29th March

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

6pm Evensong & Benediction

Bruckner | Lasso | Leighton | MacMillan | Tallis

Monday, 30th March | **Monday of Holy Week**

6.30pm Low Mass with homily

Tuesday, 31st March | **Tuesday of Holy Week**

11am Fulham Chrism Mass *at St Andrew's, Holborn*

6.30pm Low Mass with homily

Wednesday, 1st April | **Wednesday of Holy Week**

6.30pm Low Mass with homily

7.30pm Tenebrae

Thursday, 2nd April | **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

6.30pm High Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, 3rd April | **GOOD FRIDAY**

12noon Stations of the Cross; 3pm Solemn Liturgy

6.30pm Stations of the Cross *Maria Desolata*

Saturday, 4th April | **HOLY SATURDAY**

8pm Solemn Vigil of Easter

Sunday, 5th April

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

8.30am Low Mass; 11am High Mass

Mascagni | Mozart | Rutter

5.15 Low Mass; 6pm Evensong & Benediction *with Te Deum*

Nicholson | Leighton | Stanford | Tournemire



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