

St. John's Carrington Eucharist for Palm Sunday

March 28th 2021



Welcome on behalf of the community of St. John's Church

St. John's seeks to be an inclusive church community where all are welcomed and valued, regardless of age, race, ethnicity, gender or sexuality.

This is a very unusual time for the Church where we cannot be with one another in a physical sense. However, as the Body of Christ and by the power of the Holy Spirit we are united in fellowship with one another and with the whole company of heaven.

As such, whether you are reading this on your own or following along on the live stream we are delighted to welcome you. We welcome Rev Alan Hargrave to preside and preach this morning.

Hymn

Ride on! ride on in majesty!

**Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry;
Thy humble beast pursues his 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 winged squadrons of the sky
Look down with sad and wondering eyes
to see the approaching sacrifice.**

4. Ride on! ride on in majesty!

**Thy 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.**

THE GATHERING AND WELCOME

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

All **Amen.**

All **Hosanna to the Son of David.**

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

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father and the
Lord Jesus Christ

be with you
and also with you

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.

The Palm Gospel

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.

The Blessing of the Palms

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

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.

All Amen

Reading

Phillipians 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.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

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.

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

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

Mark 15: 1-39

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' He answered him, 'You say so.' Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again, 'Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.' But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

Pilate Hands Jesus over to Be Crucified

Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them, 'Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?' For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again, 'Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?' They shouted back, 'Crucify him!' Pilate asked them, 'Why, what evil has he done?' But they shouted all the more, 'Crucify him!' So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

The Soldiers Mock Jesus

Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him, 'Hail, King of the Jews!' They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

The Crucifixion of Jesus

They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, 'The King of the Jews.' And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, 'Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!' In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying,

'He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe.' Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

The Death of Jesus

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, 'Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?' which means, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, 'Listen, he is calling for Elijah.' And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, 'Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.' Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, 'Truly this man was God's Son!'

This is the Passion of the Lord.

Sermon

Prayers of Intercession

Let us pray for the world and the Church, and thank God for his goodness.

The following response may be used:

Lord, in your mercy *or*

Hear our prayer

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

After the prayer for the dead

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord
and let light perpetual shine upon them.

The prayers may conclude with:

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 your Son,
our saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

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.

Ephesians 2.13,14

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

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.

All Amen.

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.

Almighty God, good Father to us all,
your face is turned towards your world.

In love you gave us Jesus your Son
to rescue us from sin and death.

Your Word goes out to call us home
to the city where angels sing your praise.

We join with them in heaven's song:

**All 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.

Father of all, we give you thanks
for every gift that comes from heaven.
To the darkness Jesus came as your light.
With signs of faith and words of hope
he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean.
This is his story.

This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

The crowds came out to see your Son,
yet at the end they turned on him.
On the night he was betrayed
he came to table with his friends
to celebrate the freedom of your people.
This is his story.

This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;
he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:
This is my body, given for you all.
Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;
he took the cup, gave it and said:
This is my blood, shed for you all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this in remembrance of me.

This is our story:

This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate the cross
on which he died to set us free.
Defying death he rose again
and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.
This is our story.

This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

Send your Spirit on us now
that by these gifts we may feed on Christ
with opened eyes and hearts on fire.

May we and all who share this food
offer ourselves to live for you
and be welcomed at your feast in heaven
where all creation worships you,

Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

**All Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**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

Every time we eat this bread
and drink this cup,

**All we proclaim the Lord's death
until he comes.**

If you are making a spiritual communion (i.e. not receiving in person) you may wish to say the below:

In union, O Lord with the faithful at every altar of your Church,
where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated,
I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving.

I present to you my soul and body with the wish that they may always be united to you.

And since I can not now receive you in this sacrament,

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.

Amen.

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.

All **Amen.**

Notices

All **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

The Blessing

May the Father,

who so loved the world that he gave his only Son,

bring you by faith to his eternal life.

All **Amen.**

May Christ,

who accepted the cup of sacrifice

in obedience to the Father's will,

keep you steadfast as you walk with him the way of his cross.

All **Amen.**

May the Spirit,

who strengthens us to suffer with Christ

that we may share his glory,

set your minds on life and peace.

All Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

NOTICES

Post service coffee

As usual there will be a 'Zoom' post service coffee at 11am this Sunday if you'd like to join us.

Live Streaming

The new live streaming system is in place. We are looking for a team of volunteers who would be prepared to operate it on a Sunday morning. The system will be very straight forward and no prior technical knowledge will be needed. Full training in how to operate the system will be given. During the vacancy, it will be especially important to ensure we have people to run the system so we can still reach those unable to come to church.

Please get in touch with Peter Artis if this is something you might be able to help with 07903 115326

APCM

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place via Zoom after the service on Sunday 25th April.

We will be seeking nominations for our two Church wardens, Deputy wardens and Parochial Church council members. At the moment we have three vacancies on our PCC. Please prayerfully consider whether you could serve our church and community in this way.

PCC

Our PCC met this week and began to think about our Parish Profile which we need to complete as part of the process towards appointing a new Priest. We will be meeting with Archdeacon Phil Williams in April. We will keep you updated.

Food bank

Demand for help from our foodbank is increasing weekly and we could do with some donations. We need:

Tinned fruit and vegetables, long-life semi-skimmed milk, pasta and pasta sauces, cereal, soup – tinned and packets, biscuits.

If you would like to make a financial donation please contact Susi.

Many thanks

Services & events this week

Tuesday 30th March 10am	Morning Prayer 'livestreamed' on YouTube
Wednesday 31st March	11-12pm Foodbank
Thursday 1st April 7pm	Maundy Thursday Eucharist followed by Altar of Repose and short meditation 'livestreamed' on YouTube
Friday 2nd April 2pm	Stations of the Cross 'livestreamed' on YouTube
Easter Sunday 4th April 10am	Parish Eucharist 'livestreamed' on YouTube

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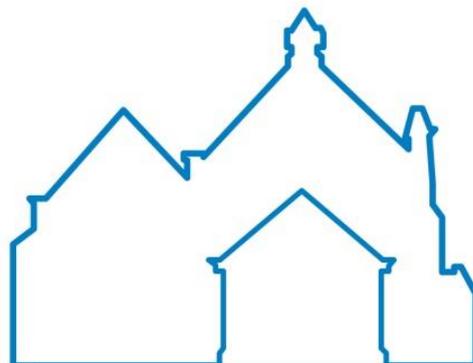
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