

Palm Sunday
29th March 2026

8.30 am Sunday morning prayer at Holy Trinity

9.45 am Eucharist at Holy Trinity and online

Coffee (11 am), Eucharist (11.30) at Christ the King

7 pm Evening Prayer by phone: dial 0333 016 0300

Enter Room number : 34424525# ... then Enter PIN: ask for PIN#

Thank you for adding your voice to our worship today



This week we are asked to pray for Jasmine, Phil, Martin Beaumont, Desiree, Valerie Lines, Albert & Joyce, Pearl Evans, Dowler, Tony Smith, Lauren, Jon, Mel, Lee J, Pat Greenwood, Michael Bungay, Emer, Matthew, Jane King, Danny Fraylick, Leanne, Sandy, Brendan, Fran Carroll, Rebecca & Sam & Evelyn.



We remember those who have died including Joan Amis and Ray Heskett; and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time including Iris Campbell (1st), Val Horsfall, Peggy Stewart, Peter Hatch (4th).

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THIS WEEK

Sunday 29th March (Palm Sunday)

Morning Prayer 8.30 am HT
Eucharist (with Liturgy of the Palms, & Liturgy of the Passion) 9.45 am HT
Eucharist (with Liturgy of the Palms, & Liturgy of the Passion) 11.30 am CtK
Choral Service 4.30 pm HT
Evening Prayer 7 pm (phone: see overleaf)

Monday 30th March

Morning Prayer 8.20 am HT
Reflective service 7.30 pm HT

Tuesday 31st March

Morning Prayer 8.20 am HT
Reflective service 7.30 pm HT

Wednesday 1st April

Morning Prayer 8.20 am HT
Coffee, craft & chat 2 – 4 pm CtK
Reflective service 7.30 pm HT

Thursday 2nd April (Maundy Thursday)

Morning Prayer 8.20 am HT
NO Art Club today



Chrism Eucharist at St Albans Abbey 11 am

Eucharist with optional foot-washing, 3 pm at CtK

Eucharist with optional foot-washing, 7.30 pm at HT

Those who wish may stay for a prayerful Watch after the evening Eucharist

Friday 3rd April (Good Friday)

Morning Prayer 8.20 am HT



Reflective service 7.30 pm at HT

Saturday 4th April (Holy Saturday)

Morning Prayer 8.20 am HT

Old Town Children's Easter Egg Hunt from 11 am



Easter Liturgy part 1 from 9.30 pm until 00.15 at HT

Sunday 5th April (Easter Day)

Morning Prayer with Eucharist 8.30 HT

Easter Liturgy part 2 with baptisms

and Eucharist: 9.45 am HT

Easter Liturgy part 2 renewing baptism vows and with Eucharist: 11.30 am CTK

Evening Prayer by telephone 7 pm

OTHER NOTICES

NO Fellowship lunch / brunch Easter Day April 5th. Now 12th Apr.

CtK Singers: Rehearsals start Tuesday April 7th 7.30 pm at CtK.

Privacy notice: Our 9.45 Eucharist is live-streamed. If you need to stay off-camera, please consult with us.

Friends of Holy Trinity: Easter Raffle tickets £2. The draw will take place on Easter Sunday after the 9.45 service.

Saturday 23 May: evening confirmations at St Albans Cathedral. Do save the date to come along and support our candidates!

HT Eucharist Palm Sunday

...begins outside the bell door! Gather in the parish room. (If you cannot walk easily, simply take a seat in church as usual.) If the weather is bad, we shall all stay indoors.

A minister introduces the service.

We hold up our palm crosses and the minister prays:

... let these palms be for us signs of his victory... follow him in the way that leads to eternal life.

Amen.

We hear the Gospel of the Palms

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *Matthew*. (CEV)

Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus and his disciples came near Jerusalem, he went to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives and sent two of them on ahead. He told them, "Go into the next village, where you will at once find a donkey and her colt. Untie the two donkeys and bring them to me. If anyone asks why you are doing this, just say, 'The Lord needs them.' He will at once let you have the donkeys."

So God's promise came true, just as the prophet had said,

"Announce to the people of Jerusalem:

'Your king is coming to you! He is humble and rides on a donkey. He comes on the colt of a donkey.' "

The disciples left and did what Jesus had told them to do. They brought the donkey and its colt and laid some clothes on their backs. Then Jesus got on. Many people spread clothes in the road, while others put down branches which they had cut from trees. Some people walked ahead of Jesus and others followed behind. They were all shouting,

"Hosanna! Hooray for the Son of David!

God bless the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna! Hooray for God in heaven above!"

When Jesus came to Jerusalem, everyone in the city was excited and asked,

"Who can this be?"

The crowds answered, **"This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."**

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Let us go forth, praising Jesus the anointed one. [AMNS 328]

We sing a hymn and process around the church – PLEASE TAKE CARE!

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.

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.

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

Thy sorrow and thy triumph
Grant us, O Christ, to share,
That to the holy city
Together we may fare.

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

The president prays a collect prayer.

Let us go unto the altar of God.
The God of our joy and gladness.

We sing as we process into church:

*Lift high the Cross, [AMNS 72]
the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.*

Come, brethren, follow
where our Captain trod,
our King victorious,
Christ the Son of God:

Led on their way by
this triumphant sign;
the hosts of God in
conquering ranks combine:

Each new-born soldier
of the Crucified
bears on *our* brow the
seal of him who died:

This is the sign which
Satan's legions fear
and angels veil their
faces to revere:

Saved by this Cross whereon
their Lord was slain,
the *seed* of Adam
our lost home regain:

From north and south, from
east and west *we* raise
in growing unison
our song of praise:

O Lord, once lifted
on the glorious Tree,
as thou hast promised,
draw *all* unto thee:

Let every race and
every language tell
of him who saves our
souls from death and hell:

From farthest regions
let them homage bring,
and on his Cross
adore their Saviour King:

Set up thy throne, that
earth's despair may cease
beneath the shadow

of its healing peace:

For thy blest Cross which
doth for all atone
creation's praises
rise before thy throne:

The president prays the collect prayer.

*We read the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew
(CEV)*

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.**

All join in here:

“Which of these two men do you want me to set free?”

“Barabbas!”

“What am I to do with Jesus, who is called the Messiah?”

“Nail him to a cross!”

“But what crime has he done?”

“Nail him to a CROSS!”

NO RESPONSE IS MADE at the end of the Gospel reading.

We are led in prayers of intercession.

Let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

Merciful Father,

accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

We stand as we are able for the Peace

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

We share Christ's peace with a wave.

*As the President takes bread and wine,
we sing 68, O sacred head, surrounded*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

The president leads our praises to God for his mighty acts and we respond

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.

We recall the Last Supper, and respond:

Jesus Christ is Lord:

Lord, by your cross and resurrection

you have set us free.

You are the Saviour of the world.

The Prayer continues, and concludes

...Almighty Father, for ever & ever.

*We respond: **AMEN!***

We sit or kneel for 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.

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

Jesus says, I am the bread of life,

whoever eats this bread will live forever.

Lord, our hearts hunger for you;

give us this bread always.

We sing:

**O Lamb of God,
you bear the sin of all the world away;
you suffered death our lives to save;
have mercy now, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God,
you bear the sin of all the world away;
you set us free from guilt and grave;
have mercy now, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God,
you bear the sin of all the world away;
eternal peace with God you made;
give us your peace, we pray.**

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The president invites us to Communion.

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.
**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

Please join us in Communion if you regularly receive Communion in another Christian church, or have ever been confirmed or formally prepared for Holy Communion. If this is not the case for you, you're warmly invited to carry this leaflet to the front and the priest will pray a blessing for you.

Our communion wafers meet the requirements both of Coeliac UK and the Church of England. If you do not wish to drink from the cup but want to acknowledge the sacramental presence, you may choose to touch the chalice base, or take it into your hands for a moment, before saying "Amen".

Those at home are invited to pray a prayer of Spiritual Communion:

**Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits you have given me,
for all the pains and insults you have borne for me.
Since I cannot now receive you physically,
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
may I know you more clearly,
love you more dearly,**

and follow you more nearly, day by day.

A Post Communion prayer is said.

**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.**

Notices are given.

We sing: 61, Ride on, Ride on (we omit verse 3)

We receive God's blessing.
... remain with you always.
Amen.

We are sent back into the world to live out our faith.

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

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