



The Church of the Good Shepherd, Brighton

Palm Sunday

Sunday 29th March 2026



Please pray:

For our keeping of Holy Week.

For the Anglican Church of Melanesia

For the Archdeacon of Chichester, The Venerable Dr Thomas Carpenter
and his PA Iona O'Shea

For neighbours in Woodruff Avenue.

For Elias, Pauline Grimstone, Veronica Holden, Paul Thompson, Trevor,
Robin, Rols Ham-Riche, Sarah, Michael Miller, Jess, Carol, Roger Grady.

For the recently departed: Brenda Haycock

For the departed: Jean Howat, Eileen Milthorpe, Ann Grimstone, Marjorie
King, Millicent Rankin, Joan Rose, Monica Lodge, Kathleen Diplock,
Robert Eke, Gloria Cruttenden.

Welcome to The Church of the Good Shepherd. This sheet has everything you need to follow what is going on. The writing in the red italics gives instructions. The text in normal type will be spoken by a priest, reader or other member of the congregation. We all join in with the bold type.

Please make sure you take a copy of the Passion Gospel, and a Palm Cross along with this pewsheet. We gather in the Church Hall.

The Liturgy of the Palms

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

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The priest introduces the celebration:

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 crosses are held up 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

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 21:1-11

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 to you, O Christ.

Let us go forth, praising Jesus our Messiah.

We process into church singing.

Processional Hymns

*All glory, laud and honour
To thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.*

- 2 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...*
- 3 The company of angels
Are praising thee on high,
And mortal men and all things
Created make reply. *All glory, laud and honour...*
- 4 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...*
- 5 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...*
- 6 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...*
- 7 Do thou direct our footsteps
Upon our earthly way,
And bring us by thy mercy
To heaven's eternal day. *All glory, laud and honour...*
- 8 Within that blessed City
Thy praises may we sing,
And ever raise hosannas
To our most loving King. *All glory, laud and honour...*

*St Theodulph of Orleans (d.821)
Tr. J.M. Neal (1818-1866)*

1 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 wingèd 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.

Henry Milman (1791-1868)

Please put down your palms when you reach your seat.

The Collect

We remain standing for the Collect:

Almighty and everlasting God,
who in your tender love towards the human race
sent your 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 your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-9

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 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 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?

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

The Passion Gospel

We stand for the Gospel reading.

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

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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 Matthew.

No response is made!

Matthew 26:14-27:end

And the end of the Gospel:

This is the Passion of the Lord.

No response is made!

We sit for the sermon.

The Sermon

The Creed

Please stand for the Creed.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Intercessions

In the intercessions, we make the response:

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

The Peace

Please remain standing as the celebrant introduces the Peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

During the Offertory Hymn, the Gifts of Bread and Wine are presented by the people. A collection is taken. There is also a Card machine at the back of the church. You are welcome to use it at the end of the service if you would like to make any donation.

- 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 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!

- 3 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.

- 4 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.

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 (1624-1683)

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Invitation to Prayer is said:

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

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

The priest then prays the Prayer over the Gifts to which we respond:

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.

The priest praises God for his mighty acts, and we sing the Sanctus and Benedictus:

**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.**

The priest prays the prayer of consecration, and this acclamation is said:

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

The Prayer continues, leading into the doxology, which ends

... for ever and ever.

Amen.

The priest introduces 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 Bread

The priest breaks the consecrated host:

We break this bread, to share in the body of Christ.

Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

We say the Agnus Dei:

**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

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 to
receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

If you are baptised in the name of the Trinity, and are used to receiving communion, you are very welcome to do so here. Otherwise, you may like to come forward for a blessing. Please bring this sheet with you to indicate that you would like a blessing.

Please do not intinct. If you are unwell, please help us to keep those who are immunocompromised safe by refraining from taking the chalice. It is perfectly valid to receive the bread only.

Choir

There is a green hill far away, Bob Chilcott

Communion Hymn

- 1 O dearest Lord, thy sacred head
With thorns was pierced for me;
O pour thy blessing on my head
That I may think for thee.
- 2 O dearest Lord, thy sacred hands
With nails were pierced for me;
O shed thy blessing on my hands
That they may work for thee.
- 3 O dearest Lord, thy sacred feet
With nails were pierced for me;
O pour thy blessing on my feet
That they may follow thee.
- 4 O dearest Lord, thy sacred heart
With spear was pierced for me;
O pour thy Spirit in my heart
That I may live for thee.

Fr Andrew S.D.C. (1869-1946)

Post Communion

We stand as the priest prays,

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.

We pray together:

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out
in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

The Notices

The Blessing

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

May the Father,
who so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
bring you by faith to his eternal life.
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.
Amen.

May the Spirit,
who strengthens us to suffer with Christ
that we may share his glory,
set your minds on life and peace.
Amen.

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 the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn

**1 Crown him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own:
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.**

- 2 Crown him the Lord of love!
Behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds yet visible above
In beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye
At mysteries so bright.**
- 3 Crown Him the Lord of peace,
Whose power a sceptre sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease,
Absorbed in prayer and praise:
His reign shall know no end,
And round his pierced feet
Fair flowers of Paradise extend
Their fragrance ever sweet.**
- 4 Crown him the Lord of years,
The Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
Ineffably sublime.
Glassed in a sea of light,
Where everlasting waves
Reflect his throne--the Infinite!
Who lives--and loves--and saves.**

Matthew Bridges (1800-94)

Organ Voluntary

'Valet will ich dir geben, BWV 736', JS Bach

THIS WEEK

Monday 30 th Monday in Holy Week	
8.00pm	The Eucharist
Tuesday 31 st Tuesday in Holy Week	
2pm-4pm 8.00pm	Tea at The Good Shepherd The Eucharist
Wednesday 1 st Wednesday in Holy Week	
12 noon 8.00pm	The Chrism Eucharist <i>at Chichester Cathedral</i> The Eucharist
Thursday 2 nd Maundy Thursday	
8.00pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper and the Watch
Friday 3 rd Good Friday	
10.00am - 11.30am	Easter Craft Morning
2.00pm	The Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
Saturday 4 th Holy Saturday	
8.00pm	The Easter Vigil
Sunday 5 th Easter Day	
8.00am 10.15am	The Eucharist Parish Eucharist

NOTICES

If you don't have a **Easter Card** make sure you take one home today! It has the details of all of our Easter services.

The **Chrism Mass** is on Wednesday 1st April at 12 noon in Chichester Cathedral. It is +Martin's last as Diocesan Bishop. To book a free ticket, please go to: <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/104081>

There is a sign up sheet for **The Watch** on Maundy Thursday.

On Good Friday morning we will be hosting an **Easter Craft Morning** aimed at children aged 0-11. It begins at 10am and will run until 11.30am, with a short service at 11.15am. Please do spread the word!

A sign up sheet for the **Sycamore Course** is available now at the back of church, as well as for children's **First Holy Communion**.

If you would be willing to cook a meal for the **Sycamore Course** and bring it one evening, please let Mthr Alice know.

After Easter we will be starting an informal **Sunday School**. This will initially run on the first Sunday of the month, beginning in May, increasing to twice a month in September. If you are interested in helping out with this, please let Mthr Alice know.

Our next **Come and Sing Choral Evensong** is on Sunday 26th April.

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