

Palm Sunday 28th March 2021



Commemoration of the Lord's Entry into Jerusalem

You Are The King Of Glory

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2fhxKGalLl4>

Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

All Hosanna to the Son of David.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

The Greeting

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

All and also with you.

Introduction

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.

Collage picture of the people hold up palms

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.

Prayer

All Lord, direct our thoughts, and teach us to pray.

**Lift up our hearts to worship you in spirit and in truth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

Collect

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.

Saying sorry to God

Confession

God our Father,
we come to you in sorrow for our wrongdoings.
For turning away from you,
and ignoring your will for our lives;
Father, forgive us:

All save us and help us.

For behaving just as we wish,
without thinking of you;
Father, forgive us:

All save us and help us.

For failing you by what we do
and think and say;
Father, forgive us:

All save us and help us.

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you
by temptations in the world about us;
Father, forgive us:

All save us and help us.

For living as if we were ashamed to belong to your Son;
Father, forgive us:

All save us and help us.

The minister declares God's forgiveness.

We now sing the hymn **Make way make way, for Christ the king**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gNDCyAB1Mvs>

The Palm Gospel

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *Mark*

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Mark 11.1-11

The Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem

11 As they approached Jerusalem, near the towns of Bethphage and Bethany, they came to the Mount of Olives. Jesus sent two of his disciples on ahead ² with these instructions: "Go to the village there ahead of you. As soon as you get there, you will find a colt tied up that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³ And if someone asks you why you are doing that, say that the Master^(a) needs it and will send it back at once."

⁴ So they went and found a colt out in the street, tied to the door of a house. As they were untying it, ⁵ some of the bystanders asked them, "What are you doing, untying that colt?"

⁶ They answered just as Jesus had told them, and the crowd let them go. ⁷ They brought the colt to Jesus, threw their cloaks over the animal, and Jesus got on. ⁸ Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches in the field and spread them on the road. ⁹ The people who were in front and those who followed behind began to shout, "Praise God! God bless him who comes in the name of the Lord! ¹⁰ God bless the coming kingdom of King David, our father! Praise be to God!"

¹¹ Jesus entered Jerusalem, went into the Temple, and looked around at everything. But since it was already late in the day, he went out to Bethany with the twelve disciples.

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

The Procession of photos in hymn

Let us go forth, praising Jesus our Messiah.

We now sing the hymn

Ride on, ride on in majesty <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CUYCxw0quuQ>

We all hold up our Palm Crosses, the president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words

Let us pray for a closer union with Christ in his suffering and in his glory.

Silence is kept.

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.

Talk Hail our King Jesus!

In a week that we are to have completed our census and are asked our 'religion', on this Palm Sunday, we Christians join in with those who hail and proclaim Jesus as our King, in his entry into Jerusalem for the final time. This is the King Jesus, who lived, died and rose again for us and at the beginning of this Holy Week, we recall those famous events, which are the heart of our faith and salvation.

In his Palm Sunday procession, Jesus is deliberately exerting the claims of God's redeeming love. What happened that day was, as this passage shows, intended and planned down to the last detail. Publicly, boldly, knowing exactly he is doing, whom he is challenging and what he is risking, Jesus here makes at last a public and open assertion of his right to reign as God's appointed King. He accepts the Hosannas of the multitudes, not because of their depth or their sincerity, but because they are his due and they are true.

He does indeed come in the name of the Lord, and he does indeed come to save God's people from the oppressive religious imperialism of the organized religion of the temple and the military imperialism of rampant Rome.

He goes as a pilgrim. It's the Passover festival, the great annual fixture when God's chosen people celebrate God's liberation from oppressors in Egypt and keep alive their hopes that God will act again, finally, to rescue his people from Roman occupation. Jesus went to Jerusalem as a pilgrim, but it seems too, that he went up to Jerusalem, on that last fateful journey, to present his nation with one last challenge – to make a final bid to save them from the disastrous course on which they had embarked, politically and religiously. Jesus didn't seek death; in fact right to the very end he recoiled from it, but he did pursue a way of life, in obedience to his Father, and with a selfless and single-minded devotion, so that it became ever more likely that it would terminate in a horrendous death. Jesus came into the world and went to Jerusalem, to call Israel to prepare for the inauguration of God's kingdom.

It's clear that Jesus choreographed everything very deliberately. So his procession begins at the Mount of Olives, the place linked to King David and where the Messiah is expected to appear. Jesus isn't riding a stallion, a war horse, as if he were leading troops into battle. He's on a colt, an unbroken, unmanageable creature, a beast of burden that speaks of service. He's mocking the Roman leaders riding on their lofty horses. Jesus seems to be parodying those who rule by force and parade their power, pouring scorn on the idea of brute force and coercion as the means to get things done. Jesus isn't making a protest, leading a demonstration; he's engaging in street theatre, a surprising, comedic, in unmasking the futility of self-centred living.

In the estimation of his enemies, he looks weak and vulnerable, but – make no mistake about it – his is a love so strong that it will not yield to anybody or anything, that will go to all lengths and all depths to have its way with humanity. This king does not oppress, he liberates, his love takes him to the cross, but from that cross he reigns. This Easter, Rejoice in God's saving and amazing power of love for us, Amen!

Prayers of Intercession

For forgiveness for the many times we have denied Jesus,
let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For Christian people, that they may grow a rich union in Christ.

We pray for all your church, the congregations to the heads of the church
as we all prepare for Easter during this Holly Week.

let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For those who make laws, interpret them, and administer them, that our common life may be ordered in justice and mercy. We pray that our MP and councillors represent the peoples wishes rather than what they personally think best.

let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For those who still make Jerusalem a battleground. We pray for all people of all faiths in Jerusalem, that at this sacred time there may be peace.

let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For those who have the courage and honesty to work openly for justice and peace. We pray for all who see an injustice and feel the need to protest and work for justice and peace.

let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For those in the anguish of loneliness, that they may find support and encouragement, especially at this time of continued restrictions and lockdowns.

let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For those who, weighed down with problems or sorrow, feel that God is far from them. We pray that we may offer our support helped by the Holy Spirit.

let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For those who are burdened with ill health, we pray that those may be healed and find peace through the Lord.

We pray for:

The Duke of Edinburgh

Tom Clarke

John Fisher
Dede Starsmeare
Bobby McAllister
Jo Cable
Gerry Lewsey
Sadie Russell
Fr Lionel Webber and Jean Webber
Elliott
Sue Wilson
Sue Watmough
Tony Grinstead

let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

That we, with those who have died in faith,
may find mercy in the day of Christ,

Sylvia Chapman. We pray for her daughters Carina and Nicky and all Sylvia's family and friends at this time who will dearly miss her

Matthew Lee. We pray for his parents June and Joe all Matthew's family and friends who will dearly miss him.

We pray for the family of **Ernest Norman** and especially his daughters who were able to be with him at his passing.

We Pray for the souls of **Jo Cable** and **Ray Smith**, two great friends of Mick and Pam who were both ex-churchwardens of their respective churches.

Beryl Dixon. We pray for Jan and Ron and all Beryl's family at this sad time.

Sally Stewart we pray for her brother Roderic and family, and for Penny Lucas.

Tony Hutson whose funeral is at St Thomas on April 6th. We pray for his wife Haley and for Sophia and Luke at this difficult time.

Maureen Watson we pray for her family. The funeral was last Monday and the memorial service was at St Thomas Church in Bradwell last Friday.

let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

**All Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.**

Merciful Father,

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

The Lord's Prayer

**All Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Praise

Affirmation of Faith

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

All We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,

died for us and rose again?

All We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

All We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

All This is our faith.

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

Going out to serve God

Let us bless the Lord:

All thanks be to God.

**Blessing, honour and glory be yours,
here and everywhere,
now and for ever.**

Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

We now sing our Final Hymn

All glory laud and honour <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zxzhFsuBijs>



Notices

Easter Chapel Sunrise Service

We are delighted that the Bishop of Bradwell, Bishop John will be taking the Easter Sunrise Service at the Chapel outside, at 6.30am on Sunday 4th April. Please let us know if you are coming, as places are limited.

Spiritual Communion

Steven Poss is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Spiritual Communion

Time: Mar 28, 2021 10:00 AM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89674043066?pwd=OWw0TTI2OU5wbS9IR0o3M0JnQXNzZz09>

Meeting ID: 896 7404 3066 / Passcode: 191753

Maundy Thursday Spiritual Communion

Steven Poss is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Maundy Thursday Spiritual Communion

Time: Apr 1, 2021 07:30 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85970249545?pwd=YUdFN2FkS0FtaXVyNHh3WGxLKzNJQT09>

Meeting ID: 859 7024 9545 / Passcode: 952875

Easter Messy Church – Good Friday - Bradwell & St Lawrence – 10am – 11am

Steven Poss is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Easter Messy Church - Bradwell & St Lawrence

Time: Apr 2, 2021 10:00 AM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84581785049?pwd=MWtWb3R5WHhta3MzbTnLQ0ViTkdxdz09>

Meeting ID: 845 8178 5049 / Passcode: 376971

Easter Messy Church – Good Friday - Tillingham – 11.30 – 12.30

Steven Poss is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Easter Messy Church - Tillingham

Time: Apr 2, 2021 11:30 AM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87189531814?pwd=UnZKN3cvRGtjSUFldk5sUXI3eTVnUT09>

Meeting ID: 871 8953 1814 / Passcode: 477972

Lent Course – Where is God?

I am doing the following course – ‘Where is God?’. The times of the sessions and the link to order the booklet is here:-

[Where is God...? - York Courses](#)

Where is God ...?

5. when we try to make sense of life? – 7.30pm-9.30pm on Monday 29 March

Lent Course – Where is God? – Session 5 – Monday 29 March – 7.30pm-9pm

Steven Poss is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Lent Course - Session 5 (7.30pm-9pm)

Time: Mar 29, 2021 07:30 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81277207780?pwd=MEVGZE03VEU1VGhVSXQ4YXR6clhHdz09>

Meeting ID: 812 7720 7780 / Passcode: 504453

St Lawrence Virtual Coffee Meeting

Steven Poss is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: St Lawrence Virtual Coffee Meeting

Time: Mar 31, 2021 02:30 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85601629688?pwd=d1hKd3BScDNIUXVKQUkwRnAwUUtYUT09>

Meeting ID: 856 0162 9688 / Passcode: 683795

Bishop's Lent Appeal

Continuing from the 2020 Lent Appeal, over the next year we will be walking alongside Elema and the women of Marsabit, in our link Diocese in Kenya, as they continue to challenge the prevailing gender norms by training and equipping local people in savings schemes, literacy, numeracy and business skills. Tools that transform lives. To donate, click below:-

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/6203/news/45585/bishops-lent-appeal/>



A Foundation Course in Pastoral Care

Following the success of the last two Resourcing Pastoral Carers course, carried out on zoom, we are arranging another to take place starting on 14th April. Via the online Zoom App. Tuesdays from 7.00pm to 9.30pm, April 13th, 20th, 27th May 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th June 1st, 8th, 15th. If you are interested in this course, please contact Revd Steven.



Holy Week

online services from Chelmsford Cathedral

Palm Sunday - 28th March

10.30am - Eucharist

3.30pm - Words and Music with a reflection from Bishop Peter Hill

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week, there will be a special service of Compline at 7pm each evening with a reflection from Bishop Peter

Maundy Thursday - 1st April

11am - Diocesan Eucharist with the Blessing of Oils

7pm - Evening Eucharist with Bishop Peter, followed by Tenebrae and the Watch.

Good Friday - 2nd April

12 noon - Stations of the Cross

5.15pm - Evensong

7pm - Tenebrae with Bishop Peter

Easter Eve - 3rd April

5.15pm - Evensong

7pm - Tenebrae with Bishop Peter

Easter Day - 4th April

5.45am - Dawn Service

10.30am - Eucharist with Bishop Peter Hill

3.30pm - Easter Evensong