

**THE PARISH CHURCH OF  
ST RICHARD, ALDWICK**



**THE LITURGY OF PALM SUNDAY**



*All say/sing the words in **bold type***

*Palm crosses are received by the congregation as they enter the church.  
When the entrance bell rings stand and turn to face the west end of the church.*

### **THE GATHERING**

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.**

Hosanna to the Son of David.  
**Hosanna to the Son of David.**  
**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Behold your king comes to you, O Zion,  
meek and lowly, sitting upon an ass.  
Ride on in the cause of truth  
and for the sake of justice.  
Your throne is the throne of God, it endures for ever;  
and the sceptre of your kingdom is a righteous sceptre.  
You have loved righteousness and hated evil.  
Therefore God, your God, has anointed you  
with the oil of gladness above your fellows.  
**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  
**and also with you.**

### **THE 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.

## **BLESSING OF THE PALM CROSSES**

*Please hold up your palm cross for the blessing*

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**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N.*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **THE PROCESSION**

Let us go forth, praising Jesus our Messiah.

## **OPENING HYMN**

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

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| 1. Thou art the King of Israel,<br>thou David's royal Son,<br>who in the Lord's name comest,<br>the King and blessed one.<br><i>Refrain</i>    | 2. The company of angels<br>are praising thee on high,<br>and mortal men and all<br>things<br>created, make reply<br><i>Refrain</i>         |
| 3. The people of the Hebrews<br>with palms before thee went:<br>our praise and prayer and anthems<br>before thee we present.<br><i>Refrain</i> | 4. To thee before thy passion<br>they sang their hymns of<br>praise:<br>to thee, now high exalted<br>our melody we raise.<br><i>Refrain</i> |

5. Thou didst accept their praises,  
accept the prayers we bring,  
who in all good delightest,  
thou good and gracious King.

*Refrain*

*Theodulf of Orleans (c.750-821) translated by John M Neale (1818-1866)*

### **COLLECT FOR PALM SUNDAY**

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

**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**

#### **THE READING**

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

*A moment of silence is kept*

#### **THE GRADUAL HYMN.**

#### **THE PASSION READING**

*The Passion Story is read in dramatic form.*

*At the end*

*Reader: This is the Passion of the Lord.  
No response is made.*

## **THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

We stand with Christ in his suffering. Let us pray.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For forgiveness for the many times we have denied Jesus, and for grace to seek out habits of sin that lead to spiritual death.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all Christian people, that through the suffering of disunity, they may grow a rich union in Christ.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who make, interpret, and administer laws, that our common life may be ordered in justice and mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For an end to conflict and strife, and for those who work openly for peace.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those in the darkness and agony of isolation, and those weighed down by hardship or sorrow who feel God is far from them.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those tempted to give up the way of the cross, and for those who have died in faith.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

# THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

## 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  
**and also with you.**

## THE OFFERTORY HYMN

*During which the bread and wine are received at the altar and the offertory  
hymn is sung*

## PREPARATION OF THE TABLE & TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

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.

**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.**

It is indeed right and just,  
our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For as the time of his passion and resurrection draws near  
the whole world is called to acknowledge his hidden majesty.

The power of the life-giving cross  
reveals the judgement that has come upon the world  
and the triumph of Christ crucified.

He is the victim who dies no more,  
the Lamb once slain, who lives for ever,  
our advocate in heaven to plead our cause,  
exalting us there to join with angels and archangels,  
for ever praising you and singing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, 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.  
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.  
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.

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.

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:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:  
**Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life:  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Standing at the foot of the cross,  
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

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

## **AGNUS DEI**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.**

Jesus is 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.**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

We say together the Post Communion Prayer which can be found in  
the Pew Sheet.

followed by

**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**

## **FINAL HYMN**

### **THE BLESSING**

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.**

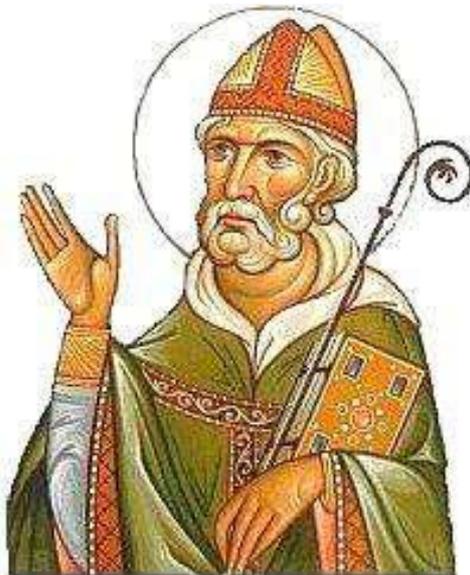
And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ.**

**Amen.**



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