

THE PARISH OF SAINT PAUL

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Welcome to S. Paul's today in church or on Zoom.

Please follow the directions of the Churchwardens & Welcomers.



Please turn off mobile phones.

No form of visual or sound recording, or any form of photography is permitted during or after the services, without express permission. Thank you for your co-operation.

WCs (& baby changing facilities) downstairs in the crypt.

Do not attend if you have Covid, symptoms, or a cold.

Please let a Welcomer know if you require a **Gluten Free Host.**

'Love one another as I have loved you', says the Lord.



Churchwardens: Ms Lavern Ford & Mr Andrew Taylor
Organist: Mr William Parkinson with S. Paul's Singers

**PALM SUNDAY
OF THE
PASSION OF THE LORD
29th March 2026**

**THE PARISH MASS
CHORAL
* 10.00am***

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rector

Mass Setting: Missa Brevis (March 1965)

by **William Walton (1902-1983)**

Commissioned by the Friends of Coventry Cathedral for the Choir of the Cathedral.

Hymns on sheet and in NEH (green book)

Please join in with the Bold Type

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

The faithful gather at the churchyard forecourt.

THE COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM

Choir sings the Introit – Hosanna to the Son of David

Thomas Weelkes (1576-1623)

Hosanna to the Son of David.

Blessed be the king that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna. Thou that sittest in the highest heavens. Hosanna in excelsis Deo.

Cf. S. Matthew 21:9 & S. Luke 19, adapted.

The Greeting

✠ 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.**

Dear friends in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing by works of love and self-sacrifice

for the celebration of our Lord's paschal mystery.

Today we come together to begin this solemn celebration in union with the whole 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 people hold up their palms while this prayer is said.

Let us pray.

God our Saviour, whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as Messiah to suffer and to die,

✠ bless these palms and make them holy that they may 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 lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant sprinkles the palms with Holy Water & then censes them.

The account of the Lord's entrance into Jerusalem is proclaimed from S. Matthew's Gospel.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

✠ A reading from the ✠ Holy Gospel according to ✠ Matthew (21: 1-11)

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, ² '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. ³ If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them." And he will send them immediately.' ⁴ This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, ⁵ '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.' ⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷ they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸ A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ 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!' ¹⁰ When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?' ¹¹ The crowds were saying 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Celebrant sings:

Let us go forth in peace, praising Jesus our Messiah, as did the crowds who welcomed him to Jerusalem.

The Procession to church begins as we sing:

Processional Hymns

Refrain

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

¹ Thou art the King of Israel,
Thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's Name comest,
The King and Blessèd One. **Refrain**

² The company of angels
Are praising Thee on High,
And mortal folk and all things
Created make reply. **Refrain**

³ The people of the Hebrews
With palms before Thee went;
Our prayer and praise and anthems
Before Thee we present. **Refrain**

⁴ To Thee, before Thy passion,
They sang their hymns of praise;
To Thee, now high exalted,
Our melody we raise. **Refrain**

⁵ Thou didst accept their praises;
Accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest,
Thou good and gracious King. **Refrain**

⁶ Be Thou, O Lord, the Rider,
And we the little ass,
That to God's holy city
Together we may pass. **Refrain**

Tune: S^t Theodulph

Arrival at the main west doors of the church.

Crucifer bangs three times on the church door with the bottom of the processional cross requesting entrance into the church.

Entry into the church for figure of 8 Procession inside the church.

Ride on! ride on, in majesty!
Hark! all the tribes Hosanna cry;
Thine 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,
Expects 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.

Tune: The King's Majesty

Composed by English-Canadian organist Graham George (1912–1993) in 1939.

This musical setting is highly regarded for its dramatic and accessible choral harmonies.

The choir sings **the Kyrie Eleison**

Kýrie, eléison. Christe, eléison. Kýrie, eléison.

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

Sit for the readings

First Reading from the Old Testament

A reading from the prophet Isaiah (50: 4-9a)

The servant of the LORD said: ⁴ 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. ⁵ The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. ⁶ 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. ⁷ 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; ⁸ he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ⁹ It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: 31: 9-16 is sung by the choir

⁹ Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.
¹⁰ For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.
¹¹ I have become a reproach to all my enemies and
even to my neighbours, a dismay to those of my acquaintance;
when they see me in the street they avoid me.
¹² I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind;
I am as useless as a broken pot.
¹³ For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around;
they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.
¹⁴ But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. I have said, "You are my God.
¹⁵ My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.

¹⁶ Make your face to shine upon your servant,
and in your loving-kindness save me."

Second Reading from the New Testament

A reading from the Letter of S. Paul to the Philippians (2: 5-11)

⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Stand & turn to face the Gospel

Gospel Acclamation and 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. *Cf. Philippians 2: 8-9*

♪ **Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

THE PASSION GOSPEL

S. Matthew

(26:14–27:66)

The Passion is read dramatically.

All the Congregation join in.

The Passion Gospel is announced,

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

At these words

'Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.'

all kneel and pause for a moment.

and concluded,

The Passion of the Lord.

NO responses are made.

Silence

The Homily

Stand

Niceno-Constantinopolitan 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, (Genuflect) was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made human. (Rise)

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 age to come. Amen.

Remain standing

The Prayers of Intercession

Celebrant

We stand with Christ in his suffering.

For forgiveness for the many times we have denied Jesus,

let us pray to the Lord, saying, **Lord, have mercy**

Intercessor 1

For grace to seek out those habits of sin which mean spiritual death, and by prayer and self-discipline to overcome them, let us pray to the Lord.

Intercessor 2

For Christian people, that through the suffering of disunity there may grow a rich union in Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

Intercessor 3

For those who make laws, interpret them, and administer them, that our common life may be ordered in justice and mercy, let us pray to the Lord.

Intercessor 4

For a just peace for all in the Holy Land: Palestinians and Israelis, Jews, Muslims, and Christians. For an end to violence & occupation, and the safe return of all held captive. For all who seek the peace of Jerusalem through the practice of hope and reconciliation, let us pray to the Lord.

Intercessor 5

For those who have the courage and honesty to work openly for justice and peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Intercessor 6

For those in the darkness and agony of isolation, that they may find support and encouragement, let us pray to the Lord.

Intercessor 7

For those who, weighed down with pain, hardship, failure, or sorrow, feel that God is far from them,

(Fr Paul reads the names on prayer list...) let us pray to the Lord.

Intercessor 8

For those who are tempted to give up the way of the cross, let us pray to the Lord.

Celebrant

That we, with those who have died in faith, may find mercy in the day of Christ, we pray for the recently departed, especially...

and all whose anniversaries fall at this time especially... Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.

and let light perpetual shine upon them.

* May they rest in peace **and rise in glory.**

The celebrant invites us to offer our personal intentions, and then leads us in asking for the Prayers of our Lady & the Saints.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the BVM we pray: **Hail Mary...**

S. Joseph of Nazareth, **Pray for us.**

S. Peter, Prince of the Apostles, S. Paul the Apostle, our Patron

S. Augustine and S. Monica, S. Benedict and S. Scholastica

S. Francis and S. Clare of Assisi, Bl. Frederick Denison Maurice

S. Mary of Egypt, S. Francis of Paola, S. Benedict the Black

All you angels and saints.

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

Remain standing

¶ THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The Altar is prepared

The Offertory Hymn: 86

My song is love unknown (Tune: Love Unknown)

Remain standing

Orate Fratres

Pray my sisters and brothers, 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 Church.

Prayer over the Offerings

Lord, through the passion of your only-begotten Son draw near to us with your forgiveness, that we who can merit nothing of ourselves may through the unique sacrifice of Christ experience the healing power of your mercy.

Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.

Celebrant sings the Preface in which God is praised for his mighty acts, & the choir sings the Sanctus & Benedictus:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, Heaven and earth are full of thy glory, Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.

* Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The celebrant recalls the Last Supper, and this acclamation is said:

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

The Prayer continues and leads into the doxology, to which all respond boldly:

AMEN.

¶ THE COMMUNION RITE

Remain standing

The Lord's Prayer

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

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.

The celebrant adds:

Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day.

In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all distress as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Peace.

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you. Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom where you live for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.** Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

We share the peace with those immediately around us, a sign that expresses peace, communion, and love.

Agnus Dei is sung by the choir,

during which the celebrant takes the host and breaks it over the paten, placing a small piece in the chalice.

○ Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

○ Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

○ Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy 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.

Communion Antiphon

"My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done."

Cf. S. Matthew 26: 42

Please follow the directions of the sidespeople.

The Body / Blood of Christ.

The communicant replies

Amen.

and then receives.

*** At home, make an Act of Spiritual Communion ***

As you imagine yourself receiving the Bread of Heaven, be still and rest in the love of God. Thank Him for entering beneath the roof of your soul.

○ Sacred Feast! Wherein Christ is received, his Passion is remembered, our souls are filled with grace and the pledge of eternal glory is received.

O Sacrum Convivium, 13th Century (attributed to S. Thomas Aquinas)

Choir sings the Communion Motet, Laboravi in gemitu, by Thomas Morley (c.1557-1602). Text: Psalm 6:6 (Vulgate 6:7).

Laboravi in gemitu meo;

lavabo per singulas noctes lectum meum:

lacrimis meis stratum meum rigabo.

I am weary of my groaning; every night I flood my bed with tears; I drench my couch with my weeping.

After receiving Holy Communion read & pray quietly in thanksgiving.

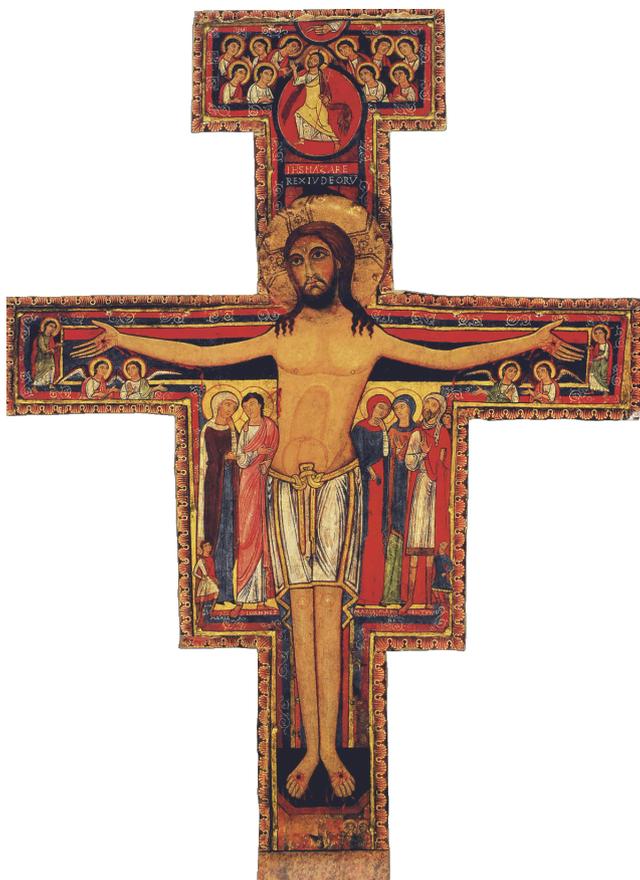
THE JESUS PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

THE TRISAGION (Thrice Holy)

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, Have mercy on us. (x3)

HOLY WEEK 2026



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**S. Paul's
Deptford**

CELEBRANT & PREACHER

Fr Paul Butler

Rector & Parish Priest

MUSICIANS

Organist: Mr William Parkinson

Choir: S. Paul's Singers

**PALM SUNDAY
29th MARCH**

**10.00am
PARISH MASS**

*Gather at the Churchyard Forecourt
(Deptford High Street)*

for the **Procession with Palms**

CHORAL MASS

Setting: Walton - Missa Brevis

Introit: Weelkes - Hosanna to the son of David

Communion: Morley - Laboravi in gemitu

**5.00pm
EVENING PRAYER**

HOLY MONDAY 30th March

HOLY TUESDAY 31st March

HOLY WEDNESDAY 1st APRIL

**9.15am
MORNING PRAYER**

**5.30pm
EVENING PRAYER**

**6.00pm
MASS**

CONFESSIONS

*Monday - Wednesday
by appointment*

EASTER TRIDUUM

MAUNDY THURSDAY (2nd APRIL)

7.30pm
SOLEMN MASS
with Footwashing

CHORAL MASS

Mass Setting: Byrd – Mass for Five Voices

Introit: Purcell - Hear my prayer

Foot washing: Duruflé - Ubi Caritas

Communion: Bruckner - Christus factus est

**& Vigil Watch until
Midnight.**

10pm: Alonso Lobo
- Lamentations of Jeremiah

GOOD FRIDAY (3rd APRIL)

12 Noon
STATIONS OF THE CROSS

1.00pm
**THE LITURGY
OF THE
LORD'S PASSION**

*Gospel of the Passion, Veneration of the Cross,
Reproaches, Ministry of the Sacrament.*

CHORAL

Reproaches: John Sanders setting

*Communion: Alonso Lobo – Versa est in luctum
& Antonio Lotti – Crucifixus*

THE EASTER LITURGY

SATURDAY (4th APRIL)

***** 8.00pm *****

TRADITIONAL PASCHAL LITURGY

*Blessing of New Fire & Paschal
Candle,*

Exsultet (Praeconium Paschale)

English Missal Translation

Vigil of Readings with Tract psalms to plainsong

Blessing of Font, Holy Baptism

& Renewal of Baptismal Vows

First Mass of Easter

Sung

EASTER SUNDAY (5th APRIL)

10.30am
PARISH MASS

CHORAL MASS

Setting: Tye - Mass Euge Bone

Introit: Byrd - Haec dies

Communion: Taverner - Dum transisset sabbatum

5.00pm
EVENING PRAYER