

The Parish Church of St Faith, Great Crosby

The Liturgy of Palm Sunday



Commemoration of the Lord's Entry into Jerusalem

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 as the throne of God, it endures forever;
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.

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The Greeting

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

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.

The people hold up their 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 forever.
Amen.

An Anthem may be sung.

The Gospel of the Palms

When the Gospel is announced the reader says:
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.

During the procession all hold palms or branches and appropriate hymns, psalms or anthems are sung.

The Collect

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 in the way of the cross,
which is the path of glory.

The Liturgy of the Word

All sit.

The Old Testament Reading

At the end of the Reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Remain seated for:

The Psalm

Remain seated for:

The Epistle

At the end of the Reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Passion Reading

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.
Christ humbled himself and became obedient to death,
even death on a cross.

Therefore God has highly exalted him
and given him the name above every other name.

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

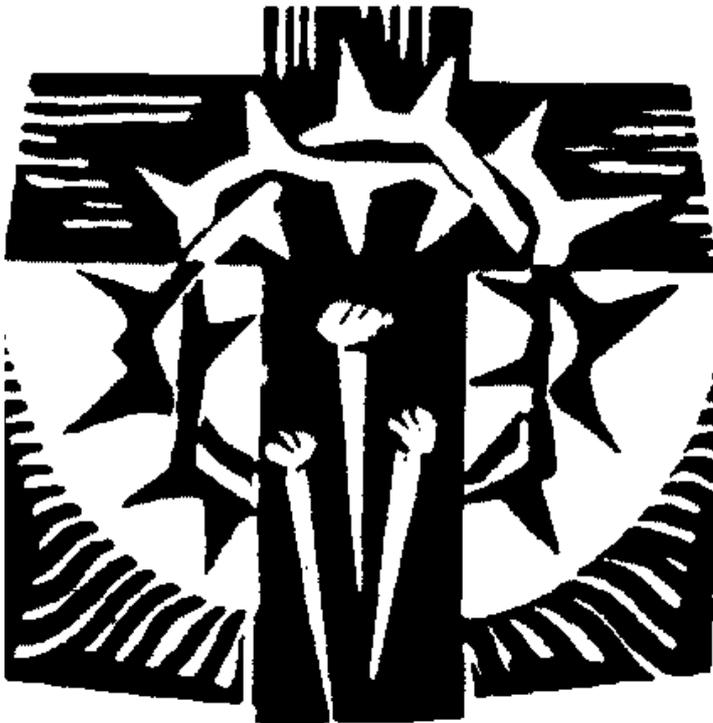
When the Passion is announced the reader says:

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to...

At the end:

This is the Passion of the Lord.

No response is made. Silence is kept.



The Prayers

All kneel or sit. The following words may be used:

We stand with Christ in his suffering.

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

Lord, have mercy

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

Lord, have mercy

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

Lord, have mercy

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.

Lord, have mercy

For those who still make Jerusalem a battleground;
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy

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

Lord, have mercy

For those in the darkness and agony of isolation, that they may find support and encouragement

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy

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

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For those who are tempted to give up the way of the cross;

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy

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

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy

All say:

Holy God,

holy and strong,

holy and immortal,

have mercy upon us.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

All stand

Once we were far off, but now we have been brought near through the shedding of Christ's blood, for he is our peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All stand and sing:

Offertory hymn

Preparation of the Table

Jesus, true vine and bread of life,
ever giving yourself that the world might live,
let us share in 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,
forever praising you and saying [singing]:

**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.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine may be to us
the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup
and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying:

Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Christ is the bread of life:

**When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory.**

And so, Father, calling to mind
his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once
for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection
and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice
of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of the
Blessed Virgin Mary, St Faith... and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

All kneel or sit for:

The Lord's Prayer

Trusting in the compassion of God, 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.

The Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,

we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Agnus Dei

All say or sing:

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 your peace.

OR

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us;
Jesus, Bearer of our Sins, have mercy on us;
Jesus, Redeemer of the World, grant us peace.**

Invitation to Communion

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.**

Welcome

*The Church of England welcomes communicant Christians of any denomination to receive the sacrament.
If you are not accustomed to receive communion, you are welcome to come to the altar rail for a blessing.*

At the distribution of communion, the minister says to each communicant:

The Body of Christ

The Blood of Christ *and each responds: **Amen.***

Prayer After Communion

All stand for the post-communion prayer, to which all respond:

Lord Jesus Christ,

you humbled yourself, 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.

**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 forever. Amen.**

The Dismissal

Hymn

Blessing:

May God 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.

Dismissal

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

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