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in the Diocese of Birmingham



ALL SAINTS
KINGS HEATH

Palm Sunday 2022

We Gather

This year, as we cautiously increase our activity and contact, we are not holding a large Palm Sunday procession. As a narrator guides us through St Luke's account of the entry into Jerusalem, we imagine the procession, noise, disruption and anticipation in Jerusalem as Jesus, who had visited regularly as a child and adult, arrived for the last time.

Priest and Deacon take their place at the altar.

We stand when the singers call us to worship with:

Hosanna, Son of David;
he is blessed who comes in the name of the Lord our God,
the King of Israel.
Hosanna in the highest.

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Priest: Who is coming to our city today?

Passer by: Jesus from Nazareth. Some say he is a prophet.

Questioner: Some say he is treats our tradition with contempt.

Follower: Some say he is the one God has chosen to save us.

HYMN [All glory, laud and honour](#)

*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 blessed one.

2. The company of angels
are praising thee on high,
and mortals, joined with all things
created, make reply.

3. The people of the Hebrews
with palms before thee went:
our praise and prayer and anthems
before thee we present.

4. To thee before thy passion
they sang their hymns of praise:
to thee now high exalted
our melody we raise.

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

*(words: 'Gloria, laus et honor' by St Theodulph of Orleans, trans John Mason Neale;
music: Melchior Teschner)*

Priest:

Brothers, Sisters, we gather in the bustle of the city to remember how Jesus entered Jerusalem to complete his work as our Saviour, with a climax of teaching, the intimacy of table fellowship, the depths of depraved execution, the silence of death, leading to the joy of resurrection. Let us imagine that journey into Jerusalem, drawing close to him in his suffering and so sharing his risen life. The cross is an emblem of the suffering he would meet in Jerusalem. It reminds us of his apparent foolishness, then God's judgement of the foolishness of humankind. This year we bring all too many images of ruined cities, examples of propaganda, infuriating instances of deadly deceit and self justification by the powerful. We feel a foolish cry for peace rise in our hearts amidst the screeching and thunder of war.

PRAYER *Holding our palm crosses*

God, whose son Jesus Christ endured mockery for speaking the truth,
let these palm crosses be for us signs of his eternal wisdom,
reminders of our foolish cruelty
and promises of his victory over sin and death. Amen.

We affirm our faith

HYMN (tune Blaenwern)

1 We believe in God the Father
God almighty, by whose plan
earth and heaven sprang to being,
all created things began.
We believe in Christ the Saviour,
Son of God in human frame,
virgin-born, the child of Mary
upon whom the Spirit came.

2 Christ, who on the cross forsaken,
like a lamb to slaughter led,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
he descended to the dead.
We believe in Jesus risen,
heaven's king to rule and reign,
to the Father's side ascended
till as judge he comes again.

3 We believe in God the Spirit;
in one church, below, above:
saints of God in one communion,
one in holiness and love.
So by faith, our sins forgiven,
Christ our Saviour, Lord and friend,
we shall rise with him in glory,
to the life that knows no end.

(Authorised affirmation of faith, Common Worship 2000)

We re-live the story of Jesus' journey into Jerusalem

Narrator: When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying:

Jesus: Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this: "The Lord needs it."

Narrator: So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them,

Owner: Why are you untying the colt?

Disciples: The Lord needs it.

Narrator: Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it.

We think about the military convoys we have seen recently, the image and news management by the powerful.

PRAYER for forgiveness for our dehumanising loss of perspective.

Kyrie eleison (Lord, have mercy)

[Kyrie eleison.](#)

Narrator: As Jesus came near and saw the city, he wept over it, saying:

Jesus: 'If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. Indeed, the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up ramparts around you and surround you, and hem you in on every side. They will crush you to the ground, you and your children within you, and they will not leave within you one stone upon another; because you did not recognize the time of your visitation from God.'

We think of the images of wounded cities we have seen recently.

PRAYER for Moscow

Christe eleison (Christ, have mercy)

Deacon: We pray for eyes to see city and temple as Christ sees them...

We pray for confidence in Christ's presence among us to unsettle and transform our city today...

We pray for strong fellowship to see us through Holy Week...

We pray for any who crave Christ's authority, tenderness and forgiveness and any whose courage and faith in suffering teaches us of him...

Let us follow Christ to the table where he invited us to eat and become God's companions.

HYMN [Ride on, ride on in majesty](#)

We hold up our palm crosses as we sing and the Cross and servers process in.

1. Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hark, all the tribes hosanna cry;
thy humble beast pursues his road
with palms and scattered garments
stowed.

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 wond'ring
eyes
to see th'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 appointed 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 pow'r, and reign.

(words: Henry Hart Milman alt; music: from 'Musikalisches Handbuch' [1690])

Narrator: As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

**Crowd: Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!**

Narrator: Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him,

Pharisee: 'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.'

Jesus: 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.'

We reflect on what our City is like and what blessing it craves

PRAYER for Birmingham

Narrator Every day Jesus was teaching in the temple. The chief priests, the scribes, and the leaders of the people kept looking for a way to kill him; but they did not find anything they could do, for all the people were spellbound by what they heard.

We think about times we have been spellbound.

PRAYER for healing of stunted imagination.

Narrator: Then he entered the temple and began to drive out those who were selling things there; and he said,

Jesus: It is written, "My house shall be a house of prayer"; but you have made it a den of robbers.'

MUSIC *echoing the shocking disruption of the Temple*

We reflect on the health or otherwise of the Church today.

PRAYER for forgiveness for the Church

Kyrie eleison (Lord, have mercy)

FORGIVENESS IS DECLARED

THE PEACE

Deacon: To the powerful,
to the oppressed,
to Moscow,
to Kiev,
to Birmingham,
to the church near and far, we say:
the peace of the Lord be always with you.

We prepare the table for Communion while singing [You are the King of Glory](#)

You are the King of Glory, you are the Prince of Peace,
you are the Lord of heav'n and earth, you're the Son of
Righteousness.

Angels bow down before you, worship and adore,
for you have the words of eternal life, you are Jesus Christ the Lord.
Hosanna to the Son of David! Hosanna to the King of kings!
Glory in the highest heaven, for Jesus the Messiah reigns.

(words & music: Mavis Ford)

We give thanks for God's Faithfulness

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is our joy and destiny to praise you, Lord God, for in wondrous love you cast stars into space and in meek obedience your Son surrendered to cruel nails. With loving kindness you called your people in Abraham, and in covenant with Moses you bound up your life in theirs. Through exile you stayed close to them, and in Jesus you came among them bearing the fullness of grace and truth. Your Son Jesus faced rejection, cruelty and death, yet in resurrection you exalted him, and in sending your Spirit you shed glory on all people. And so we rejoice with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, singing the song of your unending praise.

All: [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.

(Shephard)

Hosanna is our cry, Blessed One. Your Son comes on a donkey in your name. As Jesus entered Jerusalem to bear our sorrows and suffer for our sins, enter our hearts and confront our waywardness today. Send your Holy Spirit upon us, that we may be your Son's crucified and risen body. Send your Spirit upon this bread that it may be living bread, and on this wine that it may be the cup of salvation, that together they may be for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread and gave it to them, saying, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

A bell is rung.

After supper he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, 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."

A bell is rung.

Deacon: Jesus Christ is Lord.
**All: Lord, by your cross and resurrection
You have set us free.
You are the saviour of the world.**

Humble God, your Son did not exploit his status, but emptied himself. Pour out your Spirit on all who are exploited, in world or church; on all who are humbled, by state or employer or family member; on all who are emptied of hope, of faith, of love. As you highly exalted your Son who had become a slave, highly exalt your children who suffer for righteousness or grieve those they have cherished or bend the knee to one who does not honour them.

Fill the earth with your justice and peace, until every heart shall sing and every tongue confess that you are the joy of their desiring, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, ever one God, in all ages and for evermore. **Amen.**

Deacon: As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**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
and 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.**

We share Communion

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

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

Priest: Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**All: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word
and I shall be healed.**

AGNUS DEI

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.

MUSIC during Communion [Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle](#)

1. Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle,
sing the last the dread affray;
o'er the Cross, the victor's trophy,
sound the high triumphal lay;
how, the pains of death enduring,
earth's Redeemer won the day.

2. When at length th'appointed fullness
of the sacred time was come,
he was sent, the world's creator,
from the Father's heav'nly home,
and was found in human fashion,
offspring of the Virgin's womb.

3. Now the thirty years are ended
which on earth he willed to see,
willingly he meets his Passion,
born to set his people free;
on the cross the Lamb is lifted,
there the sacrifice to be.

4. Praise and honour to the Father,
praise and honour to the Son,
praise and honour to the Spirit,
ever Three and ever One,
One in might and One in glory,
while eternal ages run. Amen.

(words: Venantius Fortunatus, trans John Mason Neale; music: Plainsong mode iii, arr Andrew Moore)

After Communion we pray together:

**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.**

We are sent out

THE BLESSING

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

Amen.

God the Son, 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.

God the Holy Spirit who strengthens us to suffer with Christ that we may share his glory, set you 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.

HYMN

[My song is love unknown](#)

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 sin made blind, 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. Why, what hath my Lord done?
What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run,
he gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries! Yet they at these
themselves displease, and 'gainst him rise.

5. 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.

6. 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.

(words: Samuel Crossman alt; music: John Ireland)

Deacon: Follow Christ through Holy Week and listen, spellbound,
by what you hear.

All: In the name of Christ, Amen.



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Holy Week and Easter at All Saints

Join in as much or as little as you feel able.

Three simple evening Services dwelling on Christ's public teaching in Jerusalem

Monday 11th April 6.30pm Holy Communion

7.45pm Concert for Ukraine - £5 on the door

Tuesday 12th April 7.30pm Holy Communion

Wednesday 13th April 11.30am and 7.30pm Holy Communion

Maundy Thursday 7.30pm Holy Communion, remembering the Last Supper and Jesus washing the disciples' feet, followed by The Watch, remembering Jesus' time in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Good Friday:

Ecumenical Service led by All Saints at New Life Baptist Church, 11.15am followed by Walk of Witness along the High Street

1-3pm Meditations on the Characters at the Cross.

8pm Tenebrae, remembering the closing of the tomb.

Saturday 6.30pm Vigil: a simple service of watching and waiting

Easter Sunday:

6am Dawn Service in the Square followed by breakfast

10am Holy Communion