

Welcome to  
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in the Diocese of Birmingham



ALL SAINTS  
KINGS HEATH

## Palm Sunday Holy Communion

24<sup>th</sup> March 2024

We Gather on the square

[Hosanna to the Son of David.](#)

Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna to the Son of David.

Thou that sittest in the highest heav'ns.

Hosanna in excelsis Deo.

*(words: Matthew 21:9; music: David C Morgan)*

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

**All: And also with you.**

### Welcome

Priest Hosanna to the Son of David.

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

Priest Behold your king comes to you, Meek and lowly, sitting upon a  
donkey. Ride on in the cause of truth and for the sake of justice.

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

Song

1. Ride on! ride on in majesty!  
Hark, all the tribes hosanna cry;  
thy 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! 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 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.

### **Introduction with confession**

God, You loved the world so much that You embraced it in all its suffering in Your beloved Son Jesus Christ: who sought the way of the cross that He might come to Easter and offer us the way back to You.

We thank You, All-Loving God, for this space, not just on this Sunday morning but in the week that is to come – space to become more receptive to the incredible promise of new life: life to challenge all that is deathly in our world, life to challenge all that is dull in our hearts.

**Help us to use this time, not just in prayer at worship, but in the thoughtfulness in which we go about these coming days, listening for Your voice in all we do, as You challenge the habits that restrict us and the assumptions that close our minds.**

**Help us also to be aware of others who at this time are examining themselves, whether from religious duty or because they have reached a turning point, in a career, or in a relationship, or in a crisis. Give us an ear that listens that we may find words to sustain others and an openness to learn from those we meet. Amen**

*We respond with Psalm 118 (light voices lead/**deep voices respond in bold**)*

Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.  
**This is the gate of the Lord through which the righteous may enter.**

I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.  
**The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvellous in our eyes.**

The Lord has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad.

**Lord, save us! Lord, grant us success!**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. From the house of the Lord we bless you.

**The Lord is God, and he has made his light shine on us. With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar.**

You are my God, and I will praise you; you are my God, and I will exalt you.

**Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.**

*We collect instruments and sing and dance to Make way, make way on the square.*

3. Make way, make way,  
for Christ the King in splendour arrives:  
fling wide the gates  
and welcome Him into your lives.

*Make way, make way,  
for the King of kings;  
make way, make way,  
and let His kingdom in!*

He comes the broken hearts to heal,  
the prisoners to free;  
the deaf shall hear, the lame shall dance,  
the blind shall see.

Make way .....

And those who mourn with heavy hearts,  
who weep and sigh,  
with laughter, joy and royal crown  
He'll beautify.

Make way .....

We call You now to worship Him  
as Lord of all,  
to have no gods before Him,  
their thrones must fall!

Make way.....

*(words: Fred Kaan; music: Traditional, arr Noel Rawsthorne)*

# Chatter on the square

We gather in small groups and chat about what we imagine Jerusalem would have looked like on that first Palm Sunday imagining what that look like today in Jerusalem and here in our square

## **Inspired by our chats:**

We pray for peace and unity

We pray for the right leadership in all areas of life

We pray for human flourishing through tragedy and illness, through grief and loss

## **Concluding prayers by Don**

Loving and Holy Spirit of God, hear our prayers. We believe that You want us not just to serve but to pray for the world to whose service You have called us, in all its longing for peace, for justice, for reconciliation.

Hear our prayers today for those who struggle against tyrannies, those damaged by natural disasters or blight caused by others' greed, those forced out from their communities to seek refuge elsewhere; for aid agencies, peace-keeping forces, rescue services at sea, world organisations and alliances, national governments, and those offering a welcome to asylum seekers in our towns.

If statistics are tears, the world weeps for release for so many: the dispossessed, the falsely imprisoned, the undervalued, the cruelly undernourished, the exploited, and the sick; the deeply anxious who have everything and yet nothing, miserable in their comfort, longing for love, to feel of value. May they and we travel with You to Easter.

We give thanks for saints and martyrs through the centuries, and the many people forgotten by us but known to You, who have challenged injustice and discrimination, given voice to those unnoticed and unheard, and helped to create communities where all are valued. Through Jesus Christ we pray; **Amen.**

*Palm Crosses are given out.*

Priest: Jesus our King comes in peace. The peace of God be always with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Priest: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*We greet each other.*

*With the cross representing Christ, we process in with cloths spread on the ground and we remain standing for the Gospel when inside*

1. There's a man riding in on a donkey,  
there's a man, and they say he's king!  
And the palm leaves are waving a welcome  
and the voices of the people sing:

*Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!  
Sing hosanna to the King of kings!  
Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!  
Sing hosanna to the King!*

Why a king riding in on a donkey?  
Why a king wearing no fine crown?  
Where the drums? Where the high-sounding cymbals  
if a king is riding into town?  
Sing hosanna . . .

Hear the voice of the King on a donkey!  
Hear the joy of the news he brings!  
He is Jesus, the Son of the Highest.  
He is Jesus and the King of kings!  
Sing hosanna . . .

Paul Wigmore  
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*We remain standing for the GOSPEL READING*

*In church, when it is announced, we say:*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Mark.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON *in Church is from Tariro*

# 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)

Priest: With this bread that we bring  
**All: we shall remember Jesus.**  
With this wine that we bring  
**we shall remember Jesus.**

Bread for his body, wine for his blood,  
gifts from God to his table we bring.  
**We shall remember Jesus.**

Priest: The Lord is here  
**All: His Spirit is with us.**  
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 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:

**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.**

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.*

Great is the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

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 or 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.**

#### LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**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.**

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

**All: Though we are many, we are one body.**

**For we all share in one bread.**

*All are welcome to come forward to receive communion. If you prefer not to receive but would like a prayer of blessing, just keep your hands at your sides.*

*For the sake of those allergic to gluten, we ask you to refrain from dipping wafers in the wine.*

*After all have received, we anticipate Holy Week ahead of us, then stand to pray for God's blessing.*

"Cornerstone"

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
But wholly trust in Jesus name  
My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
But wholly trust in Jesus name

Christ alone, Cornerstone  
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love  
Through the storm, He is Lord  
Lord of all



When darkness seems to hide His face  
I rest on His unchanging grace  
In every high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil  
My anchor holds within the veil

Christ alone, Cornerstone  
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love  
Through the storm, He is Lord  
Lord of all  
He is Lord, Lord of all  
Christ alone, Cornerstone  
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love  
Through the storm, He is Lord  
Lord of all,

When He shall come with trumpet sound  
Oh may I then in Him be found  
Dressed in His righteousness alone  
Faultless stand before the throne

### **THE BLESSING**

May the blessing of God the father who resides in our hopes and our dreams grant us peace.

**Amen**

May the blessing of Jesus the son who rides to wild acclaim and waving palm branches grant us peace. **Amen**

May the blessing of the Holy Spirit who holds us through our fears and our nightmares grant us peace...

...on this Palm Sunday  
through the events of Holy Week  
to the cross of Good Friday  
and beyond  
to look for the hopes and dreams  
of the dawning of an Easter Morning. **Amen**

*We sing:* 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 suff'ring 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)*

*(words & music: Mavis Ford)*

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

## ***Holy Week and Easter Services 2024 @ All Saints***

Monday 25th Holy Communion at 7.30pm

Tuesday 26th Holy Communion at 7.30pm

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> Holy Communion at 7.30pm

*Holy Communion reflecting with Mark's Gospel chapters 13 and 14 on human destructiveness, false messiahs and human capacity for tenderness and bitterness.*

### **Maundy Thursday**

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> Holy Communion at 7.30pm  
*Remembering the Last Supper and Jesus washing the disciples' feet, followed by The Watch, remembering Jesus' time in the Garden of Gethsemane.*

### **Good Friday**

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Walk of Witness along the High Street starting with a service at 11.15 am at New Life Baptist Church and Walking to All Saints  
1-3pm *Meditations on the Characters at the Cross following Marks Gospel*

### **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March**

7.30pm Vigil Service

### **Easter Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March** *(Note: Clocks go forward Saturday night)*

6am Dawn Service *in the Village Square Followed by breakfast*

Holy Communion at 8.00 am

Holy Communion at 10.00 am

**All Welcome**

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