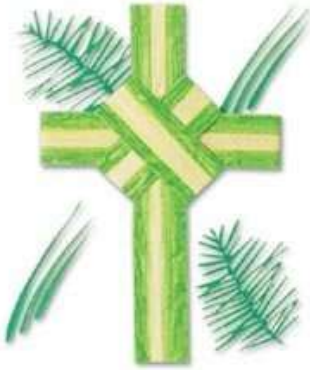


THE PARISH EUCHARIST
PALM SUNDAY



2ND. APRIL 2023 AT 10 AM

THE ZOOM DETAILS ARE:

Meeting ID: 457 244 0784
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'Follow the steps of Christ's patience and humility'

*Holy Week recalls the last momentous week in Jesus' life. **Palm Sunday** – his ride into Jerusalem on a donkey; **Monday to Wednesday** – the cleansing of the Temple of corrupt traders, the debates with religious leaders, the anointing of his body by a woman, the plotting of his death by Judas; **Maunder Thursday** – the washing of the disciples' feet and the Last Supper; **Good Friday** – his arrest, trial, crucifixion and burial.*

When all are ready, the following anthem is said:

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

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

The Priest introduces the celebration using these words:

Dear friends 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.

Everyone holds up their palms while this prayer is said:

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 lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.
Amen.

Everyone is sprinkled with Holy Water.

Luke 19:28-40

After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' say, 'The Lord needs it.'"

Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?"

They replied, "The Lord needs it."

They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.

When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!"

"I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."

This is the Gospel of Christ.
Praise to Christ our Lord.

The Priest addresses the people:

Let us go forth, praising Jesus our Messiah.

Hymn

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

Thou art the King of Israel,
thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest,
the King and blessed One.

All glory, laud

The company of Angels
are praising thee on high,
and mortal folk, with all things
created make reply.

All glory, laud

The people of the Hebrews
with palms before thee went:
our praise and prayer and an-
thems

before thee we present.

All glory, laud

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

All glory, laud

Thou didst accept their praises,

accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King.

All glory, laud

We say:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Almighty God, who forgives all
who truly repent, have mercy upon
you, pardon and deliver you from
all your sins, confirm and
strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray:

Almighty and everlasting God, who
in your tender love towards the hu-
man race sent your Son our Sav-
iour 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 partak-
ers of his resurrection; through Je-
sus 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**

Philippians 2:6-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the
form of God, did not regard equal-
ity with God something to be
grasped.

Rather, he emptied himself, taking
the form of a slave, coming in hu-
man likeness, and found human in
appearance, he humbled himself,
becoming obedient to the point of
death, even death on a cross.

Because of this, God greatly ex-
alted him and bestowed on him the
name which is above every name,
that at the name of Jesus every
knee should bend, of those in
heaven and on earth and under
the earth, and every tongue con-
fess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to
the glory of God the Father.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Please remain seated

The Passion of our Lord.

Glory to you, O Lord.

*During the reading of the Passion
the following hymn will be sung at
intervals.*

*The choir will lead us for each
verse.*

My song is love unknown,
my Saviour's love for me,
love to the loveless shown,
that they might lovingly be.
O who am I, that for my sake,
my Lord should take frail flesh and
die?

He came from his blest throne,
salvation to bestow;
but men made strange, and none
the longed-for Christ would know,
but O my friend, my friend indeed,
who at my need his life did spend!

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.

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.

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.

In life, no house, no home
my Lord on earth might have:
in death no friendly tomb
but what a stranger gave.
What may I say? Heaven was his
home;
but mine the tomb wherein he lay.

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.

*At the end of the Passion the priest
says:*

This is the Passion of Christ.

REFLECTION

WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH

We stand to say

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, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.

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 world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION LED BY NORMA CROWE

(Please sit/kneel)

Let us bring to the Father our prayers of intercession through Christ who gave himself for the life of the world.

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 self-discipline to overcome them, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For Christian people, that through the suffering of disunity there may grow 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 to work openly 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 those who have died in faith, may find mercy in the day of Christ, let us pray to the Lord. We pray for those recently departed: Elizabeth Couvell. We pray for those whose years' mind occur this month: Thomas William Barker, Olive Fitzpatrick, Brenda Bladon, Jimmy Dunlop, Edwin Manser, Roger Smith, Richard Hunt, Eileen Sheldon, Lydia Harttrup, Dick Howarth, Elijah Towner, Sheila Radford, Rebecca Barker,

Thomas Heady, Elsie Dodson,
Anna Towner.

Lord, have mercy.

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

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

*We stand and the Priest intro-
duces the peace:*

The peace of the Lord be always
with you

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of
peace.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

OFFERTORY HYMN

*The bread and wine are placed on
the altar.*

Ride on! Ride on in majesty!
Hark, all the tribes hosanna cry,
thy humble beast pursues his road
with palms and scattered gar-
ments strowed.

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.

Ride on! Ride on in majesty!
The wingèd squadrons of the sky

look down with sad and wondering
eyes,
to see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on! Ride on in majesty!
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;
the Father, on his sapphire throne,
expects his own anointed Son.

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.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all
creation.

Through your goodness we have
this bread to offer which earth has
given and human hands have
made. It will become for us the
bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you Lord, God of all
creation.

Through your goodness we have
this wine to offer, fruit of the vine
and work of human hands. It will
become our spiritual drink.

Blessed be God for ever.

Pray, my brothers and sisters, that
our sacrifice may be acceptable to
God, the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacri-
fice at your hands for the praise
and glory of his name, for our
good, and the good of all his
Church.**

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 our joy and destiny to praise you, Lord God, for in wondrous love you cast stars into space and in mock obedience your Sin surrendered to cruel nails. With lovingkindness 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 your glory on all people. And we so 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 hear 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 remembrance of me. 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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Humble God, you did not exploit his status but emptied himself. Pour out your Spirit on all who are exploited, world or church, on all who are humbled, by state or employer or family member, on all who are emptied of hope, or 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 the 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

Silence is kept

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

WE BREAK BREAD

The Priest breaks the consecrated bread, saying:

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

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

We say:

**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.**

WE SHARE IN HOLY 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.

A Prayer for those joining us on Zoom who are making their Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

**The Chalice Bearers today are:
Judy Darkens and Peggy Stone**

HYMN DURING COMMUNION:
((PLEASE REMAIN SEATED))

Glory be to Jesus,
who, in bitter pains,
poured for me the life-blood
from his sacred veins.

Grace and life eternal
in that Blood I find;
blest be his compassion,
infinitely kind.

Blest through endless ages
be the precious streams,
which from endless torment
doth the world redeem.

There the fainting spirit
drinks of life her fill;
there as in a fountain
laves herself at will.

Lift ye then your voices;
swell the mighty flood;
louder still and louder,
praise the precious Blood.

AFTER COMMUNION

*We pray together in thanksgiving
to God*

**Loving Father, you have turned
your face towards the world and
welcomed us home in Jesus
Christ. Work in us by your Spirit
that we may share with others
the welcome we have found in
him, that strangers may become
friends, and your love be made
known in all the world. Amen**

NOTICES

WE GO IN CHRIST'S PEACE

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

BLESSING

Christ crucified draw you to him-
self, to find in him a sure ground for
faith, a firm support for hope, and
the assurance of sins forgiven; and
the blessing ...

We respond **Amen**

Go in peace to love and serve the
Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Christ triumphant ever-reigning,
Saviour, Master, King,
Lord of heav'n our lives sustaining,
hear us as we sing.

***Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown,
the eternal name.***

Word incarnate, truth revealing,
Son of Man on earth!
Power and majesty concealing
by your humble birth:

Yours the glory

Suffering servant, scorned, ill-
treated,
victim crucified!

Death is through the cross de-
feated,
sinners justified:

Yours the glory

Priestly King, enthroned for ever
high in heaven above!
Sin and death and hell shall never
stifle hymns of love:

Yours the glory

So, our hearts and voices raising
through the ages long,
ceaselessly upon you gazing,
this shall be our song:

Yours the glory

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Let us bless the Lord
Thanks be to God

May the divine assistance remain
with us always.

**And with all our brothers and
sisters in Christ.**

May the souls of the faithful de-
parted through the mercy of God,
rest in peace. **And rise in glory.
Amen.**

We listen to the Organ Voluntary

***PLEASE BRING A SMALL POSY OF
FLOWERS NEXT SUNDAY TO PUT ON
THE EASTER CROSS***

NOTICES

Wednesday Eucharist at Bowles
Lodge ~ 10.00a.m. Please do join
us.

ELECTORAL ROLL - if you
would like to be registered on the
Electoral Roll of St Laurence or
wish to know more about being a
member, please speak to Ste-
phen Ringer. Names can be
added up to the date of the An-
nual Parochial Church Meeting

which will be held on Sunday 23
April. Application forms are availa-
ble on the table at the back of the
church.

FLOWER GUILD is planning a
Flower Festival in St Laurence
Church over the weekend of King
Charles' coronation. Monetary do-
nations for flowers would be most
welcome.

PLEASE NOTE - we now have
the facility to accept donations by
Credit Card/Apple Pay etc.
The machine will be on the table
opposite the pew leaflets after the
service.

LAST LENT LUNCH - organised
by Hawkhurst Churches Together
to be held at the Baptist Church
Hall, Cranbrook Road, Hawkhurst
TN18 4BT from 12 noon to 1.30
pm on Good Friday 7th April.

**LOAVES AND FISHES SUN-
DAY** every 3rd Sunday
monthly. The next collection date
will be Sunday 23rd April. All con-
tribution of non- perishables will
be collected and donated to the
Hawkhurst Food Bank.

PARISH BREAKFAST – on
Saturday April 29th 2023. The
speaker will be Dame Mary
Tanner. More details below.
Please sign the list on the table if
you would like to attend.

BREAKFAST TALK

**A talk by Dame Mary Tanner -
29th April, 2023 - 9.30am - at the
Parish Church of St. Laurence,
Hawkhurst**

**“The best job ever’: friendship,
reconciliation unity”**

Over breakfast together on Saturday April 29th Mary will describe how she came to have 'the best job ever'. It was all about understanding others and making friends across the divide of churches - Roman Catholic, Orthodox, Methodist, Lutheran, Baptist, Pentecostal and trying to understand what were those things that caused division, about discovering how we had so often misrepresented one another, how we had grown over the years further and further apart, and how, through the ecumenical movement, the new movement of the twentieth century, we might receive gifts from one another and offer our gifts to others. It was

about coming out of our isolations, building friendships, discovering how much common faith we shared and how we might worship, witness and serve together in the world, working together for justice, peace and the integrity of creation. It was about how we might become more faithful to the prayer of Jesus, 'May they be one so that the world might believe'?

About Dame Mary Tanner

For seventeen years Mary taught Old Testament and Hebrew at Hull and Bristol Universities and Westcott House, Cambridge. Her increasing involvement in the ecumenical movement led her in 1982 to join the staff of the Board for Mission and Unity of the General Synod of the Church of England, later becoming the first General Secretary of the Council for Christian Unity.

From 1974 Mary served as the Church of England's representative on the Faith and Order Commission, the theological commission, of the World Council of Churches becoming its first woman Moderator in 1991. She chaired the Advisory Committee of

the study on 'The Church as a Community of Women and Men'.

Mary was a member of the Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission. She was secretary to the Conversations with the Evangelical Church in Germany which led to the Meissen Agreement and was awarded by the President of Germany, the Officer's Cross of the Order of Merit. She also served on the Conversations with the Nordic and Baltic churches which led to the Porvoo Agreement bringing Anglican churches of the British Isles and Nordic and Baltic Lutheran churches into a close relationship of communion. She was awarded by the King of Sweden the Order of the Polar Star.

After retirement in 1998 Mary continued her ecumenical ministry. As President for Europe of the World Council of Churches she travelled to many parts of Europe and was a visiting Professor in New York, Jerusalem and Rome.

Throughout her ecumenical work Mary was concerned to bring the results of the ecumenical regional and international agreements into

the life and witness of local churches.

In 2008 Mary was made a Dame of the British Empire by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II for her work for the Anglican Communion and the Ecumenical Movement.



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