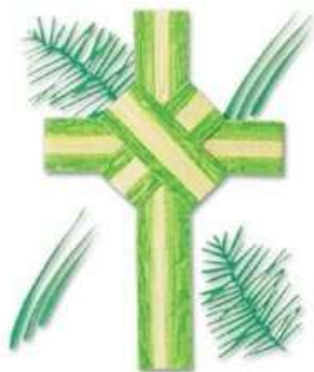




ST. LAURENCE CHURCH,  
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THE PARISH EUCHARIST  
PALM SUNDAY

24.3.2024 AT 10 AM



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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; **Maundy Thursday** – the washing of the disciples' feet and the Last Supper; **Good Friday** – his arrest, trial, crucifixion and burial.*

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*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 Vicar 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.*

### Mark 11:1–11

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’ ” They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

“Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

Then He entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when He had looked around at everything, as it was already late, He went out to Bethany with the twelve.

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 read by**  
**Stephen Crowe**

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. Be-  
cause of this, God greatly exalted  
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**

**Hymn** (please stand if you are  
able)

The King of love my shepherd is,  
whose goodness faileth never.  
I nothing lack if I am his,  
and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow,  
my ransomed soul he leadeth;  
and where the verdant pastures  
grow,  
with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed,  
but yet in love he sought me;  
and on his shoulder gently laid,  
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill,  
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
thy unction grace bestoweth;  
and oh, what transport of delight  
from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of  
days,  
thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy  
praise  
within thy house forever.

### **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 lovely 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 Stephen Ringer**

*(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.**

For the housebound, the sick and the suffering: Robbie Robinson, Eleanor Ash, David Winstone, Jan Edwards, Jill Fitzpatrick, John Tanner, Hilary Deller, Brian Elliott, 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:

Richard Piper, Claire Newland.

We pray for those whose years' mind occur this month: Norma Fogarty, Spencer Charles Edwards, Francis Ann Vaughan, Douglas Brown, Kathryn Louise Bembridge, Brian Louis Piper, William Bennett, Joseph William Ringer, Mandy Jones, Kitty Weguelin, William David Potter, Freda Mary Griffin, Mihael William Raymond Corp, Peter Lewis, Winifred Richard, Brian Lawrence, Lily Collins, Gillian Appelbe, Barney Underwood. let us pray to the Lord

**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  
introduces 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 (Please stand  
if you able)**

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

**Refrain:**

*Lift high the cross, the love of  
Christ proclaim till all the world  
adore his sacred name.*

Come, Christians, follow where  
our Saviour trod, our King  
victorious, Christ, the Son of God.

**Refrain**

All newborn servants of the  
Crucified bear on their brow the  
seal of Christ who died.

**Refrain**

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious  
tree, your death has brought us life  
eternally.

**Refrain**

So shall our song of triumph ever  
be: praise to the Crucified for  
victory.

**Refrain**

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  
sacrifice 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**

As Christ has taught us, we are bold 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.**

**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.**

### **The Prayer of Humble Access**

**We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that our sinful**

bodies may be made clean by his body and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

**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: Stephen Ringer and Rachael Ringer**

**HYMN DURING COMMUNION:**  
**(PLEASE REMAIN SEATED)**

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,  
and with fear and trembling stand;  
ponder nothing earthly minded,  
for, with blessing in His hand,  
Christ our God to earth  
descendeth, our full homage to  
demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,  
as of old on earth He stood,  
Lord of lords, in human vesture,  
in the body and the blood.  
He will give to all the faithful  
His own self for heav'nly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven  
spreads its vanguard on the way,  
as the Light of light descendeth  
from the realms of endless day,  
that the pow'rs of hell may vanish  
as the darkness clears away.

At His feet the six-winged seraph,  
cherubim with sleepless eye,  
veil their faces to the Presence,  
as with ceaseless voice they cry,  
"Alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia, Lord Most High!"

**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 himself, 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** (please stand if you are able)

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 defeated,  
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 departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **And rise in glory. Amen.**

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We listen to the Organ Voluntary

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## **NOTICES**

**Please bring a small posy of flowers next Sunday to put on the Easter Cross.**

**Please remember that the clocks go forward one hour at 1.00 a.m. next Sunday morning (Easter Day).**

**Sandra would like to thank everyone who helped with the cleaning last Monday.**

## **AT YOUR SERVICE**

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## **EASTER SERVICES**

### **Maundy Thursday**

28 March at 8pm  
Solemn Eucharist with Foot  
Washing, Stripping of Altars  
and Watch at the Altar of Re-  
pose.

### **Good Friday**

29 March at 9.30am  
Liturgy of Good Friday with  
Veneration of the Cross

### **Good Friday Service**

Churches Together in  
Hawkhurst and walk of witness  
St. Barnabas Church  
29th March at 11.30 am

### **Easter Sunday**

31 March at 10.00am  
Family Communion