

Solemn Eucharist
Sunday 24th March 2024
at 10 am
Palm Sunday



Truro
Cathedral

President: Dean Simon Robinson

Welcome to this Palm Sunday Eucharist and the beginning of Holy Week 2024. Today we remember Jesus's triumphal entry into Jerusalem on a donkey as the crowds hailed him as the promised Messiah and liberator. If you are able, come and join us further up Pydar Street and meet Sparkle the donkey who has come to help us remember this day. As today's service progresses we experience a dramatic version of the Passion narrative as the crowds joyful "hosanna"s turn to hateful cries of "Crucify him". We are all invited to join in these words, because Jesus came to save and heal all of us from everything that spoils and distorts our world; all of our wrongdoing and sin.

If you would like to make a financial donation towards Easter Lillies,

perhaps in memory of a loved one, then please do so. You could put a donation through the letter box of the Flower Guild room in an enveloped, marked for Easter Lillies, or bring this to the OCS office.

Palm Sunday	16.00 Solemn Choral Evensong Preacher: Canon Elly Sheard
Monday in Holy Week 25th March	9.00 Holy Communion (<i>Jesus Chapel</i>) 9.30 Morning Prayer (<i>St Samson's Chapel</i>) 16.00 Evening Prayer (<i>St Samsons Chapel</i>) 19.00 A reflective service for Holy Week
Tuesday in Holy Week 26th March	9.00 Holy Communion (<i>Jesus Chapel</i>) 9.30 Morning Prayer (<i>St Samson's Chapel</i>) 17.30 Choral Evensong (Quire)
Wednesday in Holy Week 27th March	9.00 Holy Communion (<i>Jesus Chapel</i>) 9.30 Morning Prayer (<i>St Samson's Chapel</i>) 17.30 Choral evensong (Quire)
Maundy Thursday 28th March	8.30 Morning Prayer 10.30 Diocesan Chrism Eucharist 16.00 Evening Prayer (<i>St Samsons Chapel</i>) 19.00 Solemn Eucharist (<i>Live streamed</i>) <i>followed by the Watch until midnight</i>
Good Friday 29th March	8.30 Morning Prayer (<i>St Samson's Chapel</i>) 10.00 Liturgy of the Passion (<i>Live streamed</i>) 12.00 Three Hours Devotion 17.00 Choral Evensong 18.00 St John Passion (with homily)
Easter Eve 30th March	9.30 Morning Prayer (<i>St Samsons Chapel</i>) 16.00 Evening Prayer (<i>St Samsons Chapel</i>) Please note the clocks move forward

Next Sunday 31st March: Easter Day

6.00 am	Easter Vigil - Dean Simon Robinson
8.30 am	Holy Communion BCP, President: The Dean
10.00 am	Festal Eucharist (<i>Live streamed</i>) President and preacher: The Bishop of St Germans
4.00 pm	Festal Evensong Preacher: The Dean

*The congregation gathers outside on Pydar Street or inside the cathedral.
Please join in the text marked in **bold type**.*

Commemoration of our Lord's Entry into Jerusalem

The president greets the people

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, for five weeks of Lent we have been preparing by works of love and self-sacrifice for the celebration of our Lord's paschal mystery. 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 remember with devotion this entry which began this saving work and follow him with a lively faith and firm hope. United with him in his suffering on the cross, may we share his resurrection and new life.

The Blessing of the Palms

All hold up their palms and branches and the president says

God our Saviour, whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as Messiah to suffer and to die, bless these branches and make them holy that they may be signs of his victory. 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 for ever. **Amen.**

The president sprinkles the palms with Holy water.

The Palm Gospel

The deacon says

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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 the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The choir sings "Hosanna to the Son of David" by Weelkes (1576-1623)

The Procession

The president says

Let us go forth, praising Jesus our Messiah.

The Palm Procession departs in the following order

Donkey
Thurifer
Cross and acolytes
Choir
Clergy
Gospel Clerk
Deacon
President

Congregation (who are invited to join in the procession)

Hymn

***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 Blessèd One**

**2. The company of angels
Are praising thee on high,
And mortal men and 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.**

*Tune :St Theodulph 509 NEH
Melchior Teschner (1584-1635)*

*Text: Theodulph of Orleans (d 821)
translated by John Mason Neale (1818-66)*

Hymn

**1. Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry.
Thy humble beast pursues thy 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, ride on in majesty!
The winged squadrons of the sky
look down with sad and wond'ring
eyes
to see th'approaching sacrifice.**

*Tune: Winchester New 511 NEH
adapted from Musicalisches Hand-Buch Hamburg, 1690*

**4. Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh.
The Father on his sapphire throne
awaits 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 pow'r and reign.**

*Text: Henry Milman (1791–1868)
Canon of Westminster 1835–49*

The Choir sings the Kyrie from Missa Orbis Factor

Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with heartfelt repentance and true faith turn to him: have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Presentation of Coronation Medals

Colonel Sir Edward Thomas Bolitho

The Collect

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour 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 partakers of his resurrection; through Jesus 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.**

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Isaiah 50: 4 – 9a

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Lent Prose

Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:
for we have sinned against thee.

**Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:
for we have sinned against thee.**

Innocent, captive, taken unresisting:
falsely accused and for us sinners sentenced,
save us, we pray thee, Jesu our Redeemer.

**Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:
for we have sinned against thee.**

Second Reading

Philippians 2: 5 - 11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess 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

**1. It is a thing most wonderful,
almost too wonderful to be,
that God's own son should come
from heaven,
and die to save a child like me.**

**2. And yet I know that it is true:
he chose a poor and humble lot,
and wept, and toiled, and mourned,
and died
for love of those who loved him not.**

**3. But even could I see him die,
I could but see a little part
of that great love, which, like a fire,
is always burning in his heart.**

**4. It is most wonderful to know
his love for me so free and sure;
but 'tis more wonderful to see
my love for him so faint and poor.**

**5. And yet I want to love thee, Lord;
O light the flame within my heart,
and I will love thee more and more,
until I see thee as thou art.**

*Tune: Herongate 84 NEH
Essex Folk Song*

Text: William Walsham How (1823–97)

The Passion Reading

The Passion is then read. Please sit (standing, if you are able, for the final section). No responses are made at the announcement of the gospel, or at the end. Please heartily join in the part of the crowd.

After the reading of the Passion a period of silence is kept.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Offertory Hymn

**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. 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.**

**5. 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.**

**3. 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.**

**4. 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?
Heav'n was his home;
But mine the tomb
Wherein he lay.**

*Tune: Love Unknown NEH 86
John Ireland 1879-1962*

*Text: Samuel Crossman
(1624-1683)*

Prayer at the preparation of the table

Jesus, true vine and bread of life,
ever giving yourself that the world might live,
let us share your death and passion:
make us perfect in your love. **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer B

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,
for ever praising you and singing:

The choir sings the Sanctus

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt coeli et terra
gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.

Benedictus qui venit
In nomine domini
Hosanna in excelsis.

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.

The deacon says

Jesus Christ is Lord:

**Lord by cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

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
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.**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Lord Jesus Christ was obedient unto death, even death on a cross so that we might be saved through him. Let us therefore pray to our Heavenly Father in the words 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.**

Breaking of the Bread

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.**

Giving of 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.**

*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion at this service.
Please note that dipping the host in the wine (intinction) is not permitted.*

The words of distribution are as follows:

The Body of Christ, **Amen.**

The Blood of Christ, **Amen.**

The choir sings the Agnus Dei

Agnus Dei, qui tollis
peccata mundi:
miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis
peccata mundi:
dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God, you take away
the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, you take away the
sin of the world,
grant us peace.

Communion Motet

Salvator Mundi by Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

O Saviour of the world, who by thy cross and thy precious blood hast redeemed us, save us and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

After Communion

Let us pray:

Lord Jesus Christ,
you humbled yourself in 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.**

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

Final Hymn

Please stand

**Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle,
Sing the last, the dread affray,
O'er the cross, the victor's trophy,
Sound the loud triumphant lay:
How, the pains of death enduring,
Earth's redeemer won the day.**

**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.**

**There the nails and spear he suffers,
Vinegar and gall and reed;
From his sacred body pierced
Blood and water both proceed:
Precious flood, which all creation
From the stain of sin hath freed.**

**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.**

Tune: Praise, my soul NEH 436

*Text: Latin, Venantius Fortunatus (530– John Goss (1800–80)
translated by Percy Dearmer (1867–1936)*

Blessing and Dismissal

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

May 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.

The deacon says

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Organ Voluntary
'Valet will ich dir geben' BWV 736 by Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685 - 1750)

Please take this order of service away with you.

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