

Holy Communion

9.30am – 29th March 2026

Palm Sunday

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



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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 and honour...

The people of the Hebrews
with palms before thee went:
our praise and prayer and anthems
before thee we present:
All glory, laud and honour...

To thee before thy passion
they sang their hymns of praise:
to thee now high exalted
our melody we raise:
All glory, laud and honour...

Thou didst accept their praises,
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King:
All glory, laud and honour..

John Mason Neale | Melchior Teschner | Theodulph Of Orleans

Gathering and Greeting

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

All: Amen.

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

All: And also with you

Welcome – Revd Philip Sudell

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of our Lord's death and resurrection. Today we come together to begin this celebration 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.

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 is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Luke 19:28-40

²⁸ After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹ As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, ³⁰ '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. ³¹ If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" say, "The Lord needs it."' ³² Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' ³⁴ They replied, 'The Lord needs it.' ³⁵ They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.

³⁷ 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:

³⁸ 'Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!'

'Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!'

³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Teacher, rebuke your disciples!'

⁴⁰ 'I tell you,' he replied, 'if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Prayers of Penitence

God shows his love for us in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Let us then show our love for him by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Confession

Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

Assurance of forgiveness

The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon and forgiveness of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Collect

True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory.

All: Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 50:4-9

⁴ The Sovereign Lord has given me a well-instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being instructed. ⁵ The Sovereign Lord has opened my ears; I have not been rebellious, I have not turned away. ⁶ I offered my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard; I did not hide my face from mocking and spitting. ⁷ Because the Sovereign Lord helps me, I will not be disgraced. Therefore have I set my face like flint, and I know I will not be put to shame. ⁸ He who vindicates me is near. Who then will bring charges against me? Let us face each other! Who is my accuser? Let him confront me! ⁹ It is the Sovereign Lord who helps me. Who will condemn me? They will all wear out like a garment; the moths will eat them up.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 31:9-16

I trust in you, O Lord, for you are my God.

⁹ Have mercy on me, Lord, for I am in trouble; • my eye is consumed with sorrow, my soul and my body also.

¹⁰ For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; • my strength fails me because of my affliction, and my bones are consumed.

I trust in you, O Lord, for you are my God.

¹¹ I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbours, an object of dread to my acquaintances; • when they see me in the street they flee from me.

¹² I am forgotten like one that is dead, out of mind; • I have become like a broken vessel.

I trust in you, O Lord, for you are my God.

¹³ For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is on every side; • they scheme together against me, and plot to take my life. ¹⁴ But my trust is in you, O Lord. • I have said, 'You are my God.

I trust in you, O Lord, for you are my God.

¹⁵ 'My times are in your hand; • deliver me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me. ¹⁶ 'Make your face to shine upon your servant, • and save me for your mercy's sake.'

I trust in you, O Lord, for you are my God.

New Testament Reading

Hebrews 4:14-5:10

¹⁴ Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to feel sympathy for our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are – yet he did not sin. ¹⁶ Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

⁵ Every high priest is selected from among the people and is appointed to represent the people in matters related to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ² He is able to deal gently with those who are ignorant and are going astray, since he himself is subject to weakness. ³ This is why he has to offer sacrifices for his own sins, as well as for the sins of the people. ⁴ And no one takes this honour on himself, but he receives it when called by God, just as Aaron was. ⁵ In the same way, Christ did not take on himself the glory of becoming a high priest. But God said to him, 'You are my Son; today I have become your Father.' ⁶ And he says in another place, 'You are a priest for ever, in the order of Melchizedek.' ⁷ During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and

petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸ Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered ⁹ and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him ¹⁰ and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel

The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

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

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Matthew 27:11-54

¹¹ Meanwhile Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' 'You have said so,' Jesus replied. ¹² When he was accused by the chief priests and the elders, he gave no answer. ¹³ Then Pilate asked him, 'Don't you hear the testimony they are bringing against you?' ¹⁴ But Jesus made no reply, not even to a single charge – to the great amazement of the governor. ¹⁵ Now it was the governor's custom at the festival to release a prisoner chosen by the crowd. ¹⁶ At that time they had a well-known prisoner whose name was Jesus Barabbas. ¹⁷ So when the crowd had gathered, Pilate asked them, 'Which one do you want me to release to you: Jesus Barabbas, or Jesus who is called the Messiah?' ¹⁸ For he knew it was out of self-interest that they had handed Jesus over to him. ¹⁹ While Pilate was sitting on the judge's seat, his wife sent him this message: 'Don't have anything to do with that innocent man, for I have suffered a great

deal today in a dream because of him.'²⁰ But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus executed.²¹ 'Which of the two do you want me to release to you?' asked the governor. 'Barabbas,' they answered.²² 'What shall I do, then, with Jesus who is called the Messiah?' Pilate asked. They all answered, 'Crucify him!'²³ 'Why? What crime has he committed?' asked Pilate. But they shouted all the louder, 'Crucify him!'²⁴ When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but that instead an uproar was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd. 'I am innocent of this man's blood,' he said. 'It is your responsibility!'²⁵ All the people answered, 'His blood is on us and on our children!'²⁶ Then he released Barabbas to them. But he had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified.²⁷ Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers round him.²⁸ They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him,²⁹ and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand. Then they knelt in front of him and mocked him. 'Hail, king of the Jews!' they said.³⁰ They spat on him, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again.³¹ After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.³² As they were going out, they met a man from Cyrene, named Simon, and they forced him to carry the cross.³³ They came to a place called Golgotha (which means 'the place of the skull').³⁴ There they offered Jesus wine to drink, mixed with gall; but after tasting it, he refused to drink it.³⁵ When they had crucified him, they divided up his clothes by casting lots.³⁶ And sitting down, they kept watch over him there.³⁷ Above his head they placed the written charge against him: this

is Jesus, the king of the Jews.³⁸ Two rebels were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left.³⁹ Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads⁴⁰ and saying, 'You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!'⁴¹ In the same way the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders mocked him.⁴² 'He saved others,' they said, 'but he can't save himself! He's the king of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him.'⁴³ He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, "I am the Son of God."⁴⁴ In the same way the rebels who were crucified with him also heaped insults on him.⁴⁵ From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land.⁴⁶ About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, '*Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?*' (which means 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?').⁴⁷ When some of those standing there heard this, they said, 'He's calling Elijah.'⁴⁸ Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled it with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink.⁴⁹ The rest said, 'Now leave him alone. Let's see if Elijah comes to save him.'⁵⁰ And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit.⁵¹ At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split⁵² and the tombs broke open. The bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life.⁵³ They came out of the tombs after Jesus' resurrection and went into the holy city and appeared to many people.⁵⁴ When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, 'Surely he was the Son of God!'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon – Philip Sudell

Jesus – Nobody does it better!

A Great high priest

Profession of Faith

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

This response may be used:

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

And at the end: Merciful Father,
Accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament The Peace

Once we were far off, but now in union with Christ Jesus we have been brought near through the shedding of Christ's blood, for he is our peace.

The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

My song is love unknown, 112

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?

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.

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.

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.

Samuel Crossman

The Eucharistic Prayer

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 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:

**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.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood; 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. Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom, and

with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Jesus Christ is Lord.

**All: Lord, by your cross and
resurrection you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the World.**

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

**All: Blessing and honour and glory and
power be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as 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.

The Breaking of Bread

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.**

Agnus Dei

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.

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.

The Giving of Communion

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Prayer after Communion

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.

Church family news

Ride on, ride on in majesty!

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Hark, all the tribes hosanna cry.

Thy humble beast pursues his road

with palms and scattered garments 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!...

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!...

Ride on, ride on in majesty!

The last and fiercest strife is nigh:

the Father on his sapphire throne

awaits his own anointed Son.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!...

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.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!...

Bartholomaeus Crassellius | Henry Hart Milman

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 of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All: Amen

Dismissal

Go in the peace of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

Readings for next Sunday

5th April – Easter Day

Jeremiah 31:1-6

Psalms 118.14-24

Acts 10.34-43

John 20:1-18

The week ahead

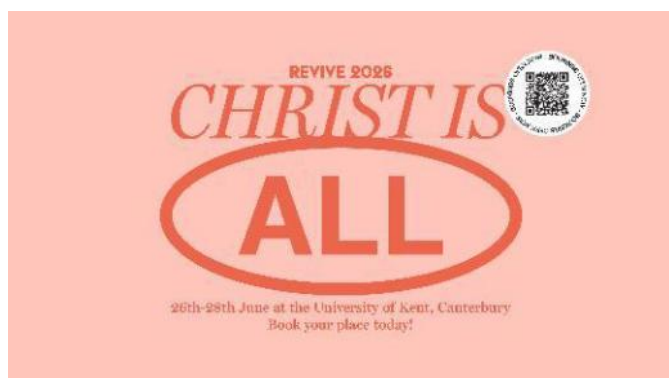
Sun 29 th	9.30am 11am	CLOCKS GO FORWARD Palm Sunday Holy Communion Morning Service
Mon 30 th		
Tues 31 st		
Wed 1 st		
Thurs 2 nd	MAUNDY 12 noon 7.30pm	THURSDAY Holy Communion Bring and Share Supper with communion @ St Peter's with St Cuthberts
Fri 3 rd	GOOD 10am 12noon	FRIDAY Families together at the cross An hour at the cross
Sat 4 th		
Sun 5 th	EASTER 9.30am 11am	DAY Holy Communion Easter Celebration

Spring Dates

Sun 29th Mar – Palm Sunday
 Thurs 2nd April – Maundy Thursday Supper
 Fri 3rd April – Good Friday
 Sun 5th April – Easter Sunday
 Sat 11th April – Women's Brunch
 Sun 12th April – Discipleship Training Lunch
 Wed 15th April - Discipleship Training Repeat
 Sun 19th April – Church Family Lunch –
 “Thank You to Clare Hendry”
 Sat 25th April – Men's Breakfast
 Mon 27th April – PCC Meeting

Co-Mission Revive W/E Away

26th - 28th June – Booking still open.



Maundy Thursday - 7.30pm

Bring and Share Joint supper with communion at St Peter's

with St Cuthbert's, Wood Green

Please respond to the note in the weekly email if you are able to bring a dish or a drink (stew, bread, pudding, rice, salad) – not that everybody has to!



Easter Services

