

# St Luke's Church, Jersey

## The Liturgy of Palm Sunday

10<sup>th</sup> April 2022



### Commemoration of the Lord's entry into Jerusalem

*Today's liturgy begins in the Church Hall, where palms will be blessed, prior to a procession through the local streets and park. Unfortunately, it is not possible to live-stream this first part of the service. Once the procession has set off, the organ will be played until the congregation arrives at the door of the church, whereupon the first hymn will be sung and our virtual congregation will be able to join in as usual!*

Antiphon 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.

Priest ✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

All **Amen.**

The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

*The Priest introduces the liturgy, inviting us to participate fully in the celebration of this day. Following this introduction, the congregation will hold up their palm crosses for them to be blessed.*

*The Gospel account of the Lord's entry into Jerusalem is now read*

The Lord be with you

All **and also with you**

Priest ✠ Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

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

Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two disciples, saying, 'Go into the village opposite, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat; untie it and bring it here. If any one asks you, "Why are you untying it?" you shall say this, "The Lord has need of it."' So those who were sent went away and found it as he had told them. And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' And they said, 'The Lord has need of it.' And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their garments on the colt they set Jesus upon it. And as he rode along, they spread their garments on the road. As he was drawing near, at the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying, 'Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!' And some of the Pharisees in the multitude said to him, 'Teacher, rebuke your disciples.' He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Let us go forth in peace.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

***The Priest and servers now process into church in honour of Christ the King***

***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, and honour...***

**The company of angels  
are praising thee on high,  
and mortal men and all things  
created make reply:**

***All glory, laud, and honour...***

**The people of the Hebrews  
with palms before thee went;  
our praise and love 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...***

*Words: St Theodulph of Orleans (d 821), Tr J M Neale (1818-66)  
Music: M Teschner (c1613), harmonized by J S Bach*

*Following the arrival in the Sanctuary and the censuring of the altar, Mass continues with*

## **The Opening Prayer**

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

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

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God**

## The Gospel Acclamation

Cantor Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

All **Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

Cantor Christ was humbler yet,  
even to accepting death, death on a cross.  
But God raised him high  
and gave him the name which is above all names.

All **Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

## The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (22:39-23:49)

*Narrator* Jesus left the upper room to make his way as usual to the Mount of Olives, with the disciples following.  
When they reached the place he said to them,

*Jesus* Pray not to be put to the test.

*Narrator* Then he withdrew from them, about a stone's throw away, and knelt down and prayed, saying,

*Jesus* Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me. Nevertheless, let your will be done, not mine.

*Narrator* Then an angel appeared to him, coming from heaven to give him strength. In his anguish he prayed even more earnestly, and his sweat fell to the ground like great drops of blood. When he arose from prayer he went to the disciples and found them sleeping for sheer grief. He said to them,

*Jesus* Why are you asleep? Get up and pray not to be put to the test.

*Narrator* He was still speaking when a number of men appeared, and at the head of them the man called Judas, one of the Twelve, who went up to Jesus to kiss him. Jesus said,

*Jesus* Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?

*Narrator* His followers, seeing what was happening, said,

All **Lord, shall we use our swords?**

*Narrator* And one of them struck out at the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. But at this Jesus spoke,

*Jesus* Leave off! That will do!

*Narrator* And touching the man's ear, he healed him. Then Jesus spoke to the chief priests and captains of the Temple guard and elders who had come for him. He said,

*Jesus* Am I a brigand that you had to set out with swords and clubs? When I was among you in the Temple day after day you never moved to lay hands on me. But this is your hour; this is the reign of darkness.

*Narrator* They seized him then and led him away, and they took him to the high priest's house. Peter followed at a distance. They had lit a fire in the middle of the courtyard and Peter sat down among them, and as he was sitting there by the blaze a servant-girl saw him, peered at him and said,

*Other* This person was with him too.

*Narrator* But he denied it, saying,

*Other* Woman, I do not know him.

*Narrator* Shortly afterwards, someone else saw him and said,

*Other* You are another of them.

*Narrator* But Peter replied,

*Other* I am not, my friend.

*Narrator* About an hour later, another man insisted, saying,

*Other* This fellow was certainly with him. Why, he is a Galilean.

*Narrator* Peter said,

*Other* My friend, I do not know what you are talking about.

*Narrator* At that instant, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed, and the Lord turned and looked straight at Peter, and Peter remembered what the Lord had said to him, 'Before the cock crows today, you will have disowned me three times'. And he went outside and wept bitterly. Meanwhile, the men who guarded Jesus were mocking and beating him. They blindfolded him and questioned him, saying,

**All** **Play the prophet. Who hit you then?**

*Narrator* And they continued heaping insults on him. When day broke there was a meeting of the elders of the people, attended by the chief priests and scribes. He was brought before their council, and they said to him,

*Other* If you are the Christ, tell us.

*Narrator* He replied,

*Jesus* If I tell you, you will not believe me, and if I question you, you will not answer. But from now on, the Son of man will be seated at the right hand of the Power of God.

*Narrator* Then they all said,

**All** **So you are the Son of God then?**

*Narrator* He answered,

*Jesus* It is you who say I am.

*Narrator* They said,

**All** **What need of witnesses have we now? We have heard it for ourselves from his own lips.**

*Narrator* The whole assembly then rose, and they brought him before Pilate. They began their accusation by saying,

**All** **We found this man inciting our people to revolt, opposing payment of tribute to Caesar, and claiming to be Christ, a king.**

*Narrator* Pilate put to him this question,

*Other* Are you the king of the Jews?

*Narrator* He replied,

*Jesus* It is you who say it.

*Narrator* Pilate then said to the chief priests and the crowd,

*Other* I find no case against this man.

*Narrator* But they persisted,

**All** **He is inflaming the people with his teaching all over Judea; it has come all the way from Galilee, where he started, down to here.**

*Narrator* When Pilate heard this, he asked if the man were a Galilean; and finding that he came under Herod's jurisdiction he passed him over to Herod who was also in Jerusalem at that time. Herod was delighted to see Jesus; he had heard about him and had been wanting for a long time to set eyes on him; moreover, he was hoping to see some miracle worked by him. So he questioned him at some length; but without getting any reply. Meanwhile the chief priests and the scribes were there, violently pressing their accusations. Then Herod, together with his guards, treated him with contempt and made fun of him; he put a rich cloak on him and sent him back to Pilate. And though Herod and Pilate had been enemies before, they were reconciled that same day. Pilate then summoned the chief priests and the leading men and the people. He said,

*Other* You brought this man before me as a political agitator. Now I have gone into the matter myself in your presence and found no case against him. Nor has Herod either, since he has sent him back to us. As you can see, the man has done nothing that deserves death, so I shall have him flogged and then let him go.

*Narrator* But as one man they howled,

**All** **Away with him! Give us Barabbas!**

*Narrator* This man had been thrown into prison for causing a riot in the city and for murder. Pilate was anxious to set Jesus free and addressed them again, but they shouted back,

**All** **Crucify him! Crucify him!**

*Narrator* And for the third time he spoke to them,

*Other* Why? What harm has this man done? I have found no case against him that deserves death, so I shall have him punished and let him go.

*Narrator* But they kept on shouting at the top of their voices, demanding that he should be crucified, and their shouts were growing louder. Pilate then gave his verdict: their demand was to be granted. He released the man they asked for, who had been imprisoned for rioting and murder, and handed Jesus over to them to deal with as they pleased. As they were leading him away, they seized on a man, Simon from Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and made him shoulder the cross and carry it behind Jesus. Large numbers of people followed him, and of women too, who mourned and lamented for him. But Jesus turned to them and said,

*Jesus* Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep rather for yourselves and for your children. For the days will surely come when people will say, 'Happy are those who are barren, the wombs that have never borne, the breasts that have never suckled!' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'fall on us!'; to the hills, 'Cover us!' For if men use the green wood like this, what will happen when it is dry?

*Narrator* Now with him they were also leading out two criminals to be executed. When they reached the place called The Skull, they crucified him there and the criminals also, one on the right, the other on the left. Jesus said,

*Jesus* father, forgive them; they do not know what they are doing.

*Narrator* Then they cast lots to share out his clothing. The people stayed there watching him. As for the leaders, they jeered at him, saying,

**All** **He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.**

*Narrator* The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said,

**All** **If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.**

*Narrator* Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews'. One of the criminals hanging there

abused him, saying,  
*Other* Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us as well.  
*Narrator* But the other spoke up and rebuked him,  
*Other* Have you no fear of God at all? You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.  
*Narrator* He replied,  
*Jesus* Indeed, I promise you, today you will be with me in paradise.  
*Narrator* It was now about the sixth hour and, with the sun eclipsed, a darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour. The veil of the Temple was torn right down the middle; and when Jesus had cried out in a loud voice, he said,  
*Jesus* Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.  
*Narrator* With these words he breathed his last.

*[All kneel and pause a moment]*

When the centurion saw what had taken place, he gave praise to God and said,  
*Other* This was a great and good man.  
*Narrator* And when all the people who had gathered for the spectacle saw what had happened, they went home beating their breasts. All his friends stood at a distance; so also did the women who had accompanied him from Galilee, and they saw all this happen.

## **The Homily**

### **The Nicene Creed**

**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.**

## **The Liturgy of the Eucharist**

## **The Peace**

*The Priest introduces the Peace, and then says*

All       The Peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

## **The Preparation of the Gifts**

*During the following hymn, the gifts of bread and wine are prepared on the altar.*

*As the hymn ends, the Priest invites us to join in the offering of the Eucharist*

**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?**

**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?  
Heav'n 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.**

*Words: Samuel Crossman (1624-83)  
Music: John Ireland (1879-1969)*

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

All **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 Priest says the Prayer over the Gifts*

### **The Eucharistic Prayer**

All The Lord be with you  
**And also with you**

All Lift up your hearts  
**We lift them to the Lord**

All Let us give thanks to the Lord our God  
**It is right to give him thanks and praise**

*The Priest says Preface for the day, at the end of which we sing*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n 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 in the highest!**

*After the words of Jesus in the Last Supper, the Priest says*

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus:  
**Dying you destroyed our death,  
Rising you restored our life:  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

*The Prayer ends in praise of the Father and we give our acclamation:*

All **Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

*The Priest invites us to join in the Lord's Prayer*

All     **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

*The Priest breaks the consecrated bread and says*

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

All     **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

*The Priest invites us to receive a spiritual Communion*

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.  
All     **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

*and we say together*

**My Jesus, I believe that you  
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love you above all things,  
and I desire to receive you into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment  
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 Priest and congregation present in the church now receive Communion.*

*During Communion, the choir will sing a motet and we will sing the following hymn:*

O sacred head, sore wounded,  
Defiled and put to scorn;  
O kingly head, surrounded  
With mocking crown of thorn:  
What sorrow mars thy grandeur?  
Can death thy bloom deflower?  
O countenance whose splendour  
The hosts of heaven adore.

In thy most bitter passion  
My heart to share doth cry,  
With thee for my salvation  
Upon the Cross to die.  
Ah, keep my heart thus movèd  
To stand thy Cross beneath,  
To mourn thee, well-belovèd,  
Yet thank thee for thy death.

My days are few, O fail not,  
With thine immortal power,  
To hold me that I quail not  
In death's most fearful hour:  
That I may fight befriended,  
And see in my last strife  
To me thine arms extended  
Upon the Cross of life.

*Words: Paul Gerhardt (1607-1676)*

*Music: J.S Bach (1685-1750)*

## **Prayer after Communion**

*The Priest says the Prayer after Communion*

## **The Blessing and Dismissal**

All The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

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

All **Amen.**

All Go in the peace of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
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!  
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  
Awaits 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.**

*Words Henry Milman (1791-1868)*

*Music: Winchester*

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