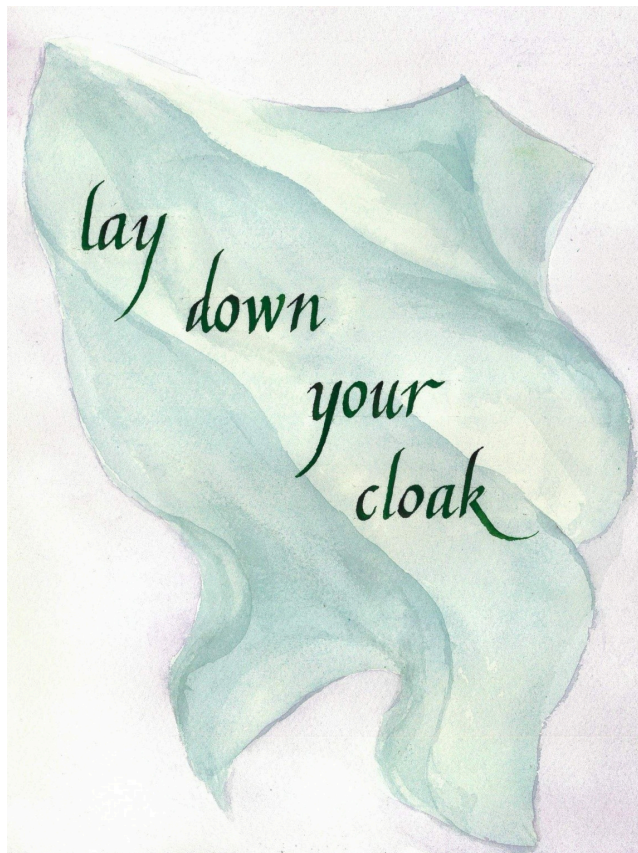




PALM SUNDAY



St Mary's Kidlington
10am April 13th 2025

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Commemoration of the Lord's Entry into Jerusalem

We gather near the font.

Palm crosses will be blessed at the beginning of the service and be available for collection at the end of the service.

Chorister Introit: *Hosanna to the Son of David - Hewett*

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

Amen.

The Greeting

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

And also with you.

Introduction

Dear brothers and sisters 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.

The people hold up their branches during the prayer:

God our Saviour,
whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as Messiah
to suffer and to die;
bless these palms, that they may 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**

The Palm Gospel Luke 19. 28-43

This year we read Luke's account in which there are no palm branches - they use cloaks instead. There is one colt rather than a colt and his mother. And there is no big crowd - just the group of disciples making a small procession. The disciples are joyful, but Jesus weeps over the city.

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus 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."

As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it and said, "If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes. The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side. They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. They will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognize the time of God's coming to you."

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Procession

We move in procession to the chancel and lay our 'cloaks' down as a road on the chancel floor.

Let us go forth, praising Jesus our Messiah.

Processional Hymns: (AMNS60)

*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 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...

Theodulph of Orleans (d. 821) tr. J. M. Neale (1818-66)

Hymn: Make Way

Make way, make way for Christ the King
In splendour arrives
Fling wide the gates and welcome Him
Into your lives

*Make way! (Make way!) Make way! (Make way!)
For the King of kings (For the King of kings)
Make way! (Make way!) Make way! (Make way!)
And let His kingdom in*

He comes the broken hearts to heal, the prisoners to free
The deaf shall hear, the lame shall dance
The blind shall see

And those who mourn with heavy hearts, who weep and sigh
With laughter, joy and royal crown
He'll beautify

We call you now to worship Him as Lord of all
To have no gods before Him
Their thrones must fall!

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Hymn: (MP476) My Lord, What love is this

My Lord, what love is this, that pays so dearly
That I, the guilty one may go free!

*Amazing love, O what sacrifice,
the Son of God given for me.
My debt He pays, and my death He dies,
That I might live, that I might live.
(Last time only) That I might live!*

And so they watched him die, despised, rejected:
But oh, the blood he shed, flowed for me!
Amazing love...

And now, this love of Christ shall flow like rivers
Come wash your guilt away, live again!
Amazing love...

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The Collect

Let us pray for a closer union with Christ
in his suffering and in his glory.

Silence.....

Almighty and everlasting God,
ho 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.

*We all make our way in to church and to our seats,
unless we are taking part in the Passion Gospel*

The Reading of the Passion Gospel

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.
Christ humbled himself and became obedient unto death,
even death on a cross.

Therefore God has highly exalted him
And given him the name that is above every name.

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

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *Luke*

The Passion narrative will be read in a dramatic form

At the end:

This is the Passion of the Lord.

No response is made and there is no sermon

Prayers of Intercession

Please sit or kneel to pray

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

These responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy
receive our prayer.

And at the end

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

The Peace

Please stand

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 always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Preparation of the Table

Offertory Hymn: (AMNS 61) Ride on, ride on in majesty!

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry;
O Savior meek, pursue thy 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 winged squadrons of the sky
look down with sad and wondering eyes
to see the approaching sacrifice.

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!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
bow thy meek head to mortal pain,
then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

H. H. Milman (1791-1868)

Taking of the Bread and Wine

The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

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 C

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:

**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.**

All glory be to you, our heavenly Father,
who, in your tender mercy,
gave your only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption;
who made there by his one oblation of himself once offered
a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice,
oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world;
he instituted, and in his holy gospel commanded us to continue,
a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again.

Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray,
and grant that, by the power of your Holy Spirit,
we, receiving these gifts of your creation,
this bread and this wine,
according to your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution,
in remembrance of his death and passion,
may be partakers of his most blessed body and 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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life: Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Therefore, Lord and heavenly Father,
in remembrance of the precious death and passion,
the mighty resurrection and glorious ascension
of your dear Son Jesus Christ,
we offer you through him this our sacrifice of praise
and thanksgiving.

Grant that by his merits and death,
and through faith in his blood,
we and all your Church may receive forgiveness of our sins
and all other benefits of his passion.
Although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins,
to offer you any sacrifice,
yet we pray that you will accept this
the duty and service that we owe.
Do not weigh our merits, but pardon our offences,
and fill us all who share in this holy communion
with your grace and heavenly blessing;
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

Please sit or kneel

Standing at the foot of the cross,
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.**

Breaking of the Bread

Every time we eat this bread,
and drink this cup,
**we proclaim the Lord's death
until he comes.**

We sing:

**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.**

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.**

You are most welcome to receive Holy Communion either just as the bread, or by intinction as bread and wine. If you prefer a blessing, please do come forward too.

Anthem –*Hosanna to the Son of David* - Weelkes

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.

**Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

Please stand

The Blessing and Dismissal

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.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Hymn: (AMNS 140) All hail the power of Jesus' name!

All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him, crown him, crown him,
Crown him Lord of all.

Crown him, ye morning stars of light,
Who fixed this floating ball;
Now hail the Strength of Israel's might,
and crown him, crown him, crown him,
Crown him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
the wormwood and the gall,
go spread your trophies at his feet,
and crown him, crown him, crown him,
Crown him Lord of all.
Let every tribe and every tongue
Before him prostrate fall,
And shout in universal song
The crown-ed, crown-ed, crown-ed,
Crown-ed Lord of all.

E Perronet (c. 1726-92)

Please stay for refreshments now and if you would like someone to pray simply, with you or for you the prayer team will be in the chancel during coffee

And don't forget to collect your Palm Cross as you leave.

Organ Voluntary

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Prayer Ministry Team

If you would like someone to pray personally and simply with you, for yourself or a loved one, please go to the Lady Chapel after the service.

Two members of the Prayer Ministry Team will be ready to listen and pray.

You may like to bring your coffee with you.

If someone is already being prayed with, please wait outside the Lady Chapel on the seating provided and you will be attended to as soon as possible.

You are also welcome to ask other members of the Prayer Ministry Team (names below) to pray with you. The usual rules of confidentiality apply.

Members of the Prayer Ministry Team: (name-badges on blue lanyards)

Liz Bendor-Samuel, Liz Bruce, Rob Bruce, Jill Buckeldee, Philippa Burrell, Diana Davis, Karen Mason, David Meara, John Morris, Joyce Morris

If you, or someone you know, has been impacted by abuse or has concerns, please speak to the Safeguarding officer for our Parish. Yo Davies: 07865664451 safeguarding@kidhp.org.uk or the Diocesan safeguarding team: 01865 208295.

Safeguardingreferrals@oxford.Anglican.org

Services for Holy Week and Easter in our three churches:

You are welcome at all of them.

Why not try something new this Holy Week?

Talks and Compline by Candlelight – Tonight and Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week. 8.45pm, St Mary's

BCP Evening Prayer – Monday 25th, 7.30pm St John's

Holy Week Iona Communion – Tuesday 26th, 7.30pm St John's

Stations of the Cross – Wednesday 27th, 7.30pm, St John's

Maundy Thursday 28th March

Agape Meal and Vigil – 7pm St Mary's *please bring simple food to share.*

Maundy Thursday Communion and Vigil – 8pm, St John's

In each church the silent vigil is until midnight.

Please sign up to take a slot.

Good Friday 29th March

Ecumenical Walk of Witness. Starts at 9.45 outside St John's, and continues to the High Street stopping for prayer and readings en route. Buns afterwards at the Methodist Church.

Three Hour devotion – 12pm, St Mary's

Good Friday Reflections - 2pm, St John's

Good Friday Family Service – 4pm, St Johns

Easter Sunday

Dawn Mass with Holy Fire and breakfast – 5am St Mary's

Easter Eucharist - 10am, St Mary's, St John's, and Hampton Poyle

Choral Evensong – 5.30pm, St Mary's