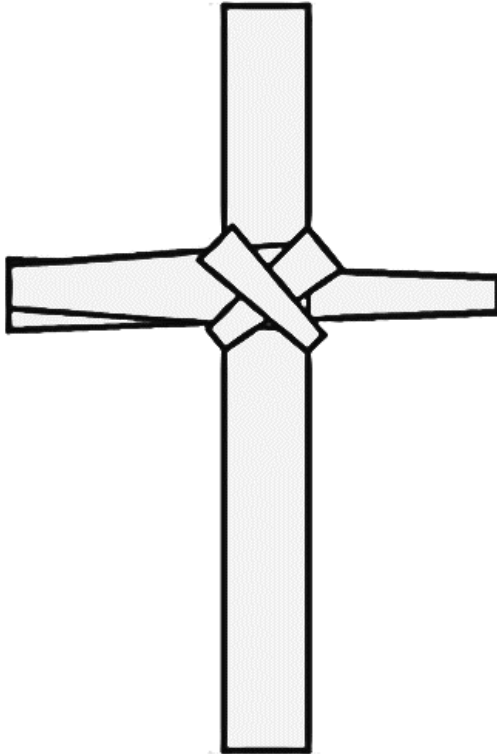




St John the Divine
Richmond Team Ministry



The Liturgy of Palm Sunday



2 April 2023

Prelude:

Chorale Prelude Set 2 no. 6 St Cross, Parry

❖ **Commemoration of the Lord's Entry
into Jerusalem**

Greeting

All **Hosanna to the Son of David.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

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

All **And also with you.**

Introduction

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.

The palm crosses are blessed, and 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.**

We listen to the Palm Gospel (Matthew 21.1-11):

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away."

This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

“Say to Daughter Zion,

‘See, your king comes to you,
gentle and riding on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’”

The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!”

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

“Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?” The crowds answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

The Collect

Let us pray.

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

Readings

A reading from the book of the prophet **Isaiah (50.4-9a)**

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 awakens—
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?

All of them will wear out like a garment;
the moth will eat them up.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 31.9-16

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

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

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

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

'My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.

'Make your face to shine upon your servant,
and save me for your mercy's sake.' R

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the **Philippians (2.5-11)**

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.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn

The Gradual Hymn is played:

All glory, laud, and honour, AM 159

The Passion Gospel

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

At the end of the Passion the narrator says:

This is the Passion of the Lord.

No response is made. Silence will be kept.

Prayers of Intercession

The following response may be used:

Let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord have mercy.**

At the end:

Holy God

All **holy and strong, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

Notices

❖ **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 always with you

All **And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn

The Offertory Hymn is played:

My song is love unknown, *AM 147*

Preparation Prayer

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.

All **Amen.**

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 saying:

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts
heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Glory be to you, O Lord most high.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

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.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

All **Lord, by your 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 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.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

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.**

The President breaks the consecrated bread, saying:

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,

All we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Agnus Dei

**All 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.**

Invitation

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Happy 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.**

During communion the music of the anthem is played:

Hosanna to the Son of David, Hewitt Jones

Post Communion Prayer

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.

All Amen.

**Faithful God, may we who share this banquet
glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
our salvation, life and hope,
who reigns as Lord now and for ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

May the Father, who so loved the world
that he gave his only Son, bring you by faith to his eternal life.

All 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.

All **Amen.**

May the Spirit, who strengthens us to suffer with Christ
that we may share his glory, set your minds on life and peace.

All **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be with you and those whom you love
and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

Voluntary

Postlude:

Dominica in Palmis, *Langlais*

The following plainsong is sung in the hall before we process in:

The children of the Hebrews carrying palms and olive branches went forth to meet the Lord crying out and saying Hosanna in the highest.

The children of the Hebrews spread in the way their clothes and garments, and cried, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.