



Great St Mary's
THE UNIVERSITY CHURCH CAMBRIDGE

The Eucharist

on

PALM SUNDAY

10.00am, 24 March 2024



with the Commemoration of the Lord's
Entry into Jerusalem
and The Passion of the Lord

Welcome to Great St Mary's, the University Church

Wherever you have come from, and whoever you are, consider yourself at home here with us. If this is your first time here, please introduce yourself after the service. We'd love to get to know you better!

Children are part of our worshipping community, and are welcome to worship, sing and pray, make a noise, wriggle, explore and move around the church. Baptised children who receive communion in their own church are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

In the week before Easter, called **Holy Week**, the Church offers special services from Palm Sunday to Easter Day to enable us to become part of those events nearly two-thousand years ago which are the fountain of our faith.

Today, on **Palm Sunday** we walk in procession round the market square carrying branches and crosses of palm, representing Jesus' procession into Jerusalem when the crowds cheered him and threw down branches in his path. Back in church, we read the full story of Jesus arrest, trial and crucifixion (the "Passion") as a foretaste of the week's events.

Please, see our website for information on all our church services this week and a short description and explanation of what happens in these special Holy Week and Easter services.

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The Liturgy of Palm Sunday

COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM

Before the service we gather informally OUTSIDE the church and the ministers and choir take their places. The prayers outside the church will be audible over the PA system, for those who wish to stay inside the church until the procession returns. A minister will read the Palm Sunday gospel for the congregation remaining in Church.

Children are invited to join the procession with their grown-ups. The Creche in Michaelhouse will be open during the procession, and Children's Church is taking place in Michaelhouse on return.

Please note that this service is being livestreamed.

At 10am the choir sings

HOSANNAH

Come, faithful people, come away,
your homage to your monarch pay;
It is the feast of palms today;
Hosanna in the highest!

"Blessèd is Israel's king," they cry;
"Blessèd is he that cometh nigh
in name of God the Lord most high":
Hosanna in the highest!

Thus, Saviour, to thy passion go,
arrayed in royalty of woe,
assumed for sinners here below:
Hosanna in the highest!

Words Gerard Moultrie (1829-85)

Music Agincourt Hymn, English Folksong, 15th Century

THE WELCOME AND BLESSING OF PALMS

The president welcomes everyone and introduces the service.

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

All **And also with you.**

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.

We are invited to lift our palms high

God our Saviour, your 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 carry them in his name may always 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.

All **Amen.**

THE PROCESSION

Everyone is invited to join the procession around the marketplace. Please follow the cross and choir. PLEASE TAKE CARE, watching for traffic, and always follow the directions of the stewards.

During the procession we sing

*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 ...

Thy sorrow and thy triumph
grant us, O Christ, to share,
that to the holy city
together we may fare:

All glory, laud, and honour ...

For homage may we bring thee
our victory o'er the foe,
that in the Conqueror's triumph
this strain may ever flow:

All glory, laud, and honour ...

AMNS 60

Theodulph of Orleans (d. 821), trans. John Mason Neale (1818-1866)

Tune ST THEODULPH (A&M 328), adapted from M Teschner (1615)

From outside the Guildhall, the deacon announces

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

All **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 ² 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. ³ If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" just say this, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" ⁴ They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵ some of the bystanders said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' ⁶ They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷ Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸ Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹ Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, 'Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

¹⁰ Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

¹¹ 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.

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

The president says

Let us go forth, praising Jesus our Messiah.

The procession returns, singing, to Great St Mary's.

After the procession, the president says

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

THE READING

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 word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

THE PASSION GOSPEL

Mark 14.1-15.47

(see separate booklet)

*The Gospel is read in dramatic form, the congregation taking the part of the
crowds and bystanders.*

At the end the deacon says

This is the passion of the Lord.

No response is made. SILENCE is kept.

The president introduces the prayers, led by a member of the congregation.

The response is

Let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

The prayers end with

Holy God,

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

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

THE PEACE

We STAND, as the president introduces 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.**

Deacon Let us offer one another a sign of Christ's peace.

OFFERTORY HYMN

The offerings of bread and wine are brought forward and placed on the table. Thank you for all donations supporting the ministry of our church. In place of an offertory collection we invite you to donate at the end of the service via a card reader or online.

**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?**

3 Sometimes they strew his way,

**2 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!**

5 They rise, and needs will have

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.

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.

7 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.

AMNS 63

Words Samuel Crossman (1623-84)

Tune LOVE UNKNOWN John Ireland (1879-1962)

We remain **STANDING.**

THE PRAYER OF PREPARATION

The president takes the bread and wine with the following words

Gracious God the passion of Jesus your Son
makes us pleasing in your sight.
Alone we can do nothing, but through his sacrifice,
may we receive your love and mercy.

All **Amen.**

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;
 he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:
 This is my body, given for you all.
 Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;
 he took the cup, gave it and said:
 This is my blood, shed for you all for the forgiveness of sins.
 Do this in remembrance of me.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
 we celebrate the cross on which he died to set us free.
 Defying death he rose again
 and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.

Send your Spirit on us now
 that by these gifts we may feed on Christ
 with opened eyes and hearts on fire.

May we and all who share this food offer ourselves to live for you
 and be welcomed at your feast in heaven
 where all creation worships you,
 Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

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Bless-ing and hon-our and glo-ry and power be yours for

ev - er and ev - er, A - - men.

We SIT or KNEEL.

Silence is kept and then the president says

Trusting in the power of the cross,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The president breaks the bread and says

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup

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

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

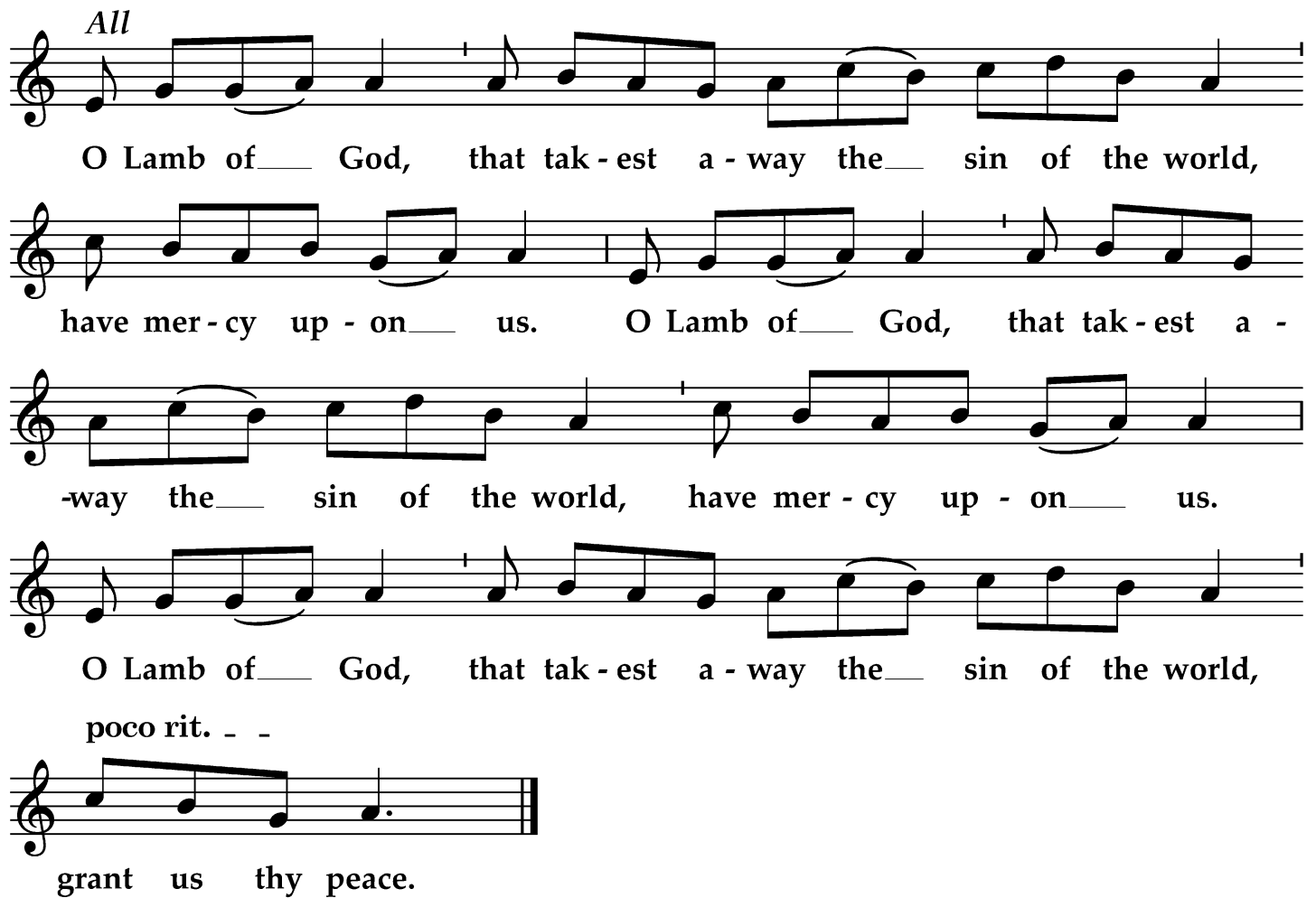
All **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

THE GIVING OF COMMUNION

The president gives directions about how to receive communion.

This is God's table and all are welcome. If you would prefer a blessing instead of the sacrament, please cross your arms in front of your chest when you come forward.

All



O Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the world,
have mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of God, that tak - est a -
-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
O Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the world,
poco rit. - -
grant us thy peace.

ANTHEM

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.

3 I sometimes think about the Cross,
and shut my eyes, and try to see
the cruel nails and crown of thorns,
and Jesus crucified for me.

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.

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.

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

Words Bishop William Walsham How (1823-1897)
Music John Ireland (1879-1962)

We **KNEEL** or **SIT**, and silence is kept.

Together we pray

All **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 Dismissal

NOTICES

The president shares any notices, which includes reference to greatstmarys.org/emag.

We stand to sing the

POSTCOMMUNION HYMN

**When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.**

**Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
save in the cross of Christ my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.**

**See from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down;
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown!**

**His dying crimson, like a robe,
spreads o'er his body on the tree:
then am I dead to all the globe,
and all the globe is dead to me.**

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

AMNS 67

Words: Isaac Watts, (1674-1748)

Tune ROCKINGHAM, Edward Miller (1735–1807)

THE 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.**

THE DISMISSAL

The deacon says

Go in the joy and peace of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Chorale Prelude on “Valet will ich dir geben”, BWV 736
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Please, feel free to remain seated for the Organ Voluntary after the clergy and ministers have processed to the back of the church. We thank you for any donation in support of the ministry of our Church. We receive no government funding and are very grateful for your generosity.

You are invited to join us for coffee in Michaelhouse, just a few steps to the north up Trinity Street.

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TODAY : 4pm—A liturgical performance of Stainer's *The Crucifixion* - a meditation on the sacred passion of the Holy Redeemer.

COMING UP AT GREAT ST MARY'S

Monday 25 March

- 9am Morning Prayer
- 12.00pm Silent Prayer
- 12.30pm Holy Communion

Tuesday 26 March

- 9am Morning Prayer
- 10.30am The Ark (in Michaelhouse)
- 12.00pm Silent Prayer
- 12.30pm Holy Communion
- 5pm Bible Study group – contact Brian Corby

Wednesday 27 March

- 9am Morning Prayer
- 12.00pm Silent Prayer
- 12.30pm Holy Communion

Thursday 28 March, Maundy Thursday

- 9am Morning Prayer
- 7pm Eucharist with foot washing and Vigil –
Preacher: Revd Canon Professor Ben Quash

Friday 29 March, Good Friday

- 9am Morning Prayer
- 11.30am Act of Witness in front of the Guildhall
- 12.00pm Silent Prayer
- 12.30pm Meditations – Revd Canon Professor Ben Quash
- 1.30pm The Liturgy of Good Friday – Revd Canon Professor Ben Quash

Saturday 30 March, Holy Saturday

- 10am Easter Garden decorating in GSM

Sunday 31 March, Easter Sunday – NB Clocks move forward to BST

- 5.30am Dawn Vigil and First Eucharist of Easter
- 8am BCP Holy Communion
- 10am Choral Eucharist (all ages) – Revd Canon Professor Ben Quash
- 11.30am Choral Mattins