

Christ Church Worthing



*There is socially distanced prayer
in the west porch every Sunday at
10 am for 15 minutes before the service,
you are welcome to join at anytime.*

Palm Sunday Morning Prayer

28th March 2021

10.30am

Led by Derek Hansen

*Commemoration of the Lord's
entry into Jerusalem*

TODAY:

1st Reading: Zechariah 9: 9 - 12

**2nd Reading: John 12: 12 - 16 both read by Ann P
Intercessions led by Dorothy F**

**The Organ Voluntary following
our service today is:**

*Fantasia in C for the Cornet, no. 346 in MS II 3326,
Brussels, anon. late 17th century*

In order that we can stay open for worship, please
may we remind you that to protect us all:

- **there is a one-way system within the church for your safety, please stay in your pew and refrain from wandering around the church**
- **entry is via the north door only**
- **exit via the west door; if you cannot walk down steps, please stay seated until the churchwardens assist you in leaving safely via the north door**
- **your nose and mouth must be covered at all times whilst in the church.**

Preparation



Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
All 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.

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.

cf 1 Timothy 1.2



Please stand and raise your palm crosses while we say the prayer together:

All. 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, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

Hymn [129] *sung by the choir only*

choir vs 3 has been omitted from the hymn book

Ride on, ride on, in majesty!
Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry.
O Saviour 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 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.

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The Family of God

We have come together as the family of God in our Father's presence, to offer him praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive his holy word, to bring before him the needs of the world, to ask his forgiveness of our sins, and to seek his grace, that through his Son Jesus Christ we may give ourselves to his service.

O Lord, open our lips.

All: and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

O God, make speed to save us.

All: O Lord, make haste to help us.

Praise the name of the Lord.

All: the Lord's Name be praised.

Confession

The word of God is living and active.
It judges the thoughts and intentions of the heart.
All is open and laid bare before the eyes of him
to whom we give account.
We confess our sins in penitence and faith.

cf Hebrews 4.12

All **God our Father,**
long-suffering, full of grace and truth,
you create us from nothing and give us life.
You give your faithful people new life
in the water of baptism.
You do not turn your face from us,
nor cast us aside.
We confess that we have sinned
against you and our neighbour.
We have wounded your love
and marred your image in us.
Restore us for the sake of your Son,
and bring us to heavenly joy,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May the Father of all mercies cleanse us
from our sins, and restore us in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **All** **Amen.**

The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

All We dwell in him and he in us.

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name,

All make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him,

All and speak of all his marvellous works.

Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God almighty,

All who was and is and is to come.

The First Reading [Please sit]

Zechariah 9: 9 – 12

Rejoice greatly ,O Daughter of Zion!

Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem!

See, your king comes to you,

righteous and having salvation,
gentle and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

I will take away the chariots from Ephraim
and the war-horses from Jerusalem,
and the battle-bow will be broken.

He will proclaim peace to the nations.

His rule will extend from sea to sea
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

As for you, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will free your prisoners from the waterless pit.
Return to your fortress, O prisoners of hope;
even now I announce that I will restore twice as much to you.

At the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Worship Songs *sung by choir and singers only*

How deep the Father's love for us,
how vast beyond all measure,
that he should give his only Son
to make a wretch his treasure.

How great the pain of searing loss,
the Father turns his face away,
as wounds which mar the Chosen One
bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,
my sin upon his shoulders;
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
call out among the scoffers.

It was my sin that held him there
until it was accomplished;
his dying breath has brought me life –
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,
no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom;
but I will boast in Jesus Christ,
his death and resurrection.

Why should I gain from his reward?
I cannot give an answer,
but this I know with all my heart,
his wounds have paid my ransom.

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Song 2

You laid aside your majesty,
gave up everything for me,
suffered at the hands of those you had created.
You took all my guilt and shame,
when you died and rose again;
now today you reign,
in heav'n and earth exalted.

I really want to worship you, my Lord,
you have won my heart and I am yours
for ever and ever;
I will love you.
You are the only one who died for me,
gave your life to set me free,
so I lift my voice to you in adoration.

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The Second Reading *[please sit]*

John 12: 12 – 16

The next day the great crowd that had come for the Feast heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting,

‘Hosanna!’

‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!’

‘Blessed is the king of Israel!’

Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon it, as it is written:

‘Do not be afraid, O Daughter of Zion;
see, your king is coming,
seated on a donkey’s colt.’

At first his disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realise that these things had been written about him and that they had done these things to him.

At the end the reader says:

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Sermon *[Please remain seated]*

Silence is kept reflecting on what we have heard

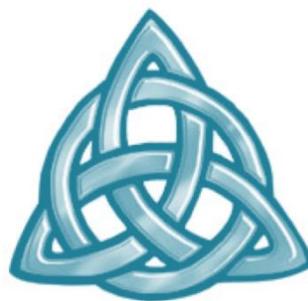
Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**



Hymn [612] *sung by the choir only*

choir vs 5 has been omitted from the hymn book

We have a gospel to proclaim
Good news for all throughout the earth;
The gospel of a Saviour's name:
We sing His glory, tell His worth.

Tell of His birth at Bethlehem,
Not in a royal house or hall
But in a stable dark and dim:
The Word made flesh, a light for all.

Tell of His death at Calvary,
Hated by those He came to save;
In lonely suffering on the cross
For all He loved His life He gave.

Tell of that glorious Easter morn:
Empty the tomb, for He was free.
He broke the power of death and hell
That we might share His victory.

Now we rejoice to name Him King:
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
This gospel message we proclaim:
We sing His glory, tell His worth.

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The Collect for Palm Sunday

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.

All: Amen

Prayers of Intercession

at the end, a short period of silence is kept, and then:

Merciful Father,

**All Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**



The Lord's Prayer

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.



At the end of our prayers we pause for a moment

Final Hymn [112] *sung by the choir only*

choir vs 3 & 5 have been omitted from the hymn book

My song is love unknown,
my Saviour's love for 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.

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Conclusion

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 Jesus now lead on.

The Blessing

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil,
and keep us in eternal life.

All Amen.

All The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

Our thanks to Derek Hansen for leading our service of Morning Prayer today

Thank you for joining with us today.

Stay well, stay safe.

Please be aware of social distancing, and we are advised not to gather to chat when in the church

If you are not able to leave via the steps of the West door, please tell the Churchwardens, and remain seated until all have left, so you can safely leave via the North door

Services in April

1st 7pm Maundy Thursday Holy Communion
with The Revd Roger Walker

2nd 1.30pm Good Friday
Reflection with quiet music from Miles
2 till 3pm - An hour at the cross
with Revd Canon Muriel Pargeter

4th 10.30am Easter Sunday Holy Communion
with The Revd Roger Walker

8th 10.30am BCP Holy Communion –
with The Revd George Butterworth

11th 10.30am Morning Prayer
with The Revd Canon Muriel Pargeter

18th 10.30am Holy Communion
with The Revd Roger Walker

22nd 10.30am BCP Holy Communion –
with The Revd George Butterworth

**25th 10.30am Morning Prayer with Derek Hansen
followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

Message from Ken - Churchwarden

Mark 1 v 2 [NIV] : -

It is written in Isaiah the prophet:

'I will send my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way'

"a voice of one calling in the desert,
prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for him."

These two verses have a clear message for us –
Go ahead, prepare and go straight to Jesus.



All those working in the NHS who are striving to save lives at this time; the sick and the lonely, the recently bereaved and all those in local nursing & care homes.

APCM & ELECTORAL ROLL – IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

The **Annual Parochial Church meeting** is to be held on **Sunday, 25th April 2021** following the Morning Service.

Allowable under Church Representation Rule M9[2]:

As the current PCC were elected just 5 months ago, they will be contacted to see if they wish to stand, and if so, will be nominated and seconded at the APCM. If anyone else would like to be nominated for PCC, please contact Janine Hobbs who will also include their names on the list.

Electoral Roll

If you are unsure if you are on the current Electoral Roll, or wish to be added, please contact Janet Atkinson to confirm your listing.

Contact us:

Vicar:

*The Revd David Renshaw is currently signed off sick.
Our thoughts and prayers are with him at this time.*

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