



The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings

(encompassing St Matthew's, Hastings, St Peter's, Riverslea, & St Martin's, Mayfair)
Christian communities in the heart of Hastings



Palm Sunday

24th March 2024

**Eucharistic Liturgy:
Thanksgiving of the People of God**

We prepare for a procession with palms as we gather outside the church building

Presider: This is the day which the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Sentence for Palm Sunday:

Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest. *Matthew 21: 9*

Presider: E te whanau a te Karaiti / Brothers and sisters in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of Christ's death and resurrection. Today we come together to begin this solemn celebration in union with the church throughout the world. Christ entered Jerusalem this day in triumph, a triumph that led through suffering and death to resurrection and new life. In faith and love, may we follow this Messiah, the humble ruler, who comes riding on a donkey.

Let us pray together, saying:
**God of our salvation,
help us to enter with joy
into the celebration of those mighty acts
by which you have given us fullness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.
Amen.**

We hold up our palm branches and palm crosses for the Prayer of Blessing:

Sovereign God, we praise you and thank you for the acts of love by which you have set us free. On this day, Jesus entered Jerusalem triumphantly to suffer and to die, and was greeted with branches of palm. Let these branches be for us symbols of martyrdom and majesty.

May we who carry them follow Christ in the way
of the cross which leads to life;
through Christ who lives and reigns in glory
with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.
Amen.

Let us proceed in peace.

We process into the church, waving palms, and singing:

**Give me peace in my heart, keep me loving,
give me peace in my heart, I pray;
give me peace in my heart, keep me loving,
keep me loving till the break of day.**

Refrain: **Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the King of kings!
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the King!**

**Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,
give me joy in my heart, I pray;
give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,
keep me praising till the break of day.**

**Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,
give me love in my heart, I pray;
give me love in my heart, keep me serving,
keep me serving till the break of day.**

We place the palm branches on the floor at the front of the church, then take our seats

Collect: Lord Jesus, acclaimed as king,
crucified as a criminal,
**teach us to accept our sufferings and triumphs
for your glory alone.
Hear this prayer for your love's sake.
Amen.**

Reading:

Isaiah 50: 4-9a

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118:1–2, 19–29 (ANZPB)

- ¹ We give thanks to you O Lord for you are gracious:
and your love endures for ever.
- ² Let the house of Israel say:
‘God’s love endures for ever.’
- ¹⁹ Open to me the gates of the temple:
that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord.
- ²⁰ This is the gate of the Lord:
through which the righteous shall enter.
- ²¹ I will thank you because you have answered me:
and you have become my deliverer.
- ²² The stone which the builders rejected:
has become the head of the corner.
- ²³ This is the Lord’s doing:
and it is marvellous in our eyes.
- ²⁴ This is the day which the Lord has made:
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- ²⁵ Save us O Lord we pray:
Lord we pray you to give us success.
- ²⁶ Blessèd is the one who comes in the name of the Lord:
we bless you from the house of the Lord.
- ²⁷ The Lord is God, and has given us light:
**with branches in your hands,
go forward in procession up to the horns of the altar.**
- ²⁸ You are my God and I will thank you:
you are my God and I will extol you.
- ²⁹ We give thanks to you O Lord for you are gracious:
and your love endures for ever.

Reading: **Philippians 2: 5-11**

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Hymn: ***Listen to the shouts of praise!***

Words: Molly Knight © Jubilate Hymns

Tune: Nos Galan (trad. Welsh melody)

- 1 Listen to the shouts of praise!
someone great is coming here,
riding to the holy city,
nearer now the people cheer.
Jesus Christ, the King, is coming;
crowds are pouring down the street.
Raise your branches, O you children,
shout with joy and stamp your feet.**

- 2 Now we see him gentle Jesus,
healer of the lame and blind,
humbly riding on a donkey,
friend of children, good and kind.
Look, he comes, the promised Saviour;
round him loud hosannas ring:
welcome him, you waiting people,
welcome Christ, your Lord and King!**

Gospel Reading: **Mark 11: 1-11**

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, chapter eleven,
beginning at the first verse.

Praise and glory to God.

After the Reading: This is the Gospel of Christ.
Praise to Christ, the Word.

The Sermon

The Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the Church and for the world,
giving thanks for God's goodness.

Jesus, Son of David, let us follow in your way;

Let us walk with you to Jerusalem.

(‘Let Us Pray’ - Janet Nelson)

Lord, you have called us to serve you.

Grant that we may walk in your presence:

your love in our hearts, your truth in our minds,

your strength in our wills;

until, at the end of our journey,

we know the joy of our homecoming

and the welcome of your embrace,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Ministry of the Sacrament

We stand

The Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

As we sing the next Hymn, the bread and wine are brought to the altar; our offerings for the Foodbank and money to support ministry and mission are collected and presented also.

Offertory Hymn: **No tramp of soldiers' marching feet**

Lutheran Service Book #444 - Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith

*Tune: **KINGSFOLD** / Star of County Down*

- No tramp of soldiers' marching feet
with banners and with drums,
no sound of music's martial beat:
"The King of glory comes!"
To greet what pomp of kingly pride
no bells in triumph ring,
no city gates swing open wide:
"Behold, behold your King!"**

- 2 **And yet He comes. The children cheer;
with palms His path is strown.
With ev'ry step the cross draws near:
the King of glory's throne.
Astride a colt He passes by
as loud hosannas ring,
or else the very stones would cry
"Behold, behold your King!"**
- 3 **What fading flow'rs His road adorn;
the palms, how soon laid down!
No bloom or leaf but only thorn
the King of glory's crown.
The soldiers mock, the rabble cries,
the streets with tumult ring,
as Pilate to the mob replies,
"Behold, behold your King!"**
- 4 **Now he who bore for mortals' sake
the cross and all its pains
and chose a servant's form to take,
the King of glory reigns.
Hosanna to the Saviour's name
till heaven's rafters ring,
and all the ransomed host proclaim
"Behold, behold your King!"**

The Preparation of the Gifts

To you, Lord, belongs the greatness,
and the power, and the glory,
and the victory and the majesty.
**All that is in the heavens and the earth is yours,
and of your own we give you.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord is here.
God's Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to offer thanks and praise.

It is right indeed, everliving God,
to give you thanks and praise
through Christ your only Son.

You are the source of all life and goodness;
through your eternal Word
you have created all things from the beginning.

When we sinned and turned away
you called us back to yourself
and gave your Son to share our human nature.

Out of love for us he accepted death and,
lifted high upon the cross,
he drew the whole world to himself;
the tree of shame became the tree of glory.
Where life was lost, there life has been restored.

In him you have made us a holy people
by sending upon us your holy and lifegiving Spirit.

Therefore we proclaim your great and glorious name,
saying,

**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.**

On the night before he died, he took bread;
when he had given you thanks,
he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said:
Take, eat, this is my body
which is given for you;
do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup;
when he had given you thanks,
he gave it to them and said:
Drink this, all of you,
for 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,
to remember me.

Therefore loving God,
recalling your great goodness to us in Christ,
we celebrate our redemption with this bread of life
and this cup of salvation.

Send your Holy Spirit
that these gifts of bread and wine which we receive
may be to us the body and blood of Christ,
and that we, filled with the Spirit's grace and power,
may be renewed for the service of your kingdom.

United in Christ with all who stand before you
in earth and heaven,
we worship you, O God,
in songs of everlasting praise.

**Blessing, honour and glory be yours,
here and everywhere
now and forever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we pray saying ...

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

**We who are many are one body,
for we all share the one bread.**

The Invitation to Communion

Haere mai e te kāhui a te Atua,
tangohia ēnei kai rangatira a te Karaiti.

*Come God's people,
come to receive Christ's heavenly food.*

*Communion will be served at standing stations at the Sanctuary steps - all are welcome to receive the bread and wine at communion, (however please note that intinction, ie dipping the wafer into the wine chalice, is **NOT** permitted); although you are welcome to receive the bread only if you prefer, or to come forward for a blessing only.*

If you need communion served to you in your seat, please indicate to the servers.

Prayer after Communion

God of our salvation,
in this Eucharist you have renewed us
in your covenant.

**Help us to follow in the path of him
who came to open the eyes of the blind
and bring prisoners out of darkness. Amen.**

The Lenten Wreath

Today we extinguish the last purple candle in the
Lenten Wreath as our journey through this season
has brought us to the beginning of Holy Week,
So now we anticipate Maundy Thursday,
and the events which take us closer
to the cross of Good Friday.

The Blessing

May you find in the cross a sure ground for faith,
a firm support for hope,
and the assurance of sins forgiven;
and the blessing of God almighty,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be with you, and remain with you for ever.
Amen.

We share any notices and news

Closing Hymn: **Ride on, ride on in majesty**

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Tune: WINCHESTER NEW*

- Ride on, ride on in majesty;
hark, all the tribes hosanna cry!
O Saviour meek, pursue your road
with palms and scattered garments strowed.**

- 2 **Ride on, ride on in majesty,
in lowly pomp ride on to die.
O Christ, your triumphs now begin
o'er captive death and conquered sin.**
- 3 **Ride on, ride on in majesty;
the winged squadrons of the sky
look down with sad and wondering eyes
to see the approaching sacrifice.**
- 4 **Ride on, ride on in majesty:
your last and fiercest strife is nigh;
the Father on his sapphire throne
awaits his own anointed Son.**
- 5 **Ride on, ride on in majesty,
in lowly pomp ride on to die;
bow your meek head to mortal pain,
then take, O Christ, your power and reign!**

The Dismissal

Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.
Amen. We go in the name of Christ.

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