



**The Anglican Parish
of Greater Hastings**



Palm Sunday

29th March 2026

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

The Gathering of the Community

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 to the main entrance of the church, waving palms, and singing

There's a man riding in on a donkey

Words: Paul Wigmore / Jubilate Group - Tune: SING HOSANNA

- 1 There's a man riding in on a donkey,
there's a man, and they say he's king!
And the palm leaves are waving a welcome
and the voices of the people sing:**

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

- 2 Why a king riding in on a donkey?
Why a king wearing no fine crown?
Where the drums? Where the high-sounding cymbals
if a king is riding into town?**

- 3 Hear the voice of the King on a donkey!
Hear the joy of the news he brings!
He is Jesus, the Son of the Highest.
He is Jesus and the King of kings!**

The procession pauses and we re-gather at the main entrance to listen to the Reading

Reading: Zechariah 9: 9-10 - The Coming Ruler of God's People

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

The procession then enters the church as we sing the next hymn; we place the palm branches on the floor at the front of the church, then take our seats

Processional Hymn: **All Glory, Praise and Honour**

SG380 -Theodulph, Bishop of Orleans - Trans. JM Neale - Tune: **ST THEODULPH**

Refrain: **All glory, praise and honour
to you, redeemer, king,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.**

**1 You are the king of Israel,
great David's greater son;
you ride in lowly triumph,
the Lord's anointed one! [Refrain]**

**2 The company of angels
are praising you on high,
and we with all creation
together, make reply. [Refrain]**

**3 The people of the Hebrews
with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before you we present. [Refrain]**

**4 To you before your passion,
they sang their hymns of praise:
to you, now high exalted,
our melody we raise. [Refrain]**

**5 As you received their praises,
accept the prayers we bring,
for you delight in goodness,
O good and gracious king. [Refrain]**

Presider: The peace of Christ rule in our hearts
The word of Christ dwell in us richly.

Sentence: At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father. *Philippians 2:10–11*

Collect: Jesus, when you rode into Jerusalem
the people waved palms
with shouts of acclamation.
**Grant that when the shouting dies
we may still walk beside you even to a cross;
for the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

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** - *God takes on human form*

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

Hymn:

Listen to the shouts of praise!

Words: Molly Knight © Jubilate Hymns

Tune: NOS GALAN (trad. Welsh melody - 'Deck the halls with boughs of holly')

- 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 Acclamation:

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.
Blessed are those who have endured temptation;
they have stood the test
and will receive the crown of life. *James 1.12*
Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Gospel Reading: **Matthew 21: 1-11** - *Jesus enters Jerusalem*

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew,
chapter twenty-one, 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

Following the Sermon, we have a brief period of silence and/or a musical reflection

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

- 1** 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!"

continued ... →

- 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, it is our joy and our salvation,
holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God,
at all times and in all places
to give you thanks and praise
through Christ your only Son.

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:

**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 and honour to you, God of grace,
for you gave your only Son Jesus Christ
once for all on the cross
to be the one perfect sacrifice for the sin of the world,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

The night before he died,
he took bread;
and 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;
and 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 heavenly Father,
in this sacrament of the suffering and death of your Son,
we now celebrate the wonder of your grace
and proclaim the mystery of our faith.

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come in glory.**

Redeemer God, rich in mercy, infinite in goodness,
we were far off until you brought us near
and our hands are empty until you fill them.
As we eat this bread and drink this wine,
through the power of your Holy Spirit
feed us with your heavenly food,
renew us in your service, unite us in Christ,
and bring us to your everlasting kingdom.
O the depths and riches of your wisdom, O God;
how unsearchable are your judgments
and untraceable your ways.

**From you, and through you, and for you are all things.
To you be the glory for ever. 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

Praise and glory to you, Jesus Christ our Saviour,
for you do not call the righteous
but us sinners to repentance.

You draw us away from the easy road
that would lead to our destruction.

You call us instead to seek God's kingdom,
to strive for what is right,
and to lay up our treasure in heaven.

**Faithful God, in this communion
you increase our faith and hope and love.
Lead us in the path of Christ
who is your Word of life.
Amen.**

The Lenten Wreath

For six weeks, our Lenten wreath has reminded us of Jesus' temptations in the wilderness, and His journey towards the cross of Good Friday.

Today, we take the last step in our journey through this Lenten season, which brings us to the beginning of Holy Week.

So we now extinguish the sixth candle as we anticipate Maundy Thursday and the events which take us closer to the cross of Good Friday; and we pray ...

**Loving God, keep us steadfast in your word,
and when we fall, raise us again and restore us
through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Hymn:

Love / Peace / Truth will be our Lenten calling

*TiS684 © Elizabeth J. Smith, 1999 - Tune: **LAUDA ANIMA**
(for Lent 6, verse 3 only)*

- 3 Truth will be our Lenten learning:
hear the Crucified One call!
Shadowed by the Saviour's passion,
images and idols fall,
and, in Easter's holy splendour,
God alone is all in all.**

The Blessing

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,
to deny yourself, and to take up your cross
and follow him;
and the blessing of God almighty,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be with you, and remain with you
for ever.
Amen.

Closing Hymn:

Ride on, ride on in majesty

TiS348 / SG 386 / CP129 - Words: Henry H Milman

Tune: WINCHESTER NEW

- 1 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.

*Following the Service, morning tea will be served in the 'Refreshment' Corner
at the southern side of the church;
followed by the Annual General Meeting of the Parish*

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**YOU ARE INVITED AND WELCOME TO ATTEND OUR
HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES AT ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH**

Monday 30th & Tuesday 31st March

Wednesday 1st & Thursday 2nd April

8.30am - Morning Prayer (Lady Chapel)

Thursday 2nd April - Maundy Thursday

10.15am - Eucharist (Lady Chapel)

7.00pm - Eucharist - Institution of the Last Supper
with foot & hand-washing

Friday 3rd April - Good Friday

10.00am - The Way of the Cross (*followed by Hot Cross Buns morning tea*)

12-1.00pm - The Stations of the Cross

1.15-3.00pm - 'Romero' (*a biographical drama movie of El Salvador's
Archbishop Oscar Romero's life, ministry, and martyrdom in 1980*)

Saturday 4th April - Holy Saturday

Walk for Peace - starting at the Napier Soundshell, Marine Parade, at 6.00am.

Halfway stop at Atea Rangi, Waitangi Regional Park at 9.00am.

Finishing at the Monastery, Farndon Road, Clive, at 11.30am.

An inter-faith multi-cultural event to promote inner peace, mindfulness, and unity.

Sunday 5th April - Easter Day

8.00am - Eucharist (Lady Chapel)

10.00am - Eucharist with Baptisms and Baptism Renewal

Sunday 12th April - Second Sunday of Easter

8.00am - Eucharist (Lady Chapel)

10.00am - Harvest Festival Thanksgiving Eucharist

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