

HOLY SAVIOUR, CROYDON

PALM SUNDAY 2023



THE GATHERING – in the Hall
Ministers and servers arrive in silence.

Words of welcome are spoken.

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

Behold, your king comes to you, O Zion,
meek and lowly and sitting upon an ass.
Ride on in the cause of truth and for the sake of justice.
Your throne is the throne of God.
It ensures for ever; and the scepter of your kingdom is a righteous
scepter. You have loved righteousness and hated evil;
therefore God, your God has anointed you
with the oil of gladness above your fellows.

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

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

And also with you.

The president introduces the celebration using these words:

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.

The people hold up palms or branches while this prayer is said by the president:

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 is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

The palms are blessed with holy water.

THE PALM GOSPEL

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them." And he will send them immediately.' This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,
'Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'
The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the

road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

‘Hosanna to the Son of David!

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

Hosanna in the highest heaven!’

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, ‘Who is this?’ The crowds were saying, ‘This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

THE PROCESSION

Let us go forth praising Jesus our Messiah

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: 328 *All Glory, Laud and Honour*

Once we are gathered in the Church, the president prays the COLLECT:

Almighty and everlasting God

Who 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 partakers of his resurrection;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,

who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Old Testament Reading: 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 wakens—
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.
Thanks be to God.

The Psalm: 118:19-24

- 19 Open to me the gates of righteousness, •
that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord.
- 20 This is the gate of the Lord; •
the righteous shall enter through it.
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me •
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The stone which the builders rejected •
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the Lord's doing, •
and it is marvellous in our eyes.
- 24 This is the day that the Lord has made; •
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Glory be to the Father, And to the Son, And to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without
end. Amen.

The New Testament 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 the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

HYMN 2: 459 Give Me Joy In My Heart

All stand

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.
Christ humbled himself and became obedient unto death,
even death on a cross.
Therefore God has highly exalted him
and given him the name that is above every name.
Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

The passion reading can be found in the separate booklet

The Passion Reading concludes in silence

No SERMON is Preached Today

CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

For forgiveness for the many times we have denied Jesus,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For grace to seek out those habits of sin which mean
spiritual death, and by prayer and self-discipline to overcome them,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Christian people, that through the suffering of disunity
there may grow a rich union in Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who make laws, interpret them, and administer them,
that our common life may be ordered in justice and mercy, let us
pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who still make Jerusalem a battleground, let us pray to the
Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who have the courage and honesty to work openly for
justice and peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those in the darkness and agony of isolation, that they may find
support and encouragement, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who, weighed down with hardship, failure, or sorrow, feel
that God is far from them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who are tempted to give up the way of the cross,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we, with those who have died in faith,
may find mercy in the day of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

**Holy God,
Holy and strong,
Holy and immortal, have mercy upon us.**

THE PEACE

Now in union with Christ Jesus you who were once far off 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.
And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

HYMN 3: 250 Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne

The Lord be with you,
and also with you.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
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 *singing*:

**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.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us his body and his blood;
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.

Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit,
inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.**

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**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**

We break this bread
To share in the body of Christ
**Though we are many, we are one body,
Because we all share in one bread**

**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 .**

GIVING OF COMMUNION

Draw near with faith
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
Which he gave for you
And his blood which he shed for you
Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you
And feed on him in your hearts
By faith with thanksgiving

HYMNS 4 & 5

63 My Song is Love Unknown

260 And Now O Father

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.
Amen.

Almighty God

We thank you for feeding us

With the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ

Through Him we offer you our souls and bodies

To be a living sacrifice

Send us out

In the power of your Spirit

To live and work

To your praise and glory.

Amen.

NOTICES

BLESSING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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.
Amen.

HYMN 6: 61 *Ride On, Ride On In Majesty*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ, Amen.

Holy Week Services at Holy Saviour

Wednesday 5 April	7.00pm Eucharist 7.30pm Bring and Share Meal followed by Night Prayer
Maundy Thursday 6 April	8.00pm Liturgy of Maundy Thursday – washing of feet, memorial of the Last Supper, stripping of altars and watch
Good Friday 7 April	10.00am Stations of the Cross 2.30pm Liturgy of Good Friday
Easter Day 9 April	6.00am Easter Vigil - Blessing of the new fire, Renewal of Baptism Promises, First Eucharist of Easter
Easter Day 9 April	10.00am Parish Eucharist – with Easter Eggs!