

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH  
LOWESTOFT



# **PALM SUNDAY**

## **Holy Communion**



**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

**Deacon Rev Pauline  
Presiding Canon Simon**

*"Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"*

# Welcome to St. Margaret's Church Lowestoft

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

**HYMN: 160 *Make way, make way for Christ the King***

***1 Make way, make way, for Christ the King  
in splendour arrives.***

***Fling wide the gates and welcome him  
into your lives.***

***Make way! Make way for the King of kings!  
Make way! Make way and let his kingdom in!***

***2 He comes the broken hearts to heal,  
the prisoners to free.***

***The deaf shall hear, the lame shall dance,  
the blind shall see.***

***Make way! Make way for the King of kings!  
Make way! Make way and let his kingdom in!***

***3 And those who mourn with heavy hearts,  
who weep and sigh,***

***with laughter, joy and royal crown  
he'll beautify.***

***Make way! Make way for the King of kings!  
Make way! Make way and let his kingdom in!***

***4 We call you now to worship him  
as Lord of all,***

***to have no other gods but him:  
their thrones must fall!***

***Make way! Make way for the King of kings!  
Make way! Make way and let his kingdom in!***

Graham Kendrick (b.1950)

## The Blessing of the Palms



The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Dear friends 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 their palms while this prayer is said.*

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 and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## **Reading: Luke 19: 29-40**

As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it.’”

They went on their way and found everything just as Jesus had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying it?”

“The master needs it,” they answered, and they took the colt to Jesus. Then they threw their cloaks over the animal and helped Jesus get on. As he rode on, people spread their cloaks on the road. When he came near Jerusalem, at the place where the road went down the Mount of Olives, the large crowd of his disciples began to thank God and praise him in loud voices for all the great things that they had seen: “God bless the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory too God!”

Then some of the Pharisees in the crowd spoke to Jesus. “Teacher,” they said, “command your disciples to be quiet!”

Jesus answered, “I tell you that if they keep quiet, the stones themselves will start shouting.”

For the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Let us go forth, praising Jesus our Messiah**

**HYMN: 161 - *Ride on Ride on in majesty***

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

***2 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.***

***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!  
Thy 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 thy meek head to mortal pain,  
then take, O God, thy power, and reign.***

For those who remain in church rather than going on the walk of witness.

This is the day the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

**Give thanks to the Lord for he is good. His mercy endures forever.**

**Reading: Psalm 50: 1, 4-15**

The Lord, the Mighty One is God, and he has spoken; he has summoned all humanity from where the sun rises to where it sets.

He calls on the heavens above and earth below to witness the judgment of his people.

“Bring my faithful people to me – those who made a covenant with me by giving sacrifices.”

Then let the heavens proclaim his justice, for God himself will be the judge.

*Interlude*

“O my people, listen as I speak.

Here are my charges against you, O Israel: I am God, your God!

Have no complaint about your sacrifices or the burnt offerings you constantly offer.

But I do not need the bulls from your barns or the goats from your pens.

For all the animals of the forest are mine, and I own the cattle on a thousand hills.

I know every bird on the mountains, and all the animals of the field are mine.

If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for all the world is mine and everything in it.

Make thankfulness your sacrifice to God, and keep the vows you made to the Most High.

Then call on me when you are in trouble, and I will rescue you, and you will give me glory.”

Pause for Thought

Reading: **Psalm 31: 9-16**

Have mercy on me, Lord, for I am in distress. Tears blur my eyes.  
My body and soul are withering away.

I am dying from grief; my years are shortened by sadness. Sin  
has drained my strength; I am wasting away from within.  
I am scorned by all my enemies and despised by my neighbours  
– even my friends are afraid to come near me. When they see me  
on the street, they run the other way.

I am ignored as if I were dead, as if I were a broken pot.

I have heard the many rumours about me, and I am surrounded  
by terror.

My enemies conspire against me, plotting to take my life.

But I am trusting you, O Lord, saying, “You are my God!”

My future is in your hands. Rescue me from those who hunt me  
down relentlessly.

Let your favour shine on your servant.

In your unfailing love, rescue me.

Pause for Thought

Procession returns to church



**HYMN: 159 - All glory, laud, and honour (Omit \* verses 6 & 7)**

*All glory, laud, and honour  
to thee, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children  
made sweet hosannas ring.*

**1. 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  
to thee, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children  
made sweet hosannas ring.*

**2. The company of angels  
are praising thee on high;  
and mortals men and all things  
created, make reply.**

*All glory, laud, and honour  
to thee, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children  
made sweet hosannas ring.*

**3. 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, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children  
made sweet hosannas ring.*

**4. 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  
to thee, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children  
made sweet hosannas ring.***

**5. 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  
to thee, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children  
made sweet hosannas ring.***

**\*6. 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  
to thee, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children  
made sweet hosannas ring.***

**\*7. 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  
to thee, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children  
made sweet hosannas ring.***

## **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.

### **HYMN: 700 - *King of kings***

*(During which, those involved with the reading will prepare)*

**1 King of kings, Majesty  
God of Heaven living in me  
Gentle Saviour, closest friend  
Strong Deliverer, beginning and end  
All within me falls at Your throne**

***Your Majesty, I can but bow  
I lay my all before You now  
In royal robes I don't deserve  
I live to serve Your Majesty.***

**2 Earth and Heaven worship You  
Love eternal, Faithful and True  
Who bought the nations, ransomed souls  
Brought this sinner near to Your throne  
All within me cries out in praise.**

***Your majesty, I can but bow  
I lay my all before You now  
In royal robes I don't deserve  
I live to serve Your Majesty  
I live to serve Your Majesty.***

**Dramatic Reading – “The Passion according to Luke”**  
*(Replaces the Gospel and the Sermon)*

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** Led by Rev Jim  
**(Please sit or kneel)**

*These responses may be used*  
Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

*at the end*  
Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

***Notices & time of sharing***

**THE PEACE (please stand)**

*These words may be used*

Since we are justified by faith,  
we have peace with God  
through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has given us access to his grace.  
the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you  
**And also with you**

**Deacon:** Let us offer one another a sign of peace.



**OFFERTORY HYMN: 147 - *My song is love unknown.***

(During the hymn the bread & wine are brought forward, and the altar is prepared]

***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?***

***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.***

***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.***

***Why, what hath my Lord done?  
What makes this rage and spite?  
He made the lame to run,  
he gave the blind their sight.  
Sweet injuries!  
Yet they at these  
themselves displease,  
and 'gainst him rise.***

***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.***

***In life, no house, no home  
My Lord on earth might have;  
In death, no friendly tomb  
But what a stranger gave.  
What may I say?  
Heaven was his home;  
But mine the tomb  
Wherein he lay.***

***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.***

**SAMUEL CROSSMAN (c.1624-1683)**

With this bread that we bring  
**we shall remember Jesus.**

With this wine that we bring  
**we shall remember Jesus.**

Bread for his body, wine for his blood, gifts from God to his table  
we bring.  
**we shall remember Jesus.**

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER (please sit or kneel)**  
(The Choir may remain standing)

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,  
it is our duty and our joy,  
At all times and in all places  
To give you thanks and praise,  
Holy Father, heavenly King,  
Almighty and eternal God,  
Through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

And now we give you thanks  
Because you give us the spirit of discipline  
That we may triumph over evil and grow in grace  
As we prepare to celebrate the Paschal mystery  
With mind and heart renewed

Therefore, with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
forever praising you and singing:

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna, in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, Hosanna, 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.



Christ is the bread of life:

***When we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,  
until you come in glory.***

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,  
all honour and glory are yours for ever and ever Amen



## **The Lord's Prayer**

As we endure the trials of this world, we pray for the coming of  
God's Kingdom in heaven and on earth.

**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.**

**Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.**

**For the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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.**

*The Agnus Dei*

***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.***

This is the table of our Lord, where hurts are healed, and all is made new in the love of God. Come not because it is I who invite you, it is our Lord; It is his will that those who want him should meet him here.

All are welcome to come forward to receive the bread and the wine or a blessing. It is helpful for us if you say your name when you come to the front. The choir will receive Holy Communion first at the High Altar, followed by the rest of the congregation who will receive Holy Communion at the Chancel step.

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.

An anthem is usually sung by the Choir and then a Hymn is also sung during communion (please remain seated)

Anthem Hosanna to the Son of David (Telemann)

**HYMN: 489 From Heaven you came**

***1 From heaven you came, helpless babe,  
Entered our world, your glory veiled;  
Not to be served but to serve,  
And give your life that we might live.  
This is our God, the Servant King,  
He calls us now to follow him,  
To bring our lives as a daily offering  
Of worship to the Servant King.***

***2 There in the garden of tears,  
My heavy load he chose to bear;  
His heart with sorrow was torn,  
'Yet not my will but yours,' he said.  
This is our God, the Servant King,  
He calls us now to follow him,  
To bring our lives as a daily offering  
Of worship to the Servant King.***

**3 Come, see his hands and his feet,  
The scars that speak of sacrifice,  
Hands that flung stars into space  
To cruel nails surrendered.  
This is our God, the Servant King,  
He calls us now to follow him,  
To bring our lives as a daily offering  
Of worship to the Servant King.**

**4 So let us learn how to serve,  
And in our lives enthrone him;  
Each other's needs to prefer,  
For it is Christ we're serving.  
This is our God, the Servant King,  
He calls us now to follow him,  
To bring our lives as a daily offering  
Of worship to the Servant King.**

GRAHAM KENDRICK (b. 1950)

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Said by a minister and found on the weekly pew sheet.

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.

## THANKSGIVING PRAYER

In gratitude, in deep gratitude  
for this moment, this meal,  
we give ourselves to you.  
Take us out to live as changed people  
because we have shared the Living Bread  
and cannot remain the same.  
Ask much of us,  
expect much from us,  
enable much by us,  
encourage many through us.  
So, Lord, may we live to your glory,  
both as inhabitants of earth  
and as citizens of heaven. Amen.

**HYMN 707 *Lift high the cross***  
Omit \* verses 2,3,4,5,6

***1 Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name.***

***1 Come, let us follow where our Captain trod,  
our King victorious, Christ the Son of God:***

***7 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
as thou hast promised, draw us unto thee:***

***8 Let every race and every language tell  
of him who saves our souls from death and hell:***

***9 From farthest regions let them homage bring,  
and on his cross adore their Saviour King:***

***10 Set up thy throne, that earth's despair may cease  
beneath the shadow of its healing peace:***

***11 For thy blest cross which doth for all atone  
creation's praises rise before thy throne:***

## **The Blessing**

Christ give you grace  
To grow in holiness,  
To deny yourselves,  
Take up your cross  
And follow him.

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you, be upon those you love, pray for and care for now and for evermore. **Amen.**

## **THE DISMISSAL**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
***In the name of Christ. Amen.***