

# St Paul's Church, Egham Hythe

## Zoom Gathering 28<sup>th</sup> March 2021 Palm Sunday



*You might like to have a palm cross or a leafy branch with you.*

### Prayer and Introduction

*Min* Hosanna to the Son of David

*All* **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

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 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. As we follow in his steps on this Palm Sunday, may we sense the joy, yet prepare ourselves to share the tears. Let us journey with him in faith and love, so that, united with him in his sufferings, we may share his risen life.

### Mark 1: 1-11

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples <sup>2</sup> and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" <sup>4</sup> They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, <sup>5</sup> some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" <sup>6</sup> They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. <sup>7</sup> Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. <sup>8</sup> Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. <sup>9</sup> Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,



**(All) "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! <sup>10</sup> Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven.**

<sup>11</sup> Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

## Hymn Sing Hosanna

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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:

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

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? *Sing hosanna . . .*

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! *Sing hosanna . . .*

## Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent you 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 forever. **Amen.**

## The Passion According to Mark (Dramatised Reading)

Songs (words will be on screen):  
Come and See (Graham Kendrick)  
How Deep the Father's Love for Us (Stuart Townend)  
At the Foot of the Cross (Tre Sheppard)



## Confession

*We use this response:*

Lord have mercy	<b>Lord have mercy</b>
Christ have mercy	<b>Christ have mercy</b>
Lord have mercy	<b>Lord have mercy</b>

## Absolution

May the Father forgive you by the death of his Son and strengthen you to live in the power of the Spirit all your days. **Amen.**

## Intercessions

Let us pray to the Father, who loved the world so much that he sent his only Son to give us life.

Simon from Cyrene was forced to carry the cross for your Son. Give us grace to lift heavy loads from those we meet and to stand with those condemned to die.

Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Your Son watched the soldiers gamble to share his clothes. Transform the hearts of those who make a profit from their victims, and those whose hearts are hardened by their work.

Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

The thief, who was crucified with Jesus, was promised a place in your kingdom. Give pardon and hope, healing and peace to all who look death in the face.

Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

From the cross Jesus entrusted Mary his mother and John his disciple to each other's care. Help us also to care for one another and fill our homes with the spirit of your love.

Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

In Mary and John your Son created a new family at the cross. Fill our relationships, and those of new families today, with mutual care and responsibility, and give us a secure hope for the future.

Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

The centurion was astonished to see your glory in the crucified Messiah. Open the eyes of those who do not know you to see in your Son the meaning of life and death.

Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Joseph of Arimathaea came to take your Son's body away. Give hope and faith to the dying and bereaved, and gentleness to those who minister to them.

Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Simon and Joseph, Mary and John became part of your Church in Jerusalem.  
Bring into your Church today a varied company of people, to walk with Christ in the way of his passion and to find their salvation in the victory of his cross.

Lord of the Church,  
**hear our prayer, and make us one in heart and mind  
to serve you in Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Our Father, who art in heaven...**

## **The Peace**

Once we were far off, but now in union with Christ Jesus we 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.*

## **Hymn: When I survey the Wondrous Cross** *Isaac Watts (sung by Becky)*

1. When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss,  
And pour contempt on all my pride.
2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
Save in the death of Christ my God!  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to His blood
3. See from His head, His hands, His feet,  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?
4. Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a present far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

## **Blessing**

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 of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you now and always.

**Amen.**