



2nd April 2023
Palm Sunday

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Notices

Preparing for Easter

Would you like to help with decorating the church for Easter? Come along on Saturday 8th April between 10.00 am and 12.00 noon. Donations of cash, flowers or greenery will be very welcome. For more information, speak to Liz Holland or Pat Snell.

After Supper He Washed Their Feet

Could you offer a foot to be washed at the Maundy Thursday service? Please add your name on the list at the back of the church. Also on Maundy Thursday, please sign up at the back of the church to take part in The Watch.

This Week

Morning Prayer is said at 8.30 am
Online: Mon, Wed
In the church: Tue, Thu, Fri

Mon 3rd April John 12: 1 – 11
10.30 am Communion, The Old Rectory
11.00 am Communion, Kingsgate
12.00 noon Eucharist
7.00 pm Choir practice

Tue 4th April John 12: 20 – 36
7.00 pm Eucharist

Wed 5th April John 13: 21 – 32
12.00 noon Holy Communion
3.30 pm Messy Church

Thu 6th April John 13: 1 – 17 & 31b – 35
10.30 am Chrism Mass, Exeter Cathedral
7.30 pm Parish Eucharist followed by The Watch

Fri 7th April John 18 & 19
9.30 am All-age service followed by hot cross buns
1.00 pm Stations of the Cross
2.00 pm Good Friday Liturgy

Sat 8th April Matthew 28: 1 – 10
8.00 pm Easter Vigil starting in the hall

Next Sunday: 9th April

Easter Sunday John 20: 1 – 18
8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Parish Eucharist



10.00 am Music

Processional hymns

- i All Glory, Laud and Honour
- ii Give Me Joy in My Heart
- iii Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!

Offertory hymn

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My Song is Love Unknown

Recessional hymn

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Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus

Sharing God's love through worship, fellowship and service

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race 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 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 for ever.

First Reading: Isaiah 50: 4-9a

The servant of the Lord said: 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?

Second 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.

Palm Gospel Reading: Matthew 21: 1-11

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.’

Post-Communion Prayer

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.