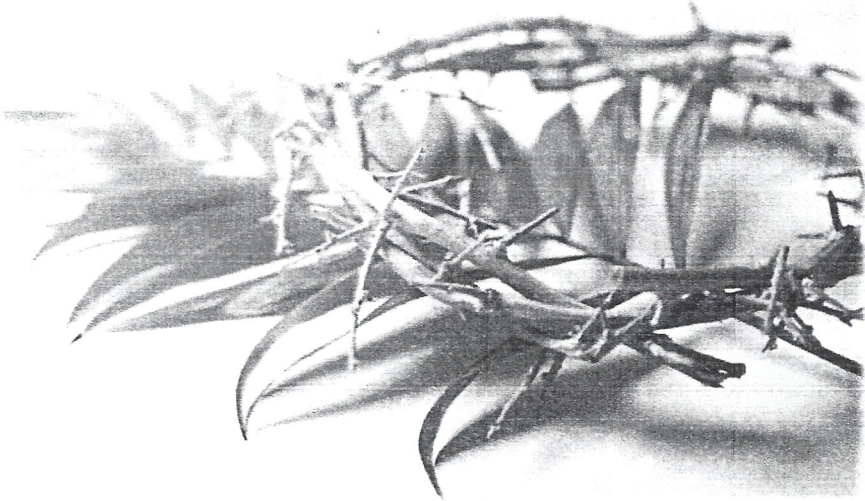


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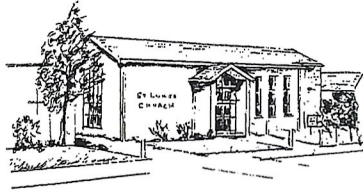
the Parish Church for

Moulsham Lodge and Tile Kiln



PALM SUNDAY EUCHARIST

Welcome to St Luke's



Following the Service

Everything you will need for today will be in this booklet and the hymn book. The service will be on the right hand page in black (please join in the words in bold) and if need it there will be an explanation of what's happening on the left hand page. Words printed in **bold type** are said by all.

If we can be of any assistance with any particular requirements please let us know.

Receiving Communion

If you normally receive Communion in your own Church, you are very welcome to do so here. We can offer Gluten free wafers and non alcoholic wine, we'd be grateful if you could let us know if you need this at the start of the service.

If you do not receive Communion, we would love you to come to the altar for a blessing, holding your service book as a sign.

Children at St Luke's

"Whoever welcomes this child in my name welcomes me" Luke 9:48"

Jesus loved children and so do we and they are always welcome here at St Luke's. We know that God put the wiggle in them so please don't worry if they move around or make a bit of noise. They will learn how to worship by copying you so help them take part in the service if they are big enough. If you do need some space there is the large hall through the back doors.

The bell will ring as a cue our service is starting, We generally stand to sing but only if comfortable to do so.

Hymn

The hymn numbers can be found on the board at the front of church. We stand to sing

We Remember Jesus' Entry into Jerusalem

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.

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

Introduction

The Blessing of the Palms

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 Palm Gospel

This is the Bible passage that tells us about Jesus triumphant entry. It can be found in every Gospel ; Matthew 21:1-11, Mark 11:1-11, Luke 19:28-44, and John 12:12-19,

The Procession

On Palm Sunday we are remembering Jesus procession into Jerusalem, we could do this without moving from our seats but we have an opportunity worship God with our bodies, and our walking in procession is a way of taking part in the liturgy of the day and entering more deeply into the journey into Holy Week.

The Collect

The collect is a special prayer for the day. Anglican churches across the world will be praying the same prayer today. It collects all of our individual prayers together.

Bible Reading(s)

We listen to passages from the Bible. It may be from the Old or New Testament.

The Palm Gospel

The congregation stands and everyone turns to face the Gospel reader. When the Gospel is announced the reader says

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

at the end of the reading:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

The Procession

During the procession all hold palm crosses and we sing a hymn

The Collect

Readings

After the readings

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

The Message

Hymn

The Passion Narrative

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

The Passion Narrative

Today is Palm Sunday but it is also Passion Sunday. It can feel a bit strange; we start with a great celebration but very quickly are plunged into the depths of the story of Jesus death on the cross. We do this for a couple of reasons; because it is the last Sunday before Easter Day, people may not be able to attend services throughout the week and therefore are in danger of missing everything that comes before the Resurrection. More importantly the Passion story jars with the Palm Sunday celebrations; it's meant to. It is a tension on many levels: the crowds greet Jesus as a triumphant king, but Jesus' kingdom is not of this world. Many of the people who greet Him with Hosanna would also be the ones who will shout for His execution days later. .

The Peace

Communion starts with "the peace". We shake hands or hug and say "peace be with you" to each other. It may seem a little bit odd but it comes from Jesus' telling us that we should be reconciled to each other before taking the bread and wine, in other words we should try to make up with anyone we have fallen out with and not come to Communion grumpy

The Offertory

During this song the bread and wine is brought to the table. It is brought up by people from the congregation to represent us bringing our normal everyday lives and offering them to God who, as He does with the bread and wine, makes them something special. We also take a collection for the work of the church and its outreach into the community.

We hear a dramatic reading of the Passion

Prayers of Intercession

The leader may use these words at the end of each section

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us

or

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.

The Peace

Once we were far off, but now in union with Jesus Christ we have been brought near through the shedding of His 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.

Offertory Hymn

During which the Bread and Wine are presented at the altar and a collection is offered for God's work.

Preparation of the Altar

The table is prepared and the bread and wine are placed upon it.

Bread and Wine

Jesus used bread and wine in the last supper and told us to do the same. In a special way, a way that we don't always understand, the bread is for us Jesus' body and the wine is His blood. We use special wafers because they are easier to manage but they are the same thing.

The Corporal

The big square cloth we put on the table first. It comes from the Latin word 'corpus' meaning body. It symbolises the grave clothes that Jesus was wrapped in after he died.

The Chalice

These are the cups we use for the wine. They are normally silver (although of course this isn't a requirement!) because we think the blood of Jesus is precious and special

The Pall

The square cover on the chalice. Pall is also a name for the cloth that covers a coffin when someone dies, again pointing us to Jesus' death.

The Water

We add a little bit of water to the wine. It symbolises the water that came from Jesus' side when the Roman soldier hit him with his spear after he had died.

Jesus, true vine and bread of life,
ever giving yourself that the world might live,
let us share your death and passion:
make us perfect in your love.

Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer E

The Lord be with you.
and also with you.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

And now we give you thanks
because, for our salvation,
he was obedient even to death on the cross.
The tree of shame was made the tree of glory;
and where life was lost, there life has been restored.

And so we join our voices with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven
to proclaim your glory
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.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, Our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said: 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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did; in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

Lord, by your cross and resurrection

you have set us free.

You are the Saviour of the world.

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth. Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with Saint Luke and all the saints to the feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours,
O loving Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray
**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 for ever.
Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

Every time we eat this bread
and drink this cup,
**we proclaim the Lord's death
until he comes.**

Agnus Dei

On Sundays this is sung. On other days it is said.

**Jesus, Lamb of God
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins,
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world,
grant us peace.**

Receiving the bread and the wine

If you are visiting us and you usually take Communion, even if you haven't received for years, you are very welcome to receive today. If, however, that's not your usual practice we would still love to pray for you, so if you are comfortable, please come and bring this order of service with you so that we know to pray a blessing

Invitation to Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

We receive communion.

After Communion we stay seated and sing our next hymn

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept. The minister may say a post communion prayer.

We pray together

**Faithful God,
may we who share this banquet
glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
our salvation, life and hope,
who reigns as Lord now and for ever. Amen.**

Notices and Birthdays

*We like to mark birthdays by singing:
"Happy birthday to you, to Jesus be true,
May God's richest blessings rest today upon you."*

Final Hymn

Blessing and Dismissal

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....

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

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