



**St. Mark's Anglican Church**

***Palm Sunday:  
The Sunday of the Passion***

**Sunday, March 29, 2026**

**Blessing of the Palms and Sung Eucharist**

*Welcome to St. Mark's.*

*The order of service is set forth in this service sheet.  
Please stand and kneel as you are able—and as is your custom.  
Please join in singing the hymns and saying the parts printed in **bold***

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PRELUDE *Valet will ich dir geben* BWV 736

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

*When the sacristy bells rings, all stand and face the entrance of the church. The choir sings*

THE INTROIT

T. L. da Victoria (1548-1611)

Pueri Hebraeorum vestimenta prosternebant in via et clamabant dicentes:  
Hosanna Filio David, benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.

*The Hebrew children spread their garments in the way, and cried out, saying:  
Hosanna to the Son of David: blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.*

*- derived from Matthew 21:8,9*

**THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS**

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

*Celebrant* Dear friends in Christ,  
during Lent we have been preparing  
for the celebration of our Lord's paschal mystery.  
On this day our Lord Jesus Christ  
entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph.  
The people welcomed him with palms and shouts of praise,  
but the path before him led to self-giving, suffering, and death.  
Today we greet him as our King,  
although we know his crown is thorns and his throne a cross.

We follow him this week from the glory of the palms  
to the glory of the resurrection  
by way of the dark road of suffering and death.  
United with him in his suffering on the cross,  
may we share his resurrection and new life.  
Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help,  
Lord God of our salvation,  
that we may enter with joy  
into the celebration of those mighty acts  
whereby you give us life and immortality;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

GOSPEL OF THE PALMS

Matthew 21:1-11

*Gospeller*      The Lord be with you.  
*People*            **And also with you.**

*Gospeller*      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
*People*            **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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."

*Gospeller*      The Gospel of Christ.  
*People*            **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*During the following prayer, all hold their palms high*

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.  
*People*            **And also with you.**

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

*Celebrant* It is right to praise you, almighty God,  
for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us  
through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.  
The Hebrews acclaimed Jesus as Messiah and King,  
with palm branches in their hands, crying,  
Hosanna in the highest.  
May we also, carrying these emblems, go forth to meet Christ  
and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life;  
who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit,  
now and for ever.

*People* **Amen.**

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in peace.

*People* **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## HYMN 181

*All Glory, Laud and Honour*

## THE COLLECT

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God,  
in tender love for all our human race  
you sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ  
to take our flesh  
and suffer death upon a cruel cross.  
May we follow the example of his great humility,  
and share in the glory of his resurrection;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

*All sit*

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a

*Reader:* James Mainprize

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 backward. 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?

*Reader* Thanks be to God.

PSALM *sung by all*

31:9-16

*Chant: Herbert Howells (1892-1983)*



Have mercy on me, O Lord, for / I am • in / trouble;\*

my eye is consumed with sorrow, and / also • my / throat and • my / belly.

For my life is wasted with grief, and my / years with / sighing;\*

my strength fails me because of affliction, / and my / bones are • con- / summed.

I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbours,

a dismay to those of / my ac- / quaintance;\*

when they see me / in the / street they • a- / void me.

I am forgotten like a dead man, / out of / mind;\*

I am as / useless • as a / broken / pot.

For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is / all a- / round;\*

they put their heads together against me; they / plot to / take my / life.

But as for me, I have trusted in / you, O / Lord.\*

I have / said, “You / are my / God.

My times are / in your hand:\*

rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from / those who / per-se- / cute me.

Make your face to shine u- / pon your / servant,\*

and in your / lo-ving / kindness / save me.”

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:5-11

*Reader: James Mainprize*

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.

*Reader* Thanks be to God.

*All stand*

HYMN

Music: *The King's Majesty* Graham George (1912-1993)  
 Text: Henry Hart Milman (1791-1868)

Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Hark! all  
 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low -  
 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! The wing -  
 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! The last  
 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low -

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 the tribes ho - san - na cry: O Sa - viour meek, pur -  
 ly pomp ride on to die: O Christ, thy tri - umphs  
 ed squa - drons of the sky look down with sad and  
 and fier - cest strife is nigh: the Fa - ther on his  
 ly pomp ride on to die; bow thy meek head to

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 sue thy road with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.  
 now be - gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.  
 won - dering eyes to see th'ap - proach - ing sa - cri - fice.  
 sap - phire throne a - waits his own a - noin - ted Son.  
 mor - tal pain, then take, O God, thy pow'r, and reign.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 27:11-31

*Gospeller* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You say so." But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?" But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?" For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgement seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him." Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" All of them said, "Let him be crucified!" Then he asked, "Why, what evil has he done?"

But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!" So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." Then the people as a whole answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

*Gospeller*      The Gospel of Christ.  
*People*            **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rector

*The Creed is omitted at this service which continues with*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Leader:* Steve Hinchliffe

*Celebrant*      As we journey this week with Christ and celebrate the Paschal mystery of his death and resurrection, let us pray to God for ourselves and for the world.

*Leader*            Fill the Church, Christ's broken body, with your Spirit. Give to Christian people everywhere a deep longing to take up the cross and to follow you.

Lord, in your mercy,

*People*            **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader*            Bless those who lead the Church's worship at this solemn time. In the proclamation of the Word and celebration of the Sacraments, draw your people close to you.

Lord, in your mercy,

*People*            **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader*            Look in mercy upon the world you loved so much that you sent your Son to suffer and to die as one of us. Strengthen those who work to continue his ministry of reconciling all people with justice and peace.

Lord, in your mercy,

*People*            **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader*            Bring healing to all who are weighed down by pain and injustice. Help the lonely and the betrayed, the sick, the suffering and the dying, to find strength in the companionship of Jesus, and know their salvation is found in his passion.

Lord, in your mercy,

*People*            **Hear our prayer.**



Therefore with angels and archangels  
and all the heavenly chorus,  
we cry out to proclaim the glory of your name.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD

*Common Praise, no. 689*

*All remain standing or kneel*

*Celebrant* We give thanks to you, Lord our God,  
for the goodness and love  
you have made known to us in creation;  
in calling Israel to be your people;  
in your Word spoken through the prophets;  
and above all in the Word made flesh,  
Jesus your Son.  
For in these last days you sent him  
to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.  
In him, you have delivered us from evil,  
and made us worthy to stand before you.  
In him, you have brought us  
out of error into truth,  
out of sin into righteousness,  
out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over  
to suffering and death,  
a death he freely accepted,  
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;  
and when he had given thanks to you,  
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples  
and said, "Take, eat:  
this is my body which is given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine;  
and when he had given thanks,  
he 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.  
Whenever you drink it,  
do this for the remembrance of me.

*All* Therefore, Father, according to his command,  
**we remember his death,  
we proclaim his resurrection,  
we await his coming in glory;**

*Celebrant* and we offer our sacrifice  
of praise and thanksgiving  
to you, Lord of all;  
presenting to you, from your creation,  
this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God,  
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,  
that they may be the sacrament  
of the body of Christ  
and his blood of the new covenant.  
Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,  
that we, made acceptable in him,  
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time,  
reconcile all things in Christ and make them new,  
and bring us to that city of light  
where you dwell with all your sons and daughters;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church,  
and the author of our salvation;  
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,  
now and forever.

*People* **Amen.**

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Celebrant* And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
*All* **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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Celebrant* We break this bread.  
*People* **Communion in Christ's body once broken.**

*Celebrant* Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.  
*People* **If we have died with him, we shall live with him;  
if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.**

*Celebrant* The gifts of God for the People of God.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

LAMB OF GOD

*Common Praise*, no. 690

*Please follow the directions of the greeters as you make your way to the altar  
Kneeling and standing are both appropriate postures to receive the Eucharist*

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

C. H. H. Parry (1848-1918)

Home of my heart, when wilt thou ope Thy silent doors to let me in?  
What! not one glimpse to quicken hope of all that I aspire to win?  
So near, and yet so oft denied! The roses on my trellis throw  
Their heedless scent from side to side, yet will not whisper what they know.

The yellow moon that hangs and peers amid the icy horns on high,  
Leans to the list'ning earth, yet fears to tell the secret of the sky.  
O pines that whisper in the wind, when ling'ring herds from pasture come,  
Breathe somewhat of your steadfast mind, the hour is yours: yet ye are dumb.

Sweet answering eyes, you too have learned the secret that you will not tell,  
I should have known it, but you turned that moment, and the lashes fell.  
Home of my heart, why stand so cold and silent? there is mirth within:  
The sun sinks low, the day is old, oh, let the baffled wand'rer in!

- A. C. Benson (1862-1925)

*After communion, all stand for*

## THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Celebrant* All your works praise you, O Lord.  
*All* **And your faithful servants bless you.**

**Gracious God**  
**we thank you for feeding us**  
**with the body and blood of your Son**  
**Jesus Christ.**  
**May we, who share his body,**  
**live his risen life;**  
**we, who drink his cup,**  
**bring life to others;**  
**we, whom the Spirit lights,**  
**give light to the world.**  
**Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,**  
**So that we and all your children shall be free,**  
**and the whole earth live to praise your name;**  
**through Christ our Lord. Amen**

## THE BLESSING

*Celebrant* 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.

*People* **Amen.**

HYMN

Music: *Diva servatrix* from *Bayeux Antiphoner*, 1739  
 Text: K. Imre von Pécselyi (c.1590-1641), trans. Erik Routley (1917-1982)

There in God's gar - den stands the Tree of  
 Its name is Je - sus, name that says, "Our  
 Thorns not its own are tan - gled in its  
 See how its bran - ches reach to us in  
 This is my end - ing, this my re - sur -  
 All heav'n is sing - ing, "Thanks to Christ whose

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 Wis - dom, whose leaves hold forth the heal - ing of the  
 Sa - viour!" There on its bran - ches see the scars of  
 fo - liage; our greed has starved it, our de - spite has  
 wel - come; hear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye  
 rec - tion; in - to your hands, Lord, I com - mit my  
 pas - sion of - fers in mer - cy heal - ing, strength, and

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 na - tions: Tree of all know - ledge, Tree of all com -  
 suf - fring; see there the ten - drils of our hu - man  
 choked it. Yet, look! it lives! its grief has not de -  
 wea - ry! Give me your sick - ness, give me all your  
 spi - rit. This have I searched for; now I can po -  
 par - don. Peo - ples and na - tions, take it, take it

12  
 pas - sion, Tree of all beau - ty.  
 self - hood feed on its life blood.  
 stroyed it not fire con - sumed it.  
 sor - row, I will give bless - ing.  
 sess it. This ground is ho - ly.  
 free - ly!" A - men! My Mas - ter.

VOLUNTARY

*Epilogue on "St Theodolph"*

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

***The services of Holy Week comprise one extended liturgical action***

***There are no dismissals until Easter Day***



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