

PALM SUNDAY



HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday of Holy Week

(11th, 12th & 13th April)

3pm - Stations of the Cross *(Wednesday 13th)*

7pm - Confessions

7:30pm - High Mass

Maundy Thursday

(14th April)

8pm - High Mass of the Lord's Supper

With washing of feet, stripping of the altars, and watch until midnight.

Good Friday

(15th April)

11am - Walk of Witness

3pm – The Liturgy of the Passion

With veneration of the cross.

Holy Saturday

(16th April)

8pm – The Paschal Vigil and First Mass of Easter

The greatest celebration of the Christian Year

Easter Sunday

(17th April)

10am – Parish Mass

3pm - Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

We meet outside the church in the courtyard at 10am.


ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

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

In the name of the Father and of the Son  and of the Holy Spirit, **Amen.**

Dear brothers and sisters,
since the beginning of Lent until now
we have prepared our hearts by penance and charitable works.
Today we gather together to herald with the whole Church
the beginning of the celebration
of our Lord's Paschal Mystery,
that is to say, of his Passion and Resurrection.
For it was to accomplish this mystery
that he entered his own city of Jerusalem.
Therefore, with all faith and devotion,
let us commemorate
the Lord's entry into the city for our salvation,
following in his footsteps,
so that being made by his grace partakers of the Cross,
we may have a share also in his Resurrection and in his life.

BLESSING OF THE PALMS

Let us pray.
Almighty ever-living God,
sanctify  these branches with your blessing
that we, who follow Christ the King in all exultation,
may reach the eternal Jerusalem through him.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Amen

The priest sprinkles the branches with holy water without saying anything.

The Lord be with you
And with thy spirit

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.
When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany,
at the mount that is called Olivet,
he sent two disciples,
saying, ‘Go into the village opposite,
where on entering you will find a colt tied,
on which no one has ever yet sat;
untie it and bring it here.
If any one asks you,
“Why are you untying it?”
you shall say this,
“The Lord has need of it.”’
So those who were sent
went away and found it as he had told them.
And as they were untying the colt,
its owners said to them,
‘Why are you untying the colt?’
And they said,
‘The Lord has need of it.’
And they brought it to Jesus,
and throwing their garments on the colt
they set Jesus upon it.
And as he rode along,
they spread their garments on the road.
As he was drawing near,
at the descent of the Mount of Olives,
the whole multitude of the disciples
began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice
for all the mighty works that they had seen,
saying,
‘Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!’
And some of the Pharisees in the multitude said to him,
‘Teacher, rebuke your disciples.’
He answered,
‘I tell you, if these were silent,
the very stones would cry out.’

Dear brothers and sisters,
like the crowds who acclaimed Jesus in Jerusalem,
let us go forth in peace.

As the procession travels through the church the servers will distribute the palm crosses

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

Thou art the King of Israel,
thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest,
the King and blessèd one:

Refrain

The company of angels
are praising thee on high,
and mortal men and all things
created make reply:

Refrain

The people of the Hebrews
with palms before thee went:
our praise and prayer and anthems
before thee we present:

Refrain

To thee before thy passion
they sang their hymns of praise:
to thee now high exalted
our melody we raise:

Refrain

Thou didst accept their praises,
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King:

Refrain

The Priest approaches the altar, venerates & censes it before moving to the chair.

R. As the Lord entered the holy city, the children of the Hebrews proclaimed the resurrection of life. Waving their branches of palm, they cried: Hosanna in the Highest.

V. When the people heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, they went out to meet him. Waving their branches of palm, they cried: Hosanna in the Highest.

COLLECT

Let us pray.

Almighty ever-living God,
who as an example of humility for the human race to follow
caused our Saviour to take flesh and submit to the Cross,
graciously grant that we may heed his lesson of patient suffering
and so merit a share in his Resurrection.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Please sit for the narrative of the Lord's Passion.

✠ The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

Key: N. Narrator. ✠ Jesus.

N. The elders of the people and the chief priests and scribes rose, and they brought Jesus before Pilate.

They began their accusation by saying,

We found this man inciting our people to revolt, opposing payment of the tribute to Caesar, and claiming to be Christ, a king.

Pilate put to him this question:

Are you the king of the Jews?

He replied,

✠ It is you who say it.

N. Pilate then said to the chief priests and the crowd,

I find no case against this man.

But they persisted,

He is inflaming the people with his teaching all over Judaea; it has come all the way from Galilee, where he started, down to here.

When Pilate heard this, he asked if the man were a Galilean; and finding that he came under Herod's jurisdiction he passed him over to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem at that time.

Herod was delighted to see Jesus; he had heard about him and had been wanting for a long time to set eyes on him; moreover, he was hoping to see some miracle worked by him. So he questioned him at some length; but without getting any reply. Meanwhile the chief priests and the scribes were there, violently pressing their accusations. Then Herod, together with his guards, treated him with contempt and made fun of him; he put a rich cloak on him and sent him back to Pilate. And though Herod and Pilate had been enemies before, they were reconciled that same day.

Pilate then summoned the chief priests and the leading men and the people. He said, You brought this man before me as a political agitator. Now I have gone into the matter myself in your presence and found no case against the man in respect of all the charges you bring against him. Nor has Herod either, since he has sent him back to us. As you can see, the man has done nothing that deserves death, So I shall have him flogged and then let him go.

But as one man they howled,
Away with him! Give us Barabbas!
(This man had been thrown into prison for causing a riot in the city and for murder.)

Pilate was anxious to set Jesus free and addressed them again, but they shouted back,

Crucify him! Crucify him!
And for the third time he spoke to them,
Why? What harm has this man done? I have found no case against him that deserves death, so I shall have him punished and then let him go.

But they kept on shouting at the top of their voices, demanding that he should be crucified. And their shouts were growing louder.

Pilate then gave his verdict: their demand was to be granted. He released the man they asked for, who had been imprisoned for rioting and murder, and handed Jesus over to them to deal with as they pleased.

As they were leading him away they seized on a man, Simon from Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and made him shoulder the cross and carry it behind Jesus. Large numbers of people followed him, and of women too, who mourned and lamented for him. But Jesus turned to them and said,

✠ Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep rather for yourselves and for your children. For the days will surely come when people will say, 'Happy are

those who are barren, the wombs that have never borne, the breasts that have never suckled!’ Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us!’; to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ For if men use the green wood like this, what will happen when it is dry?

N. Now with him they were also leading out two other criminals to be executed. When they reached the place called The Skull, they crucified him there and the two criminals also, one on the right, the other on the left. Jesus said,

✠ Father, forgive them; they do not know what they are doing.

N. Then they cast lots to share out his clothing. The people stayed there watching him. As for the leaders, they jeered at him, saying, He saved others, let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One. The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer vinegar they said, If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself. Above him there was an inscription: ‘This is the King of the Jews.’ One of the criminals hanging there abused him, saying, Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us as well. But the other spoke up and rebuked him: Have you no fear of God at all? You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. He replied,

✠ Indeed, I promise you, today you will be with me in paradise.

N. It was now about the sixth hour and, with the sun eclipsed, a darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour. The veil of the Temple was torn right down the middle; and when Jesus had cried out in a loud voice, he said,

✠ Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.

N. With these words he breathed his last.

All kneel and pause a moment

N. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he gave praise to God and said, This was a great and good man. And when all the people who had gathered for the spectacle saw what had happened, they went home beating their breasts. All his friends stood at a distance; so also did the women who had accompanied him from Galilee, and they saw all this happen.

THE HOMILY

Silence

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
At the words that follow, up to and including 'the Virgin Mary', all bow.
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

There is now an opportunity for gifts to be brought forward as the altar is prepared

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hark, all the tribes hosanna cry.
Thy humble beast pursues his road
with palms and scattered garments strowed.

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.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
the wingèd squadrons of the sky
look down with sad and wondering eyes
to see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The last and fiercest strife is nigh:
the Father on his sapphire throne
awaits his own anointed Son.

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.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Pray, brothers and sisters,
that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God,
the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right and just.

The Passion of the Lord

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Christ our Lord.

For though innocent he suffered willingly for sinners
and accepted unjust condemnation to save the guilty.
His Death has washed away our sins,
and his Resurrection has purchased our justification.

And so, with all the Angels,
we praise you, as in joyful celebration we acclaim:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.


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.

The Priest alone recites:

You are indeed Holy, O Lord,
the fount of all holiness.
Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray,
by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall,
so that they may become for us
the Body and  Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

At the time he was betrayed
and entered willingly into his Passion,
he took bread and, giving thanks, broke it,
and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take this, all of you, and eat of it,
for this is my Body,
which will be given up for you.

In a similar way, when supper was ended,
he took the chalice
and, once more giving thanks,
he gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take this, all of you, and drink from it,
for this is the chalice of my Blood,
the Blood of the new and eternal covenant,
which will be poured out for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this in memory of me.

The mystery of faith.

**Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.**

Therefore, as we celebrate
the memorial of his Death and Resurrection,
we offer you, Lord, the Bread of life and the Chalice of salvation,
giving thanks that you have held us worthy
to be in your presence and minister to you.
Humbly we pray that, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ,
we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit.

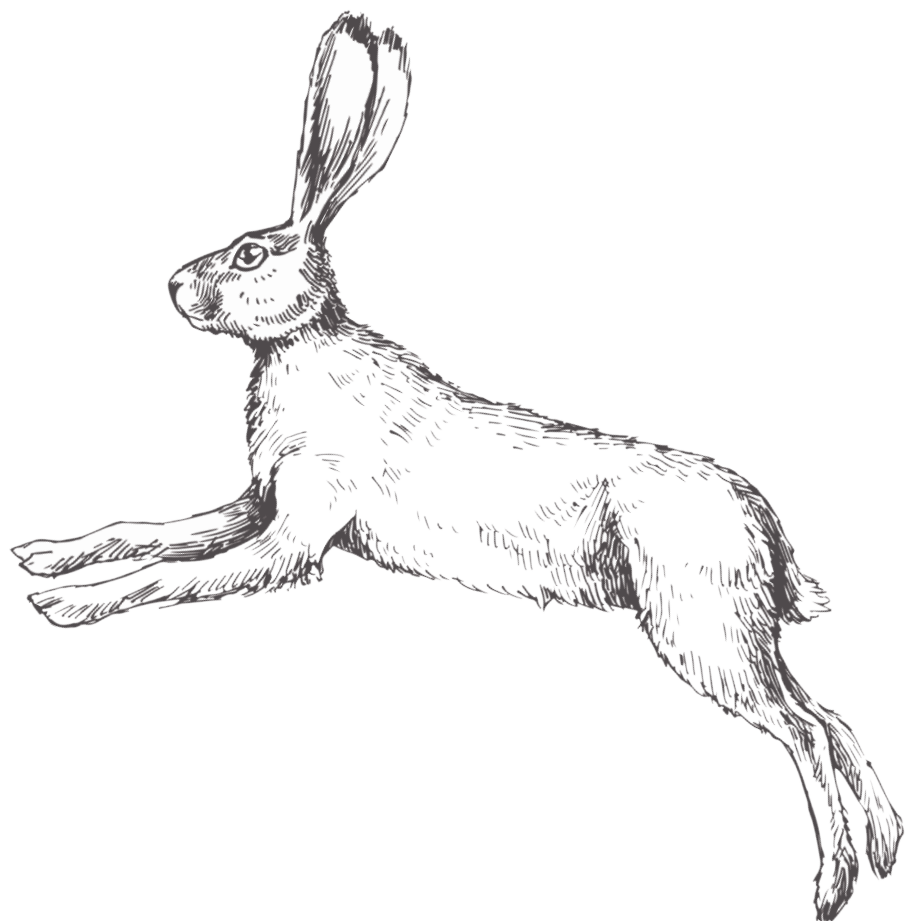
Remember, Lord, your Church,
spread throughout the world,
and bring her to the fullness of charity,
together with **Frances** our Pope, Justin our **Archbishop**, **Jonathan** our Bishop
and all the clergy.

Remember also our brothers and sisters
who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection,
and all who have died in your mercy:
welcome them into the light of your face.

Have mercy on us all, we pray,
that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God,
with blessed Joseph, her Spouse,
with the blessed Apostles,
and all the Saints who have pleased you throughout the ages,
we may merit to be co-heirs to eternal life,
and may praise and glorify you
through your Son, Jesus Christ.

O God, almighty Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honour is yours,
for ever and ever.

Amen.



THE COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer

The congregation stands and the Priest says:

At the Saviour's command
and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**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.**

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days,
that, by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin
and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**For the kingdom,
the power and the glory are yours
now and for ever.**

Lord Jesus Christ,
who said to your Apostles:
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,
look not on our sins,
but on the faith of your Church,
and graciously grant her peace and unity
in accordance with your will.
Who live and reign for ever and ever.
Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And with your spirit.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.**

After the Lamb of God, the people kneel.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

Baptised Christians are invited to receive the Body of Christ in the Sacrament.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.
I love you above all things,
and I desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you as if you were already there,
and I unite myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be separated from you.
Amen.

St Alphonsus Liguori

It is a thing most wonderful,
almost too wonderful to be,
that God's own Son
should come from heav'n,
and die to save a child like me.

And yet I know that it is true:
He chose a poor and humble lot,
and wept and toiled
and mourned and died
for love of those who loved Him not.

But even could I see Him die,
I could but see a little part
of that great love which, like a fire,
is always burning in His heart.

It is most wonderful to know
His love for me so free and sure;
but 'tis more wonderful to see
my love for Him so faint and poor.

And yet I want to love Thee, Lord;
O light the flame within my heart,
and I will love Thee more and more,
until I see Thee as Thou art.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Nourished with these sacred gifts,
we humbly beseech you, O Lord,
that, just as through the death of your Son
you have brought us to hope for what we believe,
so by his Resurrection
you may lead us to where you call.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

Notices

Blessing

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Look, we pray, O Lord, on this your family,
for whom our Lord Jesus Christ
did not hesitate to be delivered into the hands of the wicked
and submit to the agony of the Cross.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.

May almighty God bless you,

the Father, and the Son,  and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE ANGELUS

Ÿ. The Angel of the LORD brought tidings to Mary

Ṛ. **And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.**

Ÿ. Hail Mary, full of grace; the LORD is with thee: blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the Fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Ṛ. **Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death, amen.**

Ÿ. Behold the handmaid of the LORD.

Ṛ. **Be it unto me according to thy word.**

Ÿ. Hail Mary, full of grace; the LORD is with thee: blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the Fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Ṛ. **Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death, amen.**

Ÿ. And the Word was made flesh.

Ṛ. **And dwelt among us.**

Ÿ. Hail Mary, full of grace; the LORD is with thee: blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the Fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Ṛ. **Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death, amen.**

Ÿ. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

Ṛ. **That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

Let us pray,

Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O LORD, Thy grace into our hearts; that as we have known the incarnation of thy son Jesus Christ by the message of and Angel. So by his Passion and Cross may we be brought to glory of his resurrection through the same Christ Our LORD.

Ṛ. **Amen.**

The royal banners forward go;
the cross shines forth in mystic glow;
where He in flesh, our flesh who made,
our sentence bore, our ransom paid:

Where deep for us the spear was dyed,
life's torrent rushing from His side,
to wash us in that precious flood
where mingled water flowed and blood.

Fulfilled is all that David told
In true prophetic song of old.
The universal Lord is He,
who reigns and triumphs from the tree.

On whose dear arms, so widely flung,
the weight of this world's ransom hung,
the price of humankind to pay
and spoil the spoiler of his prey.

To Thee, eternal Three in One,
let homage meet by all be done;
whom by Thy cross Thou dost restore,
preserve and govern evermore.

Amen.

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