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# **THE EUCHARIST**

Palm Sunday

30<sup>th</sup> March 2023

10.00am

# Welcome to Lancaster Priory

We are really pleased that you are worshipping with us today. Wherever you have come from, this is your church and you are unconditionally welcome.

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week, the annual memorial of Jesus' death and resurrection. Jesus' last days were spent in Jerusalem, the ancient capital city of Israel. On Palm Sunday we remember his triumphal entry into the city, when he was hailed as King David's heir, the promised Messiah, by the same crowds who would later call for him to be crucified. The symbolic act of processing with palms on this day is a very ancient Christian tradition, which encourages all of us to take our place amongst the crowds and walk alongside Jesus during Holy Week. Palm Sunday is also traditionally a day when the whole Passion Narrative: the story of Jesus' suffering and death, is read. On this day, then, we move from the joyful celebration of Jesus as King to remembering his death on the cross, anticipating the events of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.

Today's services form a combination of hearing and participatory reflection that makes Holy Week unique in the calendar of Christian Worship. The Palm Sunday liturgy, in particular, helps us to feel again what it is to be part of a crowd that welcomes a humble king: to undergo joy, mood change and the nagging questions that are so much a part of our lives of faith – it is a part of the preparation for Easter.

The church has been dressed in red, because we have moved from Lenten preparation and penitence into the seesaw of exaltation, abasement, expectation, identification with Jesus and joy that is Holy Week itself.

## Acknowledgements

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## The Welcome and Notices

*Palms are given to people as they arrive at the Lancaster Castle John O'Gaunt Gate. When all are assembled:*

*The Priest says* The Lord be with you **and also with you.**

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, 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 come together to 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. Let us go with him in faith and love, so that, united with him in his sufferings, we may share his risen life.

*The people hold up their palms and the Priest says*

God our Saviour, whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as Messiah to suffer and die, + bless these palms + and let them be a sign of his victory. Grant that we who bear them in his name may reach the happiness of the new and everlasting Jerusalem by faithfully following him, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke **Glory to you O Lord**

*The account of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem is now read: (Luke 19, 28-40)*

*The Deacon says* When they were approaching Jerusalem, in sight of Bethphage and Bethany, close by the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go off to the village facing you, and as soon as you enter it you will find a tethered colt that no one has yet ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone says to you, 'What are you doing?' say, 'the Master needs it and will send it back here directly.'" They went off and found a colt tethered near a door in the open street. As they untied it, some men standing there said, "What are you doing, untying that colt?" They gave the answer Jesus had told them, and the men let them go. Then they took the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on its back, he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, others greenery which they had cut in the fields. And those who went in front and those who followed were all shouting, "Hosanna! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest heavens!"

This is the Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you O Christ**

*The Deacon continues* Let us go forth in peace, praising Jesus our Messiah as did the crowds who welcomed him, into Jerusalem.

*The choir sings:* Hosanna to the Son of David – (Weelkes)

Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, thou that sittest in the highest heavens. Hosanna in excelsis Deo.

*The procession, led by the crucifer with lights and incense and followed by members of the congregation holding their palms high, proceeds towards the Priory all singing*

## **Hymn** (509)

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

2. Thou art the King of Israel,  
thou David's royal Son,  
who in the Lord's name comest,  
the King and blessed one:  
*All glory, laud, and honour...*

3. The company of angels  
are praising thee on high,  
and mortal men and all things  
created make reply:  
*All glory, laud, and honour...*

4. The people of the Hebrews  
with palms before thee went:  
our praise and prayer and anthems  
before thee we present.  
*All glory, laud, and honour...*

5. To thee before thy passion  
they sang their hymns of praise:  
to thee now high exalted  
our melody we raise:  
*All glory, laud, and honour...*

6. Thou didst accept their praises,  
accept the prayers we bring,  
who in all good delightest,  
thou good and gracious King:  
*All glory, laud, and honour...*

7. Thy sorrow and thy triumph  
grant us, O Christ, to share,  
that to the holy city  
together we may fare:  
*All glory, laud, and honour...*

8. For homage may we bring thee  
our victory o'er the foe,  
that in the Conqueror's triumph  
this strain may ever flow:  
*All glory, laud, and honour...*

Tr. JM Neale (1818-1866)

*Members of the congregation go to their seats.*

*And when all are in their places in church, the choir sings:*

O Jerusalem, look toward the East and behold: lift up thine eyes,  
O Jerusalem, and behold the power of thy King! (NEH 510)

**The Collect** *The priest says 'let us pray' and silence is kept.*

True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory. **Amen.**

**The Reading** *Philippians 2.5-11 Please sit.*

*A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians*

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. For the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

## **The Passion according to St Matthew**

*The dramatic reading of the Passion replaces the usual Gospel reading.*

*The reading is long, and you may wish to sit if standing is uncomfortable.*

*At the end of the reading, silence is kept.*

*Evangelist* The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. One of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said,

*Judas* What will you give me if I betray him to you?

*Evangelist* They paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him. On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus.

*Disciples* Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?

*Jesus* Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.'

*Evangelist* So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal. When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; and while they were eating, he said,

*Jesus* Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.

*Evangelist* And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another,

*Disciples* Surely not I, Lord?

*Jesus* The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.

*Evangelist* Judas, who betrayed him, said,

*Judas* Surely not I, Rabbi?

*Jesus* You have said so.

*Evangelist* While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said,

*Jesus* Take, eat; this is my body.

*Evangelist* Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying,

*Jesus* Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.

*Evangelist* When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them,

*Jesus* You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee.

*Evangelist* Peter said to him,

*Peter* Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you.

*Jesus* Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.

*Peter* Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.

*Evangelist* And so said all the disciples. Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples,

*Jesus* Sit here while I go over there and pray.

*Evangelist* He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them,

*Jesus* I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.

*Evangelist* And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed,

*Jesus* My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want.

*Evangelist* Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter,

*Jesus* So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

*Evangelist* Again he went away for the second time and prayed,

*Jesus* My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.

*Evangelist* Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them,

*Jesus* Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.

*Evangelist* While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign:

*Judas* The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him.

*Evangelist* At once he came up to Jesus and said,

*Judas* Greetings, Rabbi!

*Evangelist* and kissed him.

*Jesus* Friend, do what you are here to do.

*Evangelist* Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear.

*Jesus* Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?

*Evangelist* At that hour Jesus said to the crowds,

*Jesus* Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled.

*Evangelist* Then all the disciples deserted him and fled. Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered. But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward.

*Witnesses* This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.'

*Evangelist* The high priest stood up and said,

*Caiaphas* Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?

*Evangelist* But Jesus was silent.

*Caiaphas* I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God.

*Jesus* You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.

*Evangelist* Then the high priest tore his clothes and said,

*Caiaphas* He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your verdict?

*Priests* He deserves death.

*Evangelist* Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him.

*Priests* Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?

*Evangelist* Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said,

*Servant Girl1* You also were with Jesus the Galilean.

*Evangelist* But he denied it before all of them,

*Peter* I do not know what you are talking about.

*Evangelist* When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the

*Servant Girl2* This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.

*Evangelist* Again he denied it with an oath,

*Peter* I do not know the man.

*Evangelist* After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter,

*Bystanders* Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you.

*Evangelist* Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath,

*Peter* I do not know the man!

*Evangelist* At that moment the cock crowed.

Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: 'Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.' And he went out and wept bitterly.

When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor. When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders.

*Judas* I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.

*Priests* What is that to us? See to it yourself.

*Evangelist* Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself. But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said,

*Priests* It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money.

*Evangelist* After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter's field



as a place to bury foreigners. For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah, 'And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price, and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me.'

*Evangelist* Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him,

*Pilate* Are you the King of the Jews?

*Jesus* You say so.

*Evangelist* But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him,

*Pilate* Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?

*Evangelist* 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,

*Pilate* Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?

*Evangelist* 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,

*Pilate's wife* Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.

*Evangelist* 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,

*Pilate* Which of the two do you want me to release for you?

*Crowd* Barabbas.

*Pilate* Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?

*Crowd* Let him be crucified!

*Pilate* Why, what evil has he done?

*Crowd* *(louder)* Let him be crucified!

*Evangelist* 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.

*Pilate* I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.

*Crowd* His blood be on us and on our children!

*Evangelist* 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.

*Soldiers* Hail, King of the Jews!

*Evangelist* 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.

As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.'

Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads.

*Passers by* You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.

*Evangelist* In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him.

*Priests* He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.'

*Evangelist* The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way. From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice,

*Jesus* Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?

*Evangelist* That is, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?'

When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

*Bystanders* This man is calling for Elijah.

*Evangelist* At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said,

*Bystanders* Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.

*Evangelist* Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.

At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said,

*Centurion* Truly this man was God's Son!

*Evangelist* Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him.

Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee. When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb. The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said,

*Priests* Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise again.' Therefore command that the tomb be made secure until the third day; otherwise his disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people, 'He has been raised from the dead', and the last deception would be worse than the first.

*Pilate* You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can.

*Evangelist* So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

*Evangelist* This is the Passion of the Lord.

*No response is made.*

## **The Affirmation of Faith** *Please stand*

We believe in God the father; from whom every family in heaven and earth is named. We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love. We believe in the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high. We believe in God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

## **The Peace** *All stand for*

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**

*The deacon says* Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*We offer one another a sign of peace.*

## **The Offertory Hymn** (LP22) *During this hymn a collection will be taken.*

Make way, make way,  
for Christ the King in splendour arrives;  
fling wide the gates  
and welcome him into your lives.

*Make way, make way,  
for the King of Kings;  
make way, make way,  
and let his kingdom in!*

2. He comes the broken hearts to heal,  
the pris'ners to free;  
the deaf shall hear, the lame shall dance,  
the blind shall see.

3. And those who mourn with heavy hearts,  
who weep and sigh,  
with laughter, joy and royal crown  
he'll beautify.

4. We call you now to worship him  
as Lord of all,  
to have no gods before him,  
their thrones must fall!

Graham Kendrick (b.1950)  
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## **The Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you **and also with you**  
Lift up your hearts **We lift them to the Lord**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Lord of all life, you created the universe, where all living things reflect your glory.  
You give us this great and beautiful earth to discover and to cherish.  
You made us all, you give us your love, even when things go wrong and then Jesus  
knew hurt and pain. Through him you wipe away our tears and fill us with your  
peace. You made us all, each wonderfully different, to join with the angels and  
sing your praise:

*All sing*

**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.**

*The priest continues*

We thank you, loving Father, because, when we turned away, you sent Jesus, your  
Son. He gave his life for us on the cross and shows us the way to live. Send your  
Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us Christ's body and his  
blood.

On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen, Jesus took bread. He gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his disciples, saying: 'This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.' After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying: 'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins.'

So Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life. As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit, and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Help us, Father, to love one another, as we look forward to that day when suffering is ended, and all creation is gathered in your loving arms. And now with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all your saints we give you glory, through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit, today and for ever. **Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer** *We pray together in our preferred version or language.*

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us:

**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**

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

**The Giving of Communion** *All are invited to receive 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.

**The Agnus Dei** *Please sit. All sing*

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sin: have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.

*The priest and people receive communion. We welcome communicant members of all Christian denominations to receive communion. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please carry this booklet with you. Gluten-free hosts are available, please indicate this to the president, green cards are available from the sidespeople for this purpose.*

## **Communion Anthem** Pueri Hebraeorum (Victoria)

### **Hymn** (NEH 273)

And now, O Father, mindful of the love  
that bought us, once for all, on Calvary's tree,  
and having with us him the pleads above,  
we here present, we here spread forth to thee  
that only offering perfect in thine eyes,  
the one true, pure, immortal sacrifice.

2. Look, Father, look on his anointed face,  
and only look on us as found in him;  
look not on our misusings of thy grace,  
our prayer so languid, and our faith so dim:  
for lo, between our sins and their reward  
we set the Passion of thy Son our Lord.

3. And then for those, our dearest and our best,  
by this prevailing presence we appeal;  
O fold them closer to thy mercy's breast,  
O do thine utmost for their souls' true weal;  
from tainting mischief keep them white and clear,  
and crown thy gifts with grace to persevere.

4. And so we come: O draw us to thy feet,  
most patient Saviour, who canst love us still;  
and by this food, so awful and so sweet,  
deliver us from every touch of ill:  
in thine own service make us glad and free,  
and grant us never more to part with thee.

William Bright 1824-1901

## Prayer After Communion

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. **Amen.**

## The Blessing *The priest gives the Blessing*

May Christ draw you to humility and worship, and bring you to see God at work; and so the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you through his Passion, and remain with you for evermore. **Amen**

## Recessional Hymn (NEH 511)

*Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
Hark, all the tribes hosanna cry:  
O Saviour meek, pursue thy road  
with palms and scattered garments  
strowed.*

2. 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.

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

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

5. 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.

HM Milman (1791-1868)

## The Dismissal *The Deacon says*

Go in peace. Proclaim the Word made flesh.  
Glory, thanks and praise to God.

## Organ Voluntary

*Prelude on 'All glory, laud and honour'* (Bach)

## **Holy Week services 2023**

Morning Prayer said each day (apart from Sunday) in church at 09.00.

### **Monday 3 April**

12.30 Holy Eucharist

19.30 Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing

### **Tuesday 4 April**

10.15 Holy Communion (BCP)

19.30 Holy Eucharist

### **Wednesday 5 April**

10.30 Holy Communion (BCP)

19.30 Holy Eucharist

### **Maundy Thursday 6 April**

19.30 The Eucharist of the Last Supper, Foot washing

**Watch of the Passion** until -

23.30 Tenebrae

### **Good Friday 7 April**

14.00 The Liturgy of Good Friday

### **Holy Saturday 8 April Easter Eve**

10.00 Family activities in church

19.30 The Easter Vigil

### **Easter Day 9 April**

08.00 Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00 Choral Eucharist followed by Parish Easter *Egg Hunt*.

*This service will also be followed by a farewell to Don Gillthorpe,  
    Director of Music.*

18.30 Solemn Evensong