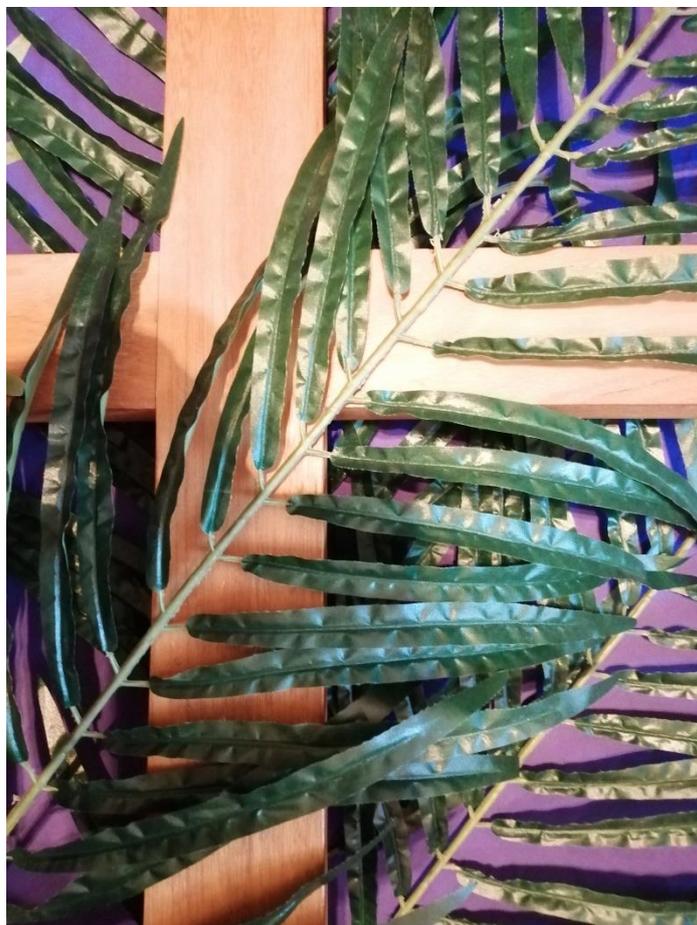


**St Andrew's and St George's West
Order of Service, 10 April 2022**

Palm/Passion Sunday



Between hosanna and hallelujah

Gathering music

'Meditation on Love Unknown'

Matthew H. Corl

Welcome

Call to worship

We come to prepare for the holiest of weeks.

**We will journey through praise, with joy on our lips;
we will travel through betrayal and death,
cradling hope deep in our hearts.**

Jesus leads us through this week, and we will follow,
for he is the life we long for,
he is the Word who sustains us.

**We wave palm branches in anticipation,
we lay our love before him, to cushion his walk.**

Setting aside all power, glory, and might, he comes:
modelling humility and obedience for all of us.

Hosanna! Hosanna!

Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God.

Hymn Great God your love has called us here

- 1 Great God, your love has called us here,
as we, by love for love were made.
Your living likeness still we bear,
though marred, dishonoured, disobeyed.
We come, with all our heart and mind
your call to hear, your love to find.
- 2 We come with self-inflicted pains
of broken trust and chosen wrong,
half-free, half-bound by inner chains,
by social forces swept along,
by powers and systems close confined
yet seeking hope for humankind.
- 3 Great God, in Christ you call our name
and then receive us as your own,
not through some merit, right or claim,
but by your gracious love alone.
We strain to glimpse your mercy-seat
and find you kneeling at our feet.
- 4 Then take the towel, and break the bread,
and humble us, and call us friends.
Suffer and serve till all are fed,
and show how grandly love intends
to work till all creation sings,
to fill all worlds, to crown all things.

Liturgy of the Palms

Hymn Hosanna, loud hosanna

Hosanna, loud hosanna,
the little children sang;
through city street and temple
their joyful welcome rang.
They shouted out their praises
to Christ, the children's friend,
who welcomes all with blessing,
whose love will never end.

From Olivet they followed,
a large exultant crowd,
the victor palm branch waving,
and chanting clear and loud;
bright angels joined the chorus,
Beyond the cloudless sky,
'Hosanna in the highest!
Glory to God on high!'

'Hosanna in the highest!'
That ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer,
the Lord of heaven our King.
oh, may we ever praise him
with heart and life and voice,
and in his living presence
eternally rejoice.

Prayer of Adoration and Confession and the Lord's Prayer

Lord Jesus, you rode on a colt, as you entered Jerusalem,
celebrated by your disciples then and now.

Love overflowing, anointing having happened,
and the aroma of pure nard in the air.

Your love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, gentleness,
goodness faithfulness and self-control, were and are all in evidence.

You, Saviour of the world,
gave of yourself that we might have freedom in Christ,
free to serve you, shackles broken,
released into your service.

You, Prince of Peace,
you instil such peace in us,
enabling and directing us
to continue to serve you and others.

Prepared and preparing the way so we do not stumble.

We release to you, all the hurt, the grieving,
the tension, the anxieties, the worries which have burdened our hearts.
Whether it is about people, things and situations close to home or further afield.

In the silence we bring them before you now.

(Silence)

In Jesus' name, we pray together the prayer that Jesus taught saying: -

**Our Father in heaven.
Hallowed be your name
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us in the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

Sharing Christ's Peace

(Isaiah 9:6,7)

Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace.
Of the increase of his government and of peace
there shall be no end.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Through the Hosannas

Through the hosannas and the waving palms, the singing and the joy, come, and walk the road with Christ.

**Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
We will walk with him.**

Through the betrayal and the denial, the shouting and the sorrow, come, and walk the road with Christ.

**Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.
We will walk with him,**

Through the waving palms and the passion, the prayers and the pain, come, and walk the road with Him.

**We will walk with him.
We will not leave him now.**

Anthem For God so Loved the World

Liturgy of the Passion

This time there will be no flight to Egypt

Hymn O Sacred Head! sore wounded

- 1 O Sacred Head! sore wounded,
with grief and shame bowed down!
O Kingly Head, surrounded
with thorns, thine only crown!
How pale art thou with anguish,
with sore abuse and scorn!

How does that face now languish,
which once was bright as morn !

Luke 22:1-5

Now the festival of Unleavened Bread, which is called the Passover, was near. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to put Jesus to death, for they were afraid of the people.

Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was one of the twelve; he went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers of the temple police about how he might betray him to them. They were greatly pleased and agreed to give him money. So he consented and began to look for an opportunity to betray him to them when no crowd was present.

Hymn O Sacred Head! sore wounded

2 O Lord of life and glory,
what bliss till now was thine !
I read the wondrous story ;
I joy to call thee mine.
Thy grief and bitter Passion
were all for sinners' gain ;
mine, mine was the transgression,
but thine the deadly pain.

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.

Hymn O Sacred Head! sore wounded

- 3 What language shall I borrow
to praise thee, heavenly Friend,
for this, thy dying sorrow,
thy pity without end?
O make me thine for ever,
and, should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never
outlive my love to thee.

Between Palms and Passion

We will remember...

We will remember the soothing
and not forget the jarring.

We will remember the sweetness
and not forget the sour

**We will remember the jagged desperation of Judas
and own it;
It is our story, too.**

We will remember
the passion of love
the smell of perfume
the pain of rejection
the stench of blood money

And to help us on the journey
to help us hold the tensions
to help us face the delight and the difficulty,
**We will say 'yes' to God's generosity in creation
We will say 'yes' to God's justice in Jesus.**

Prayers for the world

Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer

Hymn Strange majesty

- 1 Lord Jesus, as the shadows long are stealing
across your path, we turn and see you kneeling
with towel in hand, the servant way revealing,
all for our healing.
- 2 Strange majesty we find at work before us
as we, unnerved, take up the ready chorus,
'Keep back, great Lord, we rather would revere you
than be so near you.'

- 3 Yet still you come, on God's low road persisting,
from force and power so quietly desisting,
your every act upon love's way insisting.
Quell our resisting!

Sending

Now we go and serve at God's side
in a broken and fearful world.
We will pick up our cloaks
and follow Jesus wherever he leads,
to learn from those the world ignores,
to be touched by the grace within them.

May we walk among the voices of 'hosanna' and 'crucify'
Listen for the crushing of love.
and long for the moment it breaks open again.

Come.

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