



JOHN KEBLE CHURCH

Palm Sunday Service 5 April 2020

As the service begins:

Hosanna, Hosanna
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna, Hosanna,
Hosanna in the highest!

Lord we lift up Your name
with hearts full of praise
Be exalted oh Lord my God!
Hosanna in the highest! (Glory to the King of Kings!)

Glory, Glory
Glory to the King of Kings!
Glory, Glory,
Glory to the King of Kings!

The Presider says:

Dear friends in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing ourselves to celebrate our Lord's death and resurrection. Today, we come together to begin this solemn celebration. We recall how Christ entered his own city to complete his work as our Saviour, to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us now go with him in faith and love, so that, united with him in his sufferings, we may share his risen life.

O God our Saviour, whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as Messiah to suffer and to die, help us to recognise the signs of his victory; and grant that we who bear his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life: who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.
Amen.

Remain standing to listen to the Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:1-11

Reader: Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away."

⁴ This took place to fulfil what was spoken through the prophet:

⁵ "Say to Daughter Zion,

 'See, your king comes to you,
gentle and riding on a donkey,
 and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'"

⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. ⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. ⁸ A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,

"Hosannato the Son of David!"

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"³

"Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

¹⁰ When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?"

¹¹ The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord. *All:* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Let us pray for a closer union with Christ in his suffering and in his glory.

Silence is kept.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

Remain standing for The Passion reading:

Reader: Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Christ humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore, God has highly exalted him and given him the name that is above every name.

All: Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Reader: The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 27: 11-54

¹¹ Meanwhile Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' 'You have said so,' Jesus replied. ¹² When he was accused by the chief priests and the elders, he gave no answer. ¹³ Then Pilate asked him, 'Don't you hear the testimony they are bringing against you?' ¹⁴ But Jesus made no reply, not even to a single charge – to the great amazement of the governor.

¹⁵ Now it was the governor's custom at the festival to release a prisoner chosen by the crowd. ¹⁶ At that time they had a well-known prisoner whose name was Jesus Barabbas. ¹⁷ So when the crowd had gathered, Pilate asked them, 'Which one do you want me to release to you: Jesus Barabbas, or Jesus who is called the Messiah?' ¹⁸ For he knew it was out of self-interest that they had handed Jesus over to him. ¹⁹ While Pilate was sitting on the judge's seat, his wife sent him this message: 'Don't have anything to do with that innocent man, for I have suffered a great deal today in a dream because of him.' ²⁰ But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus executed. ²¹ 'Which of the two do you want me to release to you?' asked the governor. 'Barabbas,' they answered. ²² 'What shall I do, then, with Jesus who is called the Messiah?' Pilate asked. They all answered, 'Crucify him!' ²³ 'Why? What crime has he committed?' asked Pilate. But they shouted all the louder, 'Crucify him!' ²⁴ When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but that instead an uproar was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd. 'I am innocent of this man's blood,' he said. 'It is your responsibility!' ²⁵ All the people answered, 'His blood is on us and on our children!'

²⁶ Then he released Barabbas to them. But he had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified. ²⁷ Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers round him. ²⁸ They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹ and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand. Then they knelt in front of him and mocked him. 'Hail, king of the Jews!' they said. ³⁰ They spat on him, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again. ³¹ After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him. ³² As they were going out, they met a man from Cyrene, named Simon, and they forced him to carry the cross. ³³ They came to a place called Golgotha (which means 'the place of the skull'). ³⁴ There they offered Jesus wine to drink, mixed with gall; but after tasting it, he refused to drink it. ³⁵ When they had crucified him, they divided up his clothes by casting lots. ³⁶ And sitting down, they kept watch over him there. ³⁷ Above his head they placed the written charge against him: this is Jesus, the king of the Jews. ³⁸ Two rebels were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁹ Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads ⁴⁰ and saying, 'You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!' ⁴¹ In the same way the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders mocked him. ⁴² 'He saved others,' they said, 'but he can't save himself! He's the king of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. ⁴³ He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, "I am the Son of God."'" ⁴⁴ In the same way the rebels who were crucified with him also heaped insults on him. ⁴⁵ From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land. ⁴⁶ About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, '*Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?*' (which means 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?'). ⁴⁷ When some of those standing there heard this, they said, 'He's calling Elijah.' ⁴⁸ Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled it with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink. ⁴⁹ The rest said, 'Now leave him alone. Let's see if Elijah comes to save him.' ⁵⁰ And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit. ⁵¹ At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split ⁵² and the tombs broke open. The bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. ⁵³ They came out of the tombs after Jesus' resurrection and went into the holy city and appeared to many people. ⁵⁴ When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, 'Surely he was the Son of God!'

Reader: This is the Passion of the Lord. (*No response is made*).

All sit for THE SERMON.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

All: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven; he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

All: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

All kneel or sit for THE INTERCESSIONS:

Using the form: Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

And ending: Merciful Father **accept these prayers, for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

All stand for THE PEACE:

Presider: 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.

All: And also with you.

Minister: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Hymn - My song is love unknown

My song is love unknown,

My Saviour's love to me;

Love to the loveless shown,

That they might lovely be.

O who am I,

That for my sake

My Lord should take

Frail flesh, and die?

2

He came from His blest throne

Salvation to bestow;

But men made strange, and none

The longed-for Christ would know:

But oh, my Friend,

My Friend indeed,

Who at my need

His life did spend.

3

Sometimes they strew His way,

And His sweet praises sing;

Resounding all the day

Hosannas to their King:

Then "Crucify!"

Is all their breath,

And for His death

They thirst and cry.

4

They rise and needs will have

My dear Lord made away;

A murderer they save,

The Prince of life they slay.

Yet cheerful He

To suffering goes,

That He His foes

From thence might free.

5

In life, no house, no home

My Lord on earth might have;

In death, no friendly tomb,

But what a stranger gave.

What may I say?

Heav'n was His home;

But mine the tomb

Wherein He lay.

Here might I stay and sing,
 No story so divine;
 Never was love, dear King,
 Never was grief like Thine.
 This is my Friend,
 In whose sweet praise
 I all my days
 Could gladly spend.

Presider: 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.

All: **Amen**

All kneel for THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER:

Presider: The Lord be with you. *All:* **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts. *All:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

The Presider continues:

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. 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 with angels and archangels and all the heavenly host, we proclaim your glory and join their unending hymn of praise, **saying:**

All: **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 Presider continues:

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given

for you; do this in remembrance of me. In the same way he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: 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. Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Minister: Great is the mystery of faith:

All: **Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.**

The Presider continues:

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

All: **Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

All remain kneeling for the Presider to lead THE LORD'S PRAYER and THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD:

Uniting our prayers with those of the Church Universal, we say in our own language the prayer that Jesus 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.

Presider: Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,

All: **we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

All remain kneeling to say the AGNUS DEI:

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

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

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

All remain kneeling for the Presider to lead THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

After COMMUNION all kneel. The Presider leads THE POST COMMUNION PRAYERS:

Let us pray *Silence is kept*

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. *All: Amen*

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

The POST-COMMUNION HYMN:

Christ crucified - dying for us,
Reconciles the far away.
We were lost, alone and helpless,
Turned from God and gone astray.
As he cries aloud 'forsaken'
And his arms are opened wide,
We are brought into God's presence,
Welcomed home as Jesus died.

Christ crucified - offered for us,
Facing judgement in my place.
Takes my blame and condemnation,
In this sacrifice of grace.
As he sinks down into darkness,
Wrath of God borne on the cross,
I'm declared by God as righteous,
Seen in Christ - loved in this cost.

Christ crucified - given for us,

As a ransom for our sin.
Setting loose from our prison,
Liberation to begin.
Piercing nails - Christ's life a payment,
Love and justice satisfied,
Rescue to us helpless captives,
Freedom as he's crucified.

Christ crucified - lifted for us,
As he reigns upon the cross.
For death's chains cannot hold him,
And Hell's power has been lost.
Christ the Lord says 'It is finished'
Victory by thorny crown,
Love's eternal plan accomplished,
In his triumph I am found.

The Presider says THE BLESSING:

May the Father, who so loved the world that he gave his only Son, bring you by faith to his eternal life.

All: Amen.

May Christ, who accepted the cup of sacrifice in obedience to the Father's will, keep you steadfast as you walk with him the way of his cross.

All: Amen.

May the Spirit, who strengthens us to suffer with Christ that we may share his glory, set your minds on life and peace.

All: Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All: Amen.

A Minister says THE DISMISSAL:

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

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