

**BRENTOR CHURCH,
Christ Church & St Michaels
5th April 2020**

Palm Sunday

Led by the Reverend Tony Vigars



**We warmly welcome everyone
joining our service**

Introduction

See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey. Matthew 21:5 Zech. 9:9

Hosanna: **Hosanna to the Son of David,
Praise the Lord: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

God our Saviour, whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as Messiah to suffer and to die, let these palms be for us signs of his victory; and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life. **Amen.**

Confession

God shows his love for us in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Let us then show our love for him by confessing our sins in penitence and faith:

**Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour,
in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love
and marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us, forgive us all that is past
and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light. Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect

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, **Amen.**

Readings

First reading- Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The Lord God has given me the tongue of those who are taught 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. ⁵The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards.

⁶I 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. ⁷The 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;

⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ⁹It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Psalm 118:19-27

¹⁹Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord.

²⁰This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.

²¹I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

²²The stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

²³This is the Lord's doing,
and it is marvellous in our eyes.

²⁴This is the day that the Lord has made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

²⁵Come, O Lord, and save us we pray.

Come, Lord, send us now prosperity.

²⁶Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord;
we bless you from the house of the Lord.

²⁷The Lord is God; he has given us light;
link the pilgrims with cords right to the horns of the altar.

²⁸You are my God and I will thank you;
you are my God and I will exalt you.

²⁹O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures for ever.

Second reading- Philippians 2:5-11

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel- Matthew 21:1-17

¹When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying 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. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them." And he will send them immediately.' ⁴This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, ⁵'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.'

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The 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!'

¹⁰ When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?' ¹¹ The crowds were saying, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

Sermon

Creed

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

**Though he was divine,
he did not cling to equality with God,
but made himself nothing.
Taking the form of a slave,
he was born in human likeness.
He humbled himself
and was obedient to death,
even the death of the cross.
Therefore God has raised him on high,
and given him the name above every name:
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow,
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

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

The Peace

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 Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here:

His Spirit is with us.

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.

It is indeed right and just,
our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
For as the time of his passion and resurrection draws near
the whole world is called to acknowledge his hidden majesty.
The power of the life-giving cross
reveals the judgement that has come upon the world
and the triumph of Christ crucified.
He is the victim who dies no more,
the Lamb once slain, who lives for ever,
our advocate in heaven to plead our cause,
exalting us there to join with angels and archangels,
for ever praising you and saying:

**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.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.

He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, 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.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Jesus Christ is Lord:
**Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.
Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us
Our Father, who art in heaven

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

Post Communion

In your relationships with one another,
have the same mind-set as Christ Jesus:
being made in human likeness and

being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself. Philippians 2:5ff

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.**

**Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's 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 we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Blessing

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 ...

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

Please pray for all who are ill or anxious at home or in hospital, and those who have asked for our prayers: Mick, Dorothy, Frankie and Sally, Chris Vigers, Nick & Julie, Dave & Wendy, Sheila Weston, Heather & John, Jimmy Hubbard, and Delilah and family..

Please pray for the souls of the recently departed, especially all those from the coronavirus around the world, their families and friends.

Your prayers this week are asked for:

- Mon** Again ongoing prayers for the NHS staff and key workers constantly placing themselves in the frontline.
- Tues** Families struggling to cope with the unknown and what is to come.
- Wed** Continue to pray for those people in tower blocks especially those with no garden or balcony and others without a garden.
- Thurs** Prayers for the scientists as they battle to find some answers to help fight the Coronavirus.
- Fri** Charities struggling to fund raise whilst not able to have shops open or street collections. Particularly St Luke's Hospice who were due to have their annual Open Gardens.
- Sat** Thanks for the tireless work of the NHS workers, Key Workers and volunteers.

Next week

- **Easter Sunday Service with the Reverend Tony Vigers**

Donations to support the upkeep of the building and the work of the church are welcome. If you would like to make a regular donation, please see either David or Helen about the parish giving scheme.

