

BRENTOR CHURCH

Sunday 2nd April 2023

Palm Sunday

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We warmly welcome everyone joining our service
All children (quiet or noisy) are welcome to church, toys are
at the back, and parents, please don't worry about them!

The Gathering

Hymn: All Glory, Laud, and Honour

1 All glory, laud, and honour
to you, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.
You are the King of Israel
and David's royal Son,
now in the Lord's name coming,
the King and Blessed One.

2 The company of angels
is praising you on high;
and we with all creation
in chorus make reply.
The people of the Hebrews
with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before you we present.

3 To you before your passion
they sang their hymns of praise;
to you, now high exalted,
our melody we raise.
As you received their praises,
accept the prayers we bring,
for you delight in goodness,
O good and gracious King!

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit,

All: Amen.

First reading- Matthew 21: v1-11

21 When 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!’

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

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Second reading- Isaiah 50: v4-9a

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher,
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;

⁸ he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.

⁹ It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

3rd Reading Philippians 2: v5-11

⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶ who, though he was in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,

⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,

being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name
that is above every name,

¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

This is the word of the Lord. All Thanks be to God.

A Hymn may be sung or A Psalm may be said

The Passion of Our Lord According to Matthew

Narrator: When dawn broke, all the chief priests and elders of the people held a council meeting about Jesus, in order to have him put to death. They tied him up, took him off, and handed him over to Pilate, the governor.

So Jesus stood in front of the governor.

Pilate 'Are you the King of the Jews?'

Jesus: 'If you say so,'

Narrator: The chief priests and elders poured out their accusations against him, but he made no answer. Then Pilate said to him,

Pilate: ‘Don’t you hear all this evidence they’re bringing against you?’

Narrator: He gave him no answer, not even a word, which quite astonished the governor.

Now the governor had a custom. At festival-time he used to release one prisoner for the crowd, whoever they chose. Just then they had a famous prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So when the people were all gathered there, Pilate said to them,

Pilate: ‘Who do you want me to release for you? Jesus Barabbas, or Jesus the so-called Messiah?’

Narrator: (He knew that they’d handed him over out of sheer envy.) While he was presiding in the court, his wife sent a message to him.

Pilate’s wife: ‘Don’t have anything to do with that man, He’s innocent! I’ve had a really bad time today in a dream, all because of him.’

Narrator: The high priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas, and to have Jesus killed. So when the governor came back to them again, and asked

Pilate: ‘Which of the two do you want me to release for you?’

Crowd: ‘Barabbas!’

Pilate: ‘So what shall I do with Jesus the so-called Messiah?’

Crowd: ‘Let him be crucified!’

Pilate: ‘Why? What’s he done wrong?’

Narrator: But they shouted all the louder,

Crowd: ‘Let him be crucified!’

Narrator: Pilate saw that it was no good. In fact, there was a riot brewing.

So he took some water and washed his hands in front of the crowd.

Pilate: 'I'm not guilty of this man's blood, It's your problem.'

Narrator: And all the people answered:

Crowd: 'Let his blood be on us!'

Narrator: Then Pilate released Barabbas for them. He had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified.

(Pause)

Narrator: Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the barracks, and gathered the whole regiment together. ²⁸They took off his clothes and dressed him up in a scarlet military cloak. ²⁹They wove a crown out of thorns and stuck it on his head, and put a reed in his right hand. Then they knelt down in front of him. They made fun of him saying:

Soldiers: 'Greetings, King of the Jews!'

Narrator: They spat on him. Then they took the reed and beat him about the head. When they had finished mocking him, they took off the cloak, dressed him in his own clothes again, and led him off to crucify him.

As they were going out they found a man from Cyrene, called Simon. They forced him to carry his cross.

When they came to the place called Golgotha, which means Skull-Place, they gave him a drink of wine mixed with bitter herbs. When he tasted it, he refused to drink it.

So then they crucified him. They divided up his clothes by casting lots, and they sat down and kept watch over him there. And they placed the written charge above his head: 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.'

Then they crucified two brigands alongside him, one on his right and one on his left.

The people who were going by shouted blasphemies at Jesus. They shook their heads at him.

People: ‘So! You were going to destroy the Temple and build it in three days, were you? Save yourself, if you’re God’s son! Come down from the cross!’

Narrator: The chief priests, too, and the scribes and the elders, mocked him.

Priests: ‘He rescued others,’ they said, ‘but he can’t rescue himself! All right, so he’s the King of Israel! – well, let him come down from the cross right now, and then we’ll really believe that he is! ⁴³ He trusted in God; let God deliver him now, if he’s that keen on him – after all, he did say he was God’s son!’

The brigands who were crucified alongside him heaped insults on him as well.

(Pause)

Narrator: From noon until mid-afternoon there was darkness over the whole land. About the middle of the afternoon Jesus shouted out in a loud voice,

Jesus: ‘*Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani!*’ ‘My God, my God, why did you abandon me?’

Narrator: Some of the people who were standing there heard it and said,

People: ‘This fellow’s calling Elijah!’

Narrator: One of them ran at once and got a sponge. He filled it with vinegar, put it on a reed, and gave him a drink.

People: The others said, ‘Wait a bit. Let’s see if Elijah is going to come and rescue him!’

Narrator: But Jesus shouted out loudly one more time, and then breathed his last breath.

At that instant the Temple curtain was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks were split, ⁵² and the tombs burst open. Many bodies of the sleeping holy ones were raised. They came out of the tombs after Jesus’ resurrection, and went into the holy city, where they appeared to many people.

When the centurion and the others with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and the things that happened, they were scared out of their wits.

Soldiers: 'He really was God's son!'

(Sit in Silence)

Prayers of Intercession

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ,
let us pray to the Father

Prayers are offered for the church and for the world.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

We are the body of Christ.
In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace
and builds up our common life.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All: And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace

Taking of the Bread and Wine

A Hymn may be sung

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

**All: All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness
we have this bread to set before you,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

All: His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give thanks and praise.

Eucharistic Prayer A

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.
For he is your living Word;
through him you have created all things from the beginning,
and formed us in your own image.
Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin,
giving him to be born of a woman and to die upon the cross;
you raised him from the dead
and exalted him to your right hand on high.
Through him you have sent upon us
your holy and life-giving Spirit,
and made us a people for your own possession.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and *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.**

Please kneel or sit

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, after supper
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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

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.

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**All: 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.

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

All: Though we are many,
we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.

Agnus Dei

All: 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.

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.

All: We do not presume
to come to this your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy
so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.
But you are the same Lord
whose nature is always to have mercy.
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ
and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us.
Amen.

The Giving of Communion

Prayer after Communion

All: 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 Dismissal- Blessing

The peace of God,
which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;

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

All: Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

All: 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: Peter and Carol Cameron, Dave, Becky, Alex, Shirley, Archie, Maureen, Val, Greg, Steve, Millie, Zach and Lesley, Diana, Sally, Brian, Max, Christopher W, and Zae.

Please pray for the souls of the recently departed, their family and friends.

Your prayers this week are asked for:

Mon During Holy Week, may the journey to the cross be on our hearts.

Tues May all those persecuted find some peace.

Wed International Day of Conscience, we pray for the culture of peace.

Thu On Maundy Thursday we remember Jesus' prayer in the garden.

Fri On Good Friday we remember Jesus' crucifixion, our sins nailed to the cross with Christ.
'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.'

Sat On Easter Saturday we pray for all those who do not know the truth of the resurrection of Jesus

Next week: Holy Week

Good Friday 7th April- at St Michael's

2pm- Good Friday Ascent with Wendy Roderick, the Reverend Dr Hazel Butland, the Reverend Judith Blowey, Amanda Harris and cast.

3pm- Service of Reflection at with Wendy Roderick and Liz Bastin.

Holy Saturday 8th April- at Christ Church

3pm-5pm- Easter Garden Workshop with Sally and Christopher Pancheri

6pm- Service of Light with Wendy Roderick and Rosie Illingworth

Easter Sunday 9th April- 10am- Family Service Holy Communion at **Christ Church**

with the Reverend Tony Vigers and Amanda Harris

Easter Sunday 9th April- 6pm- Evensong at **St Michael's**

with the Reverend Matt Godfrey and the Reverend Hazel Butland

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