

ST MARY'S
BARNES



Parish Eucharist
Palm Sunday

**Whether you are a visitor for the first time
or a regular at St Mary's,
we warmly welcome you to this celebration of our
PARISH EUCHARIST IN THE SEASON OF LENT**

T H E S E A S O N O F L E N T

Lent is a forty-day period (excluding Sundays) that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at Easter. Traditionally it is associated with a period of repentance and study, so it is a penitential season. The liturgical colour is purple and the usual adornment of flowers is missing (as with Advent which is also a time for reflection and repentance). The weeks prior to Easter were, in early church times, the period when new Christians were prepared for their baptism which would take place at Easter and a time when those who had been excluded from church would be prepared for reconciliation. This explains why the disciplines of self-examination, penitence, self-denial, study and generous giving which Christians are called to observe with special vigour in Lent became established in this period.

Many people in our culture still think of Lent as a time for giving up something but for Christians it is meant to be very much more than that. There are opportunities to study and so to deepen our understanding of God and our faith. Giving up a pleasure or taking up a new discipline can help to attune us to different rhythms in life rather than simply our own desires. The Sunday readings and preaching themes in Lent focus on key elements of Jesus's ministry that brought him into conflict with the powers and authorities of the time. As his face turned towards Jerusalem so our attention is drawn to the cross. Lent culminates in the dramatic events of Holy Week: Jesus's Last Supper and Good Friday before the light of resurrection appears on Easter Day's horizon.

There are two options for participating in the first part of the service: to process from outside the Kitson Hall to the church, or to remain in church throughout. The same words and hymn will be used in both.

Hearing aid/induction loop is in operation and accessed by switching your device to position 'T'.

The Greeting & Introduction

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
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 palms while this prayer is said



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;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.



The Palm Gospel

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to N
Glory to you O Lord.

After the reading the reader will say
This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

The Procession

Let us go forth, praising Jesus our Messiah.
We process to church singing and waving palms

Hymn

Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,
Give me joy in my heart, I pray
Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,
Keep me praising til the break of day.

Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!
Sing hosanna to the King of kings!
Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!
Sing hosanna to the King of kings!

Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting...

Chorus

Give me love in my heart, keep me serving...

Chorus

The Collect

After the procession, when all are in their places, and children have gone to Sunday Club, the president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words:

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.

Amen.

Readings

Either one or two readings from Scripture precede the Gospel reading.

At the end of each the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn

The Passion Reading

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.

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

When the Passion is announced the reader says

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.

At the end

This is the Passion of the Lord.

No response is made.

Sermon

Prayers of Intercession

This form or other suitable words may be used

We stand with Christ in his suffering.

For forgiveness for the many times we have denied Jesus, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For grace to seek out those habits of sin which mean
spiritual death,
and by prayer and self-discipline to overcome them,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Christian people,
that through the suffering of disunity
there may grow a rich union in Christ,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who make laws, interpret them,
and administer them,
that our common life may be ordered in justice and mercy,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who still make Jerusalem a battleground,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who have the courage and honesty to work
openly for justice and peace,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those in the darkness and agony of isolation,
that they may find support and encouragement,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who, weighed down with hardship, failure, or
sorrow, feel that God is far from them,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who are tempted to give up the way of the cross,

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we, with those who have died in faith,
may find mercy in the day of Christ,

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

**Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.**

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. (*Ephesians 2.13,14*)

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All share the peace together



Hymn

Preparation of the Table and Taking of the Bread and Wine

Jesus, true vine and bread of life,
ever giving yourself that the world might live,
let us share your death and passion:

perfect us in your love.

Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you:

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts:

We lift them up 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 singing:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,

God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

SANCTUS

Moderato ♩ = 112

[Organ] *mf* Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of po - wer and
might, Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. *f* Ho - san - na,
Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score for the Sanctus is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. It begins with a dynamic marking of *mf* and a tempo marking of Moderato with a quarter note equal to 112 beats per minute. The melody features several triplet markings over the words 'Ho - ly' and 'Ho - san - na'. The piece concludes with a dynamic marking of *f*.

BENEDICTUS

mf Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. *f* Ho -
- san - na, *ff* Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score for the Benedictus is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. It begins with a dynamic marking of *mf* and concludes with a dynamic marking of *ff*. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final triplet of notes.

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 St Mary and 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.

The Lord's Prayer

Please sit or kneel

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

Our Father in heaven

Hallowed be your name;

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread;

forgive us our sins,

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation;

but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom,

the power and the glory are yours,

now and forever.

Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

Every time we eat this bread

and drink this cup,

we proclaim the Lord's death

until he comes.

Giving of 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.

(or)

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.**

*All are invited to receive Holy Communion or a Blessing
During the distribution anthems or hymns may be sung.*

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

The Post Communion or another suitable prayer is said

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.

**Faithful God,
may we who share this banquet
glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
our salvation, life and hope,
who reigns as Lord now and for ever.**

Amen.

Hymn

Sunday Club and Notices

The Blessing

*The president may use this seasonal blessing,
or another suitable blessing*

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

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.

Amen.

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

Amen.

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

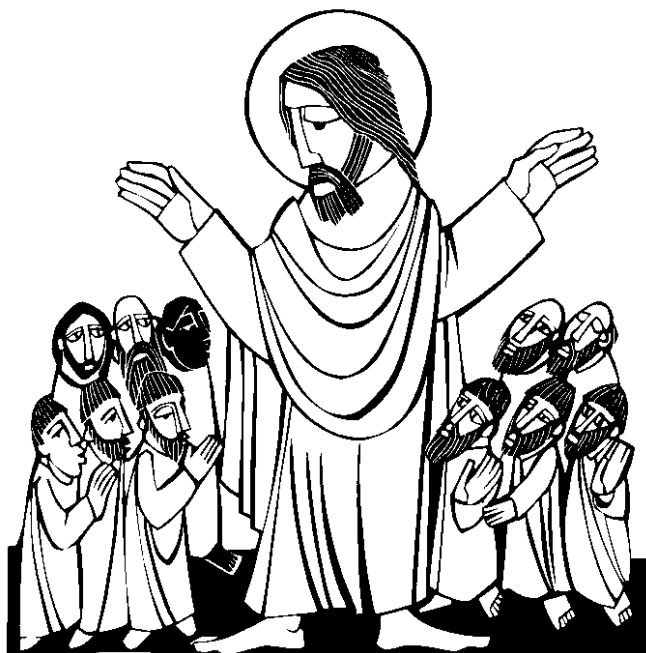
Amen.

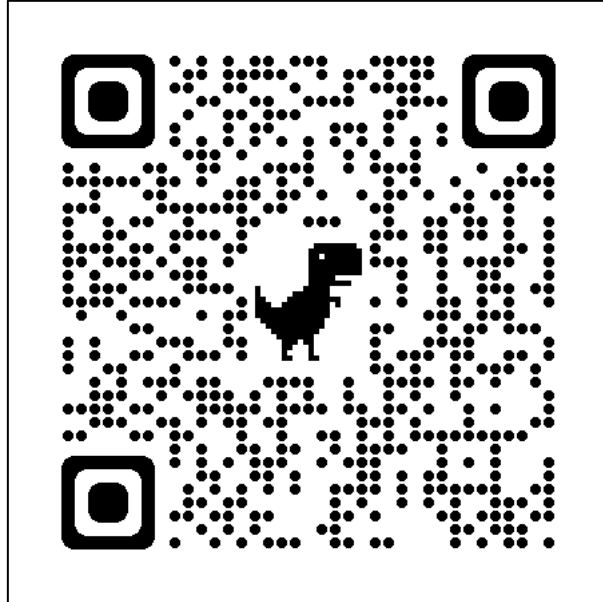
The Sending Out

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

After the service is over, coffee is served. All are welcome.





'God loves a cheerful giver' (2 Corinthians 9:7)

At St Mary's, we depend on the generous giving of individuals.

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