



Palm Sunday Holy Communion

Hosanna
to the Son of David!
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!

(Matthew Chapter 21:9)

Leader: Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth;

All: Serve the Lord with gladness!

Leader: Come before him with joyful songs;

All: Give thanks to him and praise his name! Amen.

During Lent we have been preparing for Easter. Our Lord Jesus Christ on this day entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph. The people welcomed him with palms and shouts of praise, but the path before him led to self-giving, suffering and death. Today we greet him as our King, although we know his crown is thorns and his throne a cross. We follow him this week from the glory of the palms to the glory of the resurrection, but we do so by the dark road of suffering and death. As we seek to be united with him in his suffering on the cross; may we share his resurrection and new life.

All: Lord Jesus, you rode into your city in triumph on this day, receiving the shouts and the welcome of many people. Come into this church today. Receive our welcome and our acclaim. Come to rule in our hearts and minds and help us to go out to proclaim you as ruler over all.

Hymn

At the name of Jesus (Camberwell)

Confession

On Palm Sunday, the crowds worshipped Jesus; on Good Friday they shouted for him to die. Let us who also worship him, confess that we sometimes reject him, and ask his forgiveness:

Lord Jesus Christ, you come to us in peace,
but we sometimes shut the door of our mind against you.
In your mercy: **forgive us and help us.**

You come to us in humility, but we prefer our own proud ways.
In your mercy: **forgive us and help us.**

You come to us in judgement, but we cling to our familiar sins.
In your mercy: **forgive us and help us.**

You come to us in majesty,
but we will not have you to reign over us.
In your mercy: **forgive us and help us.**

**Lord, forgive our empty praise, fill our loveless hearts;
come to us and make our lives your home for ever. Amen.**
(The Minister will proclaim the words of forgiveness)

The Offering

The people stand as the offering is brought forward and say;

Give to us or take from us, conform our will to yours. May we not desire health or life except to spend them in service of you. Use all that we have to proclaim the good news of your kingdom, to cure the sick and relieve your suffering children, to the praise and glory of your holy name. Amen.

Hymn
Make Way, make way

The Ministry of the Word

The Collect

Bible Readings
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Prayers of Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

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

The Ministry of the Sacrament

The Peace

Minister: Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in
one body by the cross. We meet in his name and
share his peace. The peace of the Lord be always
with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Hymn
As your family Lord (Kum Ba Ya)

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you

Minister: Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them to the Lord

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

All: It is right to give him thanks and praise

It is indeed right, it is our joy and salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks and praise
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

Through him you have created all things and made us in your
own image. Through his death on the cross and resurrection
you freed us from sin and opened the way to everlasting life.
Through him you have sent your Holy Spirit, calling us to be
your people, a community of faith.
Nothing can separate us from your love.

And now we give you thanks because in the incarnation of the
Word, a new light has dawned upon the world; you have
become one with us, that we might become one with you in
your glorious kingdom.

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:

**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.**

On the night before he died, Jesus had supper with his disciples. He took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, 'Take this and eat it. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

After Supper he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, 'Drink from it all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.'

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

Send down your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us the body and blood of Christ. Unite us with him for ever and bring us with the whole creation to your eternal kingdom.

**Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
in the power of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you in songs of everlasting praise.
Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

Minister: The bread we break
is a sharing in the body of Christ.

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

**Most merciful Lord, your love compels us to come in.
Our hands were unclean our hearts were unprepared; we
were not fit even to eat the crumbs from under your table.
But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation, and share your
bread with sinners.
So cleanse us and feed us with the precious body and
blood of your Son, that he may live in us and we in him; and
that we, with the whole company of Christ,
may sit and eat in your kingdom. Amen.**

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

After Communion

Let us pray

Gracious God, we thank you that you have nourished us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation. Renew us day by day until, with all your people on earth and in heaven, we come to fullness of life in your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Distribution of the Palms

(Junior Church rejoin us and the palms are distributed, once everyone has one they are held aloft as the Minister proclaims the words of blessing)

Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

It is right to give you our thanks and praise.

May your blessing be upon these palms as signs of his love for us and triumph over evil; 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 lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Hymn

All glory Lord and honour (St Theodulph)

Blessing

Minister: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

All: In the name of Christ. Amen.

Lent and Easter Services

Holy Week Compline at St Mark's Chapel

Monday 21 March at 7.30pm

Tuesday 22 March at 7.30pm

Wednesday 23 March at 7.30pm

A Labyrinth for Holy Week

On Monday 21st March the church at Putnoe Heights will be set up as a 'place of pilgrimage' from 2pm to 9pm, as part of the circuit Lent experience. A 'Labyrinth' will be in place, and there will be an optional series of 'prayer stations' along the way to suggest ways in which you may wish to reflect on certain aspects of your life and faith in the journey of Holy week.

Thursday 24 March Maundy Thursday

Holy Communion at Putnoe Heights Church at 6.30pm

Good Friday Services March 25

Stations of the Cross at 9.30am St Mark's and 11.00am Putnoe

Children's Good Friday Special from 12.15 to 1.30pm at Putnoe

Easter Day

Sunrise Holy Communion at St Mark's Church at 6.00am

Family Communion 9.30am St Mark's and 11.00am Putnoe

