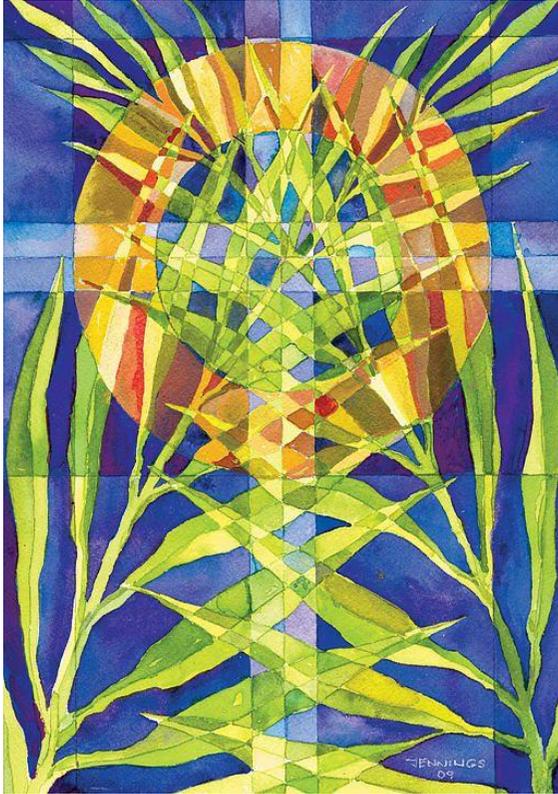


St Matthew's
Westminster



The Sunday Mass

Palm Sunday

March 28th, 2021



It is a privilege to welcome visitors, pilgrims and regular worshippers to St Matthew's, and it is our duty to be concerned for the safety of everyone. Please wear a mask for the duration of the service.

During this time of heightened concern about possible infection, only the consecrated bread will be offered to the congregation at Mass. The Church teaches that Christ is fully present in each of the elements, and that receiving the bread alone constitutes a full Communion.

The congregation is currently not allowed to sing in church, so please participate by listening to the Choir's offering. Also we ask you to share the Peace by offering a gesture of peace rather than the traditional handshake.

St Matthew's is the house of God, it is a place of hope and of healing and we are delighted that here we can meet in confidence to give thanks to God in whom there is fullness of life.

Please ensure mobile telephones are switched off for the duration of the service.

For those who are hard of hearing the church has an inductive loop system. Please set your hearing aid to the T position during the liturgy.

Gluten free hosts are available for those who are gluten intolerant. Please ask for this before the service begins.

If you are new to St Matthew's and would like to know more about our life, please speak to one of the clergy.

The Mass is at the heart of our life together and the place where we encounter Christ in word and sacrament. Before the service begins we keep a time of silence, preparing quietly for the service.

Mass Setting
Collegium Regale
Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

Organ Prelude
Meditation: Herzlich thut mich verlangen
David Bednall (b 1979)

When the bell rings, please stand for the entry of servers and clergy.



Introit

*Hosanna to the Son of David.
Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, thou that sittest in the highest heavens.
Hosanna in excelsis Deo.*

*Words: from St Matthew 21 and St Luke 19
Music: Thomas Weelkes (c 1574-1623)*

Introductory Rite

The Greeting

Priest ✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Priest The Lord be with you
All **and also with you.**

The priest welcomes the people.

The Blessing of Palms

please hold your palms high as they are blessed by the priest.

Priest God our Saviour, whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as Messiah to suffer and to die,
✠ bless these palms, that they might 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 lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Palm Sunday Gospel *(please remain standing, as able)*

Reader Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Mark.
All **Glorify to you, O Lord.**

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'

They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

'Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

Then Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

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

Hymn (please sit)

*Ride on! ride on in majesty!
Hark, all the tribes Hosanna cry:
O Saviour meek, pursue thy road
With palms and scattered garments strowed.*

*Ride on! ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die:
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin
O'er captive death and conquered sin.*

*Ride on! ride on in majesty!
The wingèd squadrons of the sky
Look down with sad and wondering eyes
To see the approaching sacrifice.*

*Ride on! ride on in majesty!
The last and fiercest strife is nigh:
The Father on his sapphire throne
Awaits his own anointed Son.*

*Ride on! ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
Bow thy meek head to mortal pain,
Then take, O God, thy power, and reign.*

Words: Henry Milman (1791-1868)

Music: Winchester New (CP 129), From Musicalisches Hand-Buch, Hamburg 1690

As the hymn is sung, the Altar and the Book of The Gospels are blessed with incense.

Please stand for

The 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 our Lord. Amen.

The Liturgy of The Word

New Testament Reading

Philippians 2. 5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form, he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death, - even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name
that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Reader The Word of The Lord

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

My soul truly waiteth still upon God: for of him cometh my salvation.

He verily is my strength and my salvation:

he is my defence, so that I shall not greatly fall.

How long will ye imagine mischief against every man:

ye shall be slain all the sort of you; yea,

as a tottering wall shall ye be, and like a broken hedge.

Their device is only how to put him out whom God will exalt: their

delight is in lies; they give good words with their mouth,

but curse with their heart.

Nevertheless, my soul, wait thou still upon God: for my hope is in him.

He truly is my strength and my salvation:

he is my defence, so that I shall not fall.

Psalm 62. 1-6

The Passion Gospel

please follow on the separate paper, remaining seated until the point indicated in the text.

The Sermon

Fr Philip Chester

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He 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 again to judge the living and the dead.

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.

The Prayers of The People

(please remain standing)

The Liturgy of The Sacrament

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you
All **and also with you.**

We are invited to exchange a sign of peace with our neighbour.

Offertory Hymn

during the hymn the Altar is prepared. Once prepared, the Altar, with the gifts of bread and wine upon it, is blessed with incense. The clergy & congregation are also censed. Please remain standing.

*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?*

*He came from his blest throne,
Salvation to bestow:
But men made strange, and none
The longed-for Christ would know.*

*But O, my Friend,
My Friend indeed,
Who at my need his life did spend!*

*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.*

*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.*

*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.*

Words: Samuel Crossman (1624-83)

Music: Love Unknown (CP 112), John Ireland (1879-1962)

Orate Fratres

Priest Pray, my brothers and sisters,
that this our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.

All **May the Lord accept the sacrifice we offer,
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good and the good of all his Church.**

The priest says a prayer over the gifts of bread and wine.

The Eucharistic Prayer *(please stand)*

Priest The Lord be with you
All **and also with you.**

Priest Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

... for ever praising you and saying:

Choir **Sanctus & Benedictus**

Priest Great is the mystery of faith:

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

Priest ... for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A short time of silence is kept at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer.

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.**

Agnus Dei

- O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.*
- O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.*
- O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.*

Holy Communion

*The Celebrant invites the congregation to receive Communion,
and all respond*

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

*A note for visitors - anyone who receives Holy Communion at their own
church is welcome to do so at this service. If for any reason you do not
wish to receive Communion, you are invited to come forward for a
blessing.*

Anthem

*Pueri Hebraeorum, portantes ramos oliivarum,
obviaverunt Domino, clamantes et dicentes:
Hosanna in excelsis.*

*The Hebrew children bearing olive branches,
went forth to meet the Lord, crying out, and saying:
Hosanna in the highest.*

Tomas Luis de Victoria (1548-1611)

The Postcommunion Prayer

(please remain seated).

Announcements

The Dismissal

The Blessing

Priest The Lord be with you
All **and also with you.**

The priest pronounces God's blessing, which is followed by the Dismissal -

All The Mass is ended. Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

In Lent the Liturgy ends with the singing of Ave Regina Caelorum, an antiphon to Our Lady traditionally sung from Candlemas to Wednesday in Holy Week.

Ave Regina Caelorum

Ave Regina caelorum!
Ave, Domina angelorum;
Salve radix, salve porta
Ex qua mundo lux est orta.
Gaude, Virgo gloriosa,
Super omnes speciosa.
Vale, O valde decora!
Et pro nobis Christum exora.

*Hail, O Queen of Heaven enthroned!
Hail, by angels Mistress owned
Root of Jesse, Gate of morn,
Whence the world's true Light was born.
Glorious Virgin, joy to thee,
Loveliest whom in Heaven they see:
Fairest thou where all are fair,
Plead with Christ our sins to spare.*

Organ Postlude

Valet will ich dir geben
J S Bach (1685-1750)

Holy Week & Easter at St Matthew's

Monday 29th March

18.30 Compline (*plainsong*)

Tuesday 30th March

18.30 Compline (*plainsong*)

Wednesday 31st March

18.30 Choral Evensong

Dyson in F, Christus factus est (Anerio)

Thursday 1st April

Maundy Thursday

18.30 **Solemn Mass of the Last Supper**

Mass in F (Darke)

Jesu, the very thought of thee (Bairstow)

Soul of my Saviour (Caesar), Ave verum corpus (Elgar)

Friday 2nd April

Good Friday

14.00 **The Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday**

Saturday 2nd April

Easter Eve

20.00 **The Great Vigil & First Mass of Easter**

St Mark's Mass (Archer) Easter Greeting (How)

Sunday 3rd April

Easter Day

09.30 Low Mass

11.00 **Solemn Mass**

(restricted: contact the office for more details)

Missa Brevis in F (Mozart)

This joyful Eastertide (arr Wood), Hallelujah Chorus (Handel)

Surgens Jesus (Philips)

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