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'Growing God's Kingdom'



Sunday worship and weekly news
28 March 2021

PALM SUNDAY

We Welcome our visiting priest
Rev Canon Dr Mike Parsons



Welcome.

Welcome back. It is good to be together in our buildings again. With the clocks going forward this weekend, getting here on time took a bit of planning and effort.

Jesus's arrival in Jerusalem on this day we call Palm Sunday took a bit of planning and effort as we hear in our reading from Mark. Shouts of praise and acclamation however soon turn to shouts of hatred and condemnation. But this too is all part of God's plan of Salvation and Jesus is able to declare on the cross it is finished.

As we enter into Holy Week may we identify humbly and triumphantly with the passion of our saviour.

Lorraine Best

If you are unable to attend St George's today you can listen to a recording of the service on the church Web-site www.glos-stg-stm.org.uk

It will be available on Monday. To listen....
Click on the blue banner at the bottom of the page.

Our churches have re-opened.

Will there be restrictions?

Sadly.... Yes! The same rules that applied pre lockdown will be in place i.e.

- Wear a face mask
- Sanitise your hands
- No singing (except from the heart),
- Observe Social Distancing – the 2m rule.
- No mixing or socialising, either before or after the service.

Sorry to say these rules are necessary.

Next week we welcome
Rev Canon Dr Sandra Millar

Order of Service

Triumphantly Humble

Processional Hymn

All glory, laud, and honour

To thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.
Thou art the King of Israel,
Thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest,
The King and blessed one:
Refrain



The people of the Hebrews
With palms before thee went:
Our praise and prayer and anthems
Before thee we present:
Refrain

Thou didst accept their praises,
Accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest,
Thou good and gracious King:
Refrain

Prayer for Today

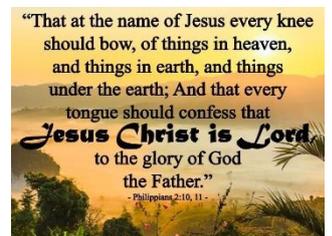
True and humble king,
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:
grant us the faith to know you and love you,
that we may be found beside you
on the way of the cross,
which is the path of glory. Amen

Philippians 2 Imitating Christ's Humility

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.

Prayer

Exalted Lord, thank you for setting us such an example of humble obedience to God's glory. Amen



Psalm 118 Praise to God for His everlasting mercy

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

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

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

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

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

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

Prayer:

Saving God, open the gates of righteousness, that your pilgrim people may enter and be built into a living temple on the cornerstone of our salvation, Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen

Mark 11 Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

¹ When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples ² 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. ³ If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" just say this, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately."' ⁴ They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵ some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" ⁶ They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷ Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸ Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹ Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! ¹⁰ Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!' ¹¹ Then he 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.

Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ let our cries of worship have integrity that lasts. Amen

Reflection from Helen McGeoch

Words and word pronunciation can be fun. There's a lot of folks around the world who enjoy dissecting language. I'm not one of them usually except when examining the Bible and going back to the Hebrew or Greek. I do like the poignant word of the Gospel passage today. It is a cry from the heart of the people, yet the bigger picture of what is going on has the same definition. The people have no idea.

The word is 'Hosanna', or 'Save us'. The crowd are shouting 'Hosanna' as Jesus rides into Jerusalem on a donkey. They are laying palm branches and their cloaks on the path. The picture is bizarre:-

Here is their rabbi, the man whose teaching has touched their lives, their healer, the man who had brought their friends to good health, and now their saviour? They honour him by laying their cloaks in his path.

But saviours ride in on horses, not donkeys. Saviours usually carry swords and shields. Saviours usually bring with them an army. This 'Saviour' was expected to overthrow the Romans and bring liberation to the Jews. How was he going to do that on a donkey, no sword and no army? But still, the people cried out to him 'Hosanna' - 'Save us'.

Let's fast forward (such a shame to do this – so many special moments in holy week) to Jesus before Pilate. Pilate can find no wrong doing. Yet the Jews are crying out 'crucify him'. They no longer see a saviour before them. They see a man who has dared to call himself 'God', who has let them down rather badly on the saving side of things. The Romans still oppress them. How dare this man go about doing things in God's name! Crucify him!



So Jesus is led out to Golgotha and nailed to a cross. It takes hours for him to die. When dead, he is taken and buried in a tomb. They got rid of him then. Some saviour he was.

The paradox is that it was because he died that he was able to save them. Without his death, there would be no salvation.

The people, when they cried out 'Hosanna' were expressing their desire to be saved from the Romans, from the years of oppression. But the Romans weren't their problem.

The problem was each and everyone one of them. It was their selfish ways, their lack of love for one another, their lack of reverence for God. It was their own sin. Their sin was taking them to an eternity away from God.

Their salvation happened as they condemned their saviour to die. It happened as their instruction for crucifixion was carried out and Jesus died. That was how they were saved. Not from the Romans. Not from the oppressive lifestyle. But from the consequences of their own sin.

That is how we are saved.

So many times in our songs we sing aloud 'hosanna'. Next time, (when we are allowed), recognise that we are crying out 'save us' or 'bring salvation' and that Jesus has done that personally for each one of us, reconciling to God the Father who loves us so much he allowed his son to die in our place.

We declare together our commitment to faith:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made; of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again, in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory, to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life who proceeds from the Father and the Son who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

Intercessions from Sylvia Chamberlain

Let us pray

Lord we thank you for sending your Son and paving the way for our lives to be set free through Jesus' death on the cross. Thank you for what this day stands for - the beginning of Holy Week, the start of the journey towards the power of the cross, the victory of the Resurrection, and the rich truth that Jesus truly is our King of Kings.
Lord in your mercy...



We pray for our churches of St George and St Margaret and for all those unable to join us here today. We pray for our church leaders that they will be guided in their ministry by the influence of the Holy Spirit. We continue to pray for all those involved in the appointment of a new vicar for our benefice.
Lord in your mercy...

We pray for our local community and think especially today of the families who live in Althorp Close, Stirling Way, Hendingham Close and all shops and shopkeepers in the benefice. We pray especially for all the local businesses which have suffered during the pandemic.
Lord in your mercy...

We pray for the nations of this world and for their leaders. We pray for all places where there is injustice, conflict, poverty and famine. Give strength to those tasked with giving aid in these places.
Lord in your mercy...

We continue to pray for those affected by Covid 19 and for all the medical staff who are working tirelessly to combat the virus. Bring them your comfort in their suffering.
Lord in your mercy...

Lord we bring before you those who have recently departed this life. Comfort those who mourn and help them to remember that you are the light of the world, a light which no darkness can quench.
Lord in your mercy...

We give thanks, Loving God that you rode a donkey and came in peace, humbled yourself and gave yourself for us.
Merciful Father... Amen

Offertory Hymn

My song is love unknown,
My Saviour's love to me;
Love to the loveless shown,
That they might lovingly be.
O who am I,
That for my sake
My Lord should take
Frail flesh and die?

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.



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.

Preparing to receive Holy Communion.

After the priest says to us all: "the body and blood of Christ keep you in eternal life", we all respond **Amen.**

A steward will guide you forward.

We each receive a wafer; the priest alone receives the wine on behalf of us all.

We receive Communion with arms outstretched, and in silence.

Please maintain a 2 metre distance at all times.

Final Hymn

Ride on, ride on in majesty!

Hark, all the tribes hosanna cry.

Thy humble beast pursues his 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 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.

Please leave the building immediately after the priest.
In view of Covid restrictions please do not linger outside.

WHAT TO DO for THIS WEEK:

❖ Keep bringing items for the **Foodbank**; **new collection point is the Church Centre hallway on a Friday morning from 9.30am – 11.30am.**

Toiletries now accepted at the foodbank. In addition long life milk and tinned carrots and

EASTER EGGS are needed. Thank you!

Know someone who:

❖ is stuck at home without support?

❖ can't make ends meet?

❖ Just wants to talk?

Then **Contact Gloucestershire Community Help Hub on 01452 583519**

Keep picking up the phone!

People are finding phone calls with friends invaluable to combat loneliness. Thank you everyone; please keep up the good work!



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The Administration office is open on Friday mornings from 9.30am until 11.30am until further notice. Please contact the Church Administrator by email or leave a message on the office telephone and our Administrator will get back to you.

We are part of the **Church in Tuffley**, working in partnership with English Martyrs (Roman Catholic), Grange (Baptist) and St Barnabas (Anglican).



News 28 March until 4 April

In Memoriam: Margaret Price RIP

We pray for all who are ill or in need at this time mentioning by name:

Margaret, Angela, Susan, Mike and Laura, Lynne, Bill, Sarah, Pat, Christine, June, Daphne, Mark, Darren and family, Hedley and Rosemary, Carol, Christopher and Christine, David and Angela, Richard, Tony and Jean, Mark and Margaret.

Anniversaries of Death:

Brian Lane, Frances Rollinson, Thelma Hewins, Paul Waite, Vivian Clarke, Reginald Mason, Gerald Boots, Muriel O'Donoghue, Pauline Dee. Margaret Temple, Lionel Davis, Sybil Parker, Bette Lewis-Walker, Steven Ricketts, Mary Watters,

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Marlene Thomas 30th

Sun 28	9.00am	St M's	Parish Communion
	10.30am	St M's	Family Praise
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion Crucifer: Jayne Readers: Helen/Joceline Intercessions: Sylvia C
Mon 29 to Fri 2nd	10am – 12 noon	St G's	Food Parcels available each day; Monday to Friday
Mon 29	7.00pm	Z	Lent Group
Wed 31	8.15am	Z	Morning Prayer
Thu 1			MAUNDY THURSDAY
	10.30am	St M's	Parish Communion
	12 noon	St G's	Individual Stations of the Cross until 3.00pm
Fri 2	10.30am	Z	Lent Group
	12 noon	St G's	Individual Stations of the Cross until 3.00pm
Sun 4			EASTER DAY
	9.00am	St M's	Parish Communion
	10.30am	St M's	Family Praise
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion Crucifer: David Readers: Jonathan T / Sylvia E Intercessions: Derek

**St George's = St G's St Margaret's = St M's
Zoom = Z**

EASTER EGG HUNT: Following the success of Tuffley Christmas Windows we are decorating windows for Easter. Sign up on our Facebook Page, Tuffley Easter Egg Hunt, to appear on the map, or just decorate your window anyway. Window decorations will be up from Friday 2 April to Friday 16 April. Make sure you include an Easter Egg.

For further details contact Helen McGeoch 07729615993.

FOOD PARCELS: St George's Church, Grange Road, is now open for Food Parcel collections each day from Monday to Friday from 10.00am until 12.00noon.

Anyone requiring help outside of these times please phone Sylvia on 01452 416184.

The parcel is FREE OF CHARGE

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Come and spend some time in prayer and reflection at our **Stations of the Cross event in St George's Church 1st & 2nd April**. Stations will be set up around the church with Bible readings, prayers and something visual to accompany the reflection. The church will be open between 12.00noon and 3.00pm for private prayer and reflection. Please adhere to the social distancing guidelines.

GLOUCESTER CATHEDRAL

MAUNDY SERVICE: You can join Gloucester Cathedral's Maundy Service at 11.00am on 1st April by clicking on this link

<https://zoom.us/j/818076711>

meeting ID: **818-076-711#**

passcode: **704868.**



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PALM SUNDAY

No processions, but Palm Crosses will be available

9.00am Parish Communion at St Margaret's

10.30am Parish Communion at St George's

10.30am Family Praise at St Margaret's

1 April 2021

MAUNDY THURSDAY

10.30am Parish Communion at St Margaret's

12.00noon St George's will be open for individual Stations of the Cross. Open until 3.00pm

2 April 2021

GOOD FRIDAY

12.00noon St George's will be open for individual Stations of the Cross. Open until 3.00pm

4 April 2021

EASTER DAY

9.00am Parish Communion at St Margaret's

10.30am Parish Communion at St George's

10.30am Family Praise at St Margaret's

VACANCY STANDING COMMITTEE

on ZOOM

4.00pm Tuesday 13 April