



**Midhurst Parish Church**  
*Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2021, 10:30am*  
**Palm Sunday**

*This order of service is for you to use as you join in with our online Zoom service. Meeting ID: 342 119 948  
Palm Crosses can be collected from the church between 9:30am and 5pm any day. If you have one, please have it ready for this service.*

## **Greeting**

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

## **Welcome and introduction from Jane**

## **Blessing of the Palm Crosses**

**All 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.**

## **Hymn: All Glory, Laud, and Honour**

*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*

Thy sorrow and thy triumph grant us, O Christ, to share,  
that to the holy city together we may fare. *Refrain*

For homage may we bring thee our victory o'er the foe  
that in the Conqueror's triumph this strain may ever flow. *Refrain*

*Theodulph of Orleans (d. 821) Tr. J. M. Neale (1818-66)*

## **Confession**

God shows his love for us in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Let us then show our love for him by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**All Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour**

**in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.**

**We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name.**

**Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

## **The Collect**

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.

## **First Bible Reading**

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.

*Philippians 2:5-11 NRSV*

## **Hymn: As the deer pants for the water**

1. As the deer pants for the water,  
so my soul longs after you.

You alone are my heart's desire  
and I long to worship you.

*You alone are my strength, my shield,  
to you alone may my spirit yield.*

*You alone are my heart's desire  
and I long to worship you.*

2. I want you more than gold or silver,  
only you can satisfy.

You alone are the real joy-giver  
and the apple of my eye.

*You alone are my strength, my shield...*

3. You're my friend and you are my brother,  
even though you are a king.

I love you more than any other,  
so much more than anything.

*You alone are my strength, my shield...*

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## **Gospel Reading**

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he 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 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.

*Mark 11:1-11 NRSV*

## Reflection

*Rev Dave*

## Hymn: How Deep the Father's Love for Us

1 How deep the Father's love for us,  
how vast beyond all measure,  
that he should give his only Son  
to make a wretch his treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss,  
the Father turns his face away,  
as wounds which mar the Chosen  
One  
bring many sons to glory.

2. Behold the man upon a cross,  
my sin upon his shoulders;  
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held him there  
until it was accomplished;  
his dying breath has bought me life -  
I know that it is finished.

3. I will not boast in anything,  
no gifts, no power, no wisdom;  
but I will boast in Jesus Christ,  
his death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from his reward?  
I cannot give an answer,  
but this I know with all my heart,  
his wounds have paid my ransom.

*Stuart Townend © 1995 Thankyou Music*

## Prayers

*This or another response is used for the prayers...*

Lord, in your mercy:

**All** hear our prayer.

## Our Prayer for Growth

**All** God of Mission, who alone brings growth to your Church,  
send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning,  
wisdom to our actions, and power to our witness.  
Help our church to grow in numbers, in spiritual commitment to you,  
and in service to our local community, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*We pray together as our Saviour 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.**

## **Hymn: Praise to the Holiest in the height**

1. Praise to the Holiest in the height,  
and in the depth be praise;  
in all his words most wonderful,  
most sure in all his ways!

2. O loving wisdom of our God!  
When all was sin and shame,  
a second Adam to the fight  
and to the rescue came.

3. O wisest love! that flesh and blood,  
which did in Adam fail,  
should strive afresh against the foe,  
should strive, and should prevail;

4. and that the highest gift of grace  
should flesh and blood refine:  
God's presence and his very self,  
and essence all-divine.

5. O generous love! that he who smote  
in man for man the foe,  
the double agony in Man  
for man should undergo.

6. And in the garden secretly,  
and on the cross on high,  
should teach his brethren, and inspire  
to suffer and to die.

7. Praise to the Holiest in the height,  
and in the depth be praise;  
in all his words most wonderful,  
most sure in all his ways!

*J. H. Newman (1801-90)*

## **Blessing and Dismissal**

Christ crucified draw you to himself, to find in him a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All**     **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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