



ST NICHOLAS CHURCH, SUTTON

PALM SUNDAY 28 MARCH 2021

Please join the **Palm Sunday Service at 10.30am**
(or at another convenient time) by following the Order of Service and
singing in your own home.

There is no sermon today, as usual on Palm Sunday.
The substantial Passion Gospel is followed by a time of silence for your reflection.
God bless you,
Frances



Commemoration of the Lord's Entry into Jerusalem

All **Hosanna to the Son of David.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Behold your king comes to you, O Zion,
meek and lowly, sitting upon an ass.
Ride on in the cause of truth
and for the sake of justice.
Your throne is the throne of God, it endures for ever;
and the sceptre of your kingdom is a righteous sceptre.
You have loved righteousness and hated evil.
Therefore God, your God, has anointed you
with the oil of gladness above your fellows.

All **Hosanna to the Son of David.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

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

The people hold up palms or branches 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 Gospel John 12.12-16 Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

When the Gospel is announced the reader says
Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *John*.
All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the end

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

Opening Hymn Ride on, ride on in majesty!

Greeting

The priest says

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you.

All **and also with you.**

Words of welcome

Dear brothers and sisters, I am sorry not to be with you in person, but please know that I am praying with you and longing for our reunion in Church when that becomes possible.

We prepare to worship

**All Almighty God
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

We say we are sorry

A minister says

Brothers and sisters, as we prepare to celebrate,
let us call to mind our sins.

Please sit or kneel to pray

God be gracious to us and bless us,
and make your face shine upon us:
Lord, have mercy.
All Lord, have mercy.

May your ways be known on the earth,
your saving power among the nations:
Christ, have mercy.
All Christ, have mercy.

You, Lord, have made known your salvation,
and reveal your justice in the sight of the nations:
Lord, have mercy.
All Lord, have mercy.

We are forgiven

The priest says

May almighty God have mercy on you,
forgive you your sins,
and bring you to everlasting life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect (prayer of the week) for Palm Sunday

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.

The Collect is said, and all respond

All Amen.

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

Please sit

Reading from the Bible Philippians 2.5-11 Imitating Christ's humility

At the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.
All Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Hymn My song is love unknown

Passion Gospel Mark 15.1-39

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *Mark*.

A time of silence is kept.

Praying for ourselves and others

The priest says

Let us pray for the church and for the world and let us thank God for his goodness.

Please kneel or sit.

For the peace of the whole world,
for the welfare of the Holy Church of God,
and for the unity of all,
let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For *Christopher and Jonathan* our bishops,
for the leaders of our sister Churches,
and for all clergy and people,
let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For *Elizabeth our Queen*,
for the leaders of the nations,
and for all in authority,
let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For this community,
for every city, town and village,
and for all the people who live within them,
let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For good weather,
and for abundant harvests for all to share,
let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For those who travel by land, air, or water,
for the sick and the suffering, [*for ...* ,]
for prisoners and captives,
and for their safety, health and salvation,
let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For our deliverance from all affliction, strife and need,
and for the absolution of our sins and offences,
let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

Remembering [*... and*]
all who have gone before us in faith,
and in communion with *the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Nicholas* and all the saints,
we commit ourselves, one another,
and our whole life to Christ our God.

At the end we say
Merciful Father,
accept these prayers,
for the sake of your son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Sharing God's Peace

The priest says
God is love
and those who live in love live in God
and God lives in them.
The peace of the Lord be always with you
All And also with you.

Let us 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 for ever. Amen.**

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants, give you most humble and hearty thanks
for all your goodness and loving kindness.
We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And give us, we pray, such a sense of all your mercies
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful,
and that we show forth your praise,
not only with our lips but in our lives,
by giving up ourselves to your service,
and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of
the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.**

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