



St EDWARD

KING & MARTYR

5 March 2020 / Palm Sunday

Welcome to St. Edward's!

We hope you are blessed by your time with us and we look forward to seeing you again.

Hymn 60 – All Glory, Laud and Honour

Helen's Reflection on the Hymn: *This hymn text was written by St. Theodulph of Orleans c.820 while he was imprisoned in Angers, France. The text acts as a retelling of the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. The medieval church actually re-enacted this story on Palm Sunday using a standard liturgy that featured this hymn. This hymn is traditionally sung as a processional around the church and the local area, which is what we would be doing today.*

Welcome & Greeting

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

(We have a moment of silence)

Preparation *(Please sit or kneel)*

Hear the words of comfort our Saviour Christ says to all who truly turn to him:

Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest (Matthew 11.28)

God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life (John 3.16)

Hear what Saint Paul says: This saying is true, and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners (1 Timothy 1.15)

Hear what Saint John says: If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins (1 John 2.1, 2)

Confession

Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Against you, you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Absolution

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

Hymn 68 – O Sacred Head, Surround

Helen's Reflection on the Hymn: *From the triumphal entry into Jerusalem we move to the Liturgy of the Passion, which this hymn refers to. Unlike the first hymn, this is a very personal prayer from the foot of the cross.*

The Collect

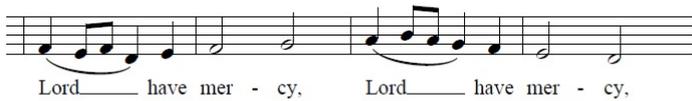
Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

New Testament Lesson (Philippians 2:5-11)

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.

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

David Thorne



From Psalm 31:9-16 *(Please remain seated as the psalm is sung)*

- 9 Have mercy on me, Lord, for I am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow,
my soul and my body also.
- 10 For my life is wasted with grief,
and my years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of my affliction,
and my bones are consumed.
- 11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies
and even to my neighbours,
an object of dread to my acquaintances;

- when they see me in the street they flee from me.
- 12 I am forgotten like one that is dead, out of mind;
I have become like a broken vessel.
- 13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd;
fear is on every side;
they scheme together against me,
and plot to take my life.
- 14 But my trust is in you, O Lord.
I have said, 'You are my God.
- 15 'My times are in your hand;
deliver me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.
- 16 'Make your face to shine upon your servant,
and save me for your mercy's sake.'

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning is now and shall be forever. Amen.

Gospel (*We stand as we welcome the Gospel*)

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (21:1-11) **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them." And he will send them immediately.' ⁴This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, ⁵ 'Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.' ⁶The

disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; 7they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. 8A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!' 10When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?' 11The crowds were saying, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

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

Sermon "Palm Sunday"- Matthias Grebe

Affirmation of Faith *(We stand to declare our faith together)*

Though he was divine, he did not cling to equality with God, but made himself nothing. Taking the form of a slave, he was born in human likeness. He humbled himself and was obedient to death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God has raised him on high, and has given him the name above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession *(Please sit or kneel for our intercessions)*

(Intercessor says) Lord, in your mercy

(We respond) **Hear our prayer.**

(at the end we pray together) **Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Peace

Since we are justified by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us access to his grace (Rom. 5.1, 2). The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Hymn 61 – Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

Helen's Reflection on the Hymn: *On the 3rd Sunday in Advent we sing 'On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh' to the same tune as this hymn. For me this brings everything back into a full circle. St. John has announced that the King of Kings is coming to set his people free and here we are singing about His triumphal arrival. And yet this is only the beginning- in verse two we sing that Jesus is riding on to die and that is where His triumph actually begins.*

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise, almighty God and everlasting Father, through Jesus Christ your Son. For in these forty days you lead us into the desert of repentance that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline we may grow in grace and learn to be your people once again. Through fasting, prayer and acts of service you bring us back to your generous heart. Through study of your holy word you open our eyes to your presence in the world and free our hands to welcome others into the radiant splendour of your love. As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast with joyful hearts and minds we bless you for your mercy and join with saints and angels forever praising you and singing:

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.

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Christ is the bread of life.

When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth. Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with all the saints to feast at your table in heaven. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer *(Please sit or kneel)*

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

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 forever. Amen.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ. **Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

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

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

(All who regularly receive communion in their church are welcome to receive here. Those who do not receive communion are invited to come forward for a blessing, with their hands downwards on the altar rail. If you require a gluten-free wafer, please raise one finger at the altar rail.)

Prayer after Communion

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn 63 – My Song is Love Unknown

Helen's Reflection on the Hymn: This has to be one of my all time favourite hymns and I will not be leaving out any verses when I sing it today! Like the offertory hymn this reflects on Jesus's entry into Jerusalem as a triumph that quickly turns to tragedy. In verse three, the crowd are cheering with one breath and with then calling for Him to be crucified with the next. The people who witnessed His miracles are now using them as a reason for Him to be put to death. When I sing this I always wonder what I would have done had I been there. Would I have followed the crowd? In the last two verses, the hymn becomes a personal prayer and ends with the wonderful words "This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days would gladly spend."

Notices

Blessing

May Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; 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.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

*(Please stay for coffee & refreshments just after the service,
in the left hand chapel at the front of the church)*

Notices

Assistance During Outbreak: We know that everyone is under a lot of stress during the present situation. If at any point you need assistance whether spiritual, emotional, or material please feel free to contact Mark, Matthias, or email stedwardsassistant@gmail.com

Future Services: For Holy Week, we will be trying something slightly different. The church now has a Zoom account. This is a video conferencing platform that allows up to 100 users to join an event. You can easily download it to your phone/computer by going to <http://www.zoom.us> You'll then need to create a free account with your email and you're all set! There is also the possibility of calling in to the meeting for those who don't have access to a computer. We'll send out more details, but next week we're going to try the software for Evening Prayer on Mon., Tues., and Wed. At 5:30pm. This will give us time to test it for our Maundy Thursday service, Good Friday meditations and Easter Sunday. Please download the software and we'll send out further details about the meetings. If you have any difficulties please let me, Matthias or Madison know and we'll do our best to sort out any tech issues.

Cleaning Volunteer Needed: We are in need of a volunteer to further assist with the cleaning of the church building once things start up again. This person would specifically be responsible for

hoovering the church and vestry each week as well as helping with some general tidying up. If you would be able to assist in this way then please email stedwardsassistant@gmail.com

Toys Needed: We are looking for some additional toys for the children's area once we are back up and running. Specially we are looking for toys that make minimal noise (but no plush toys please). If you are able to help by donating some toys we would appreciate it. Please email stedwardassistant@gmail.com with any questions.

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Services Next Week: Friday 10:30am BCP Service, Sunday 11am Holy Communion

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