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SERVICE DETAILS

Services cancelled until further notice due to COVID-19

Sunday 8am: Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer – 1st Sunday of the month)

Sunday 10am: Sung Eucharist

Wednesday 10am: Said Eucharist

PARISH EVENTS

Morning Tea: After the 10am service every Sunday

Please see pew sheet notices for dates regarding Parish Lunches and Breakfasts

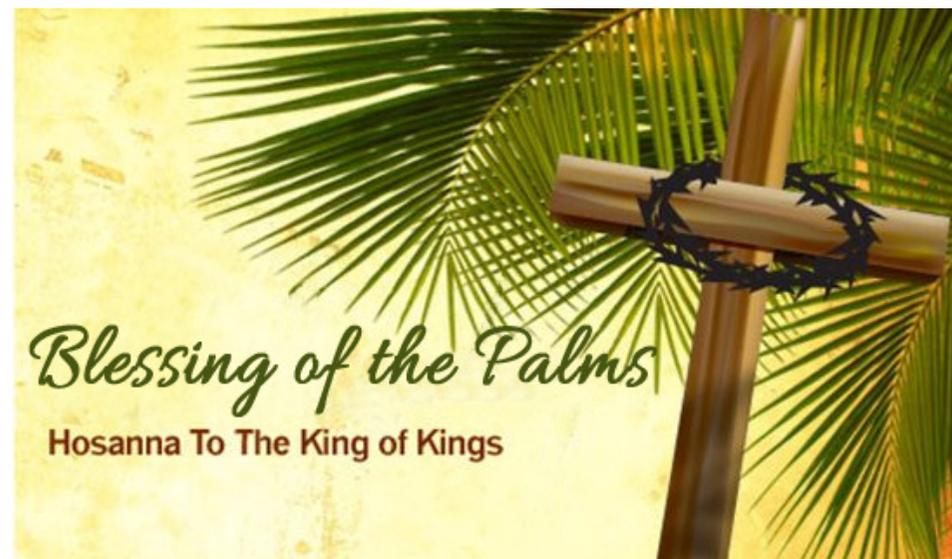
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PALM SUNDAY



Sunday 5 April 2020

Locum Vicar: Fr Geoff Cheong

152 Years of Witness & Service in Cheltenham



THE ORDER FOR PALM SUNDAY



The congregation gathers, branches are distributed and the priest greets the people saying

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The children of the Hebrews, bearing branches, went out to meet the Lord, crying out and saying:

**Hosanna in the highest,
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna in the highest.**

The priest says the following

We begin this morning the Great Week of the Christian year. During Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of our Lord's death and resurrection, by prayer and by works of love and self-denial. Today we come together with the Church throughout the world to call to mind, and to express in word and action, our Lord's Passover from death to life, which is the centre of the Easter mystery.

Today we greet him as our king, although we know his crown is thorns and his throne a cross. We follow him this week from the glory of the palms to the glory of the resurrection by way of suffering and death. United with him in his suffering on the cross may we share his resurrection and new life.

Let us pray

Blessed are you, Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ entered in triumph
into the holy city this day to complete his work as our Messiah.
May these branches and crosses † of palm which we bless in the name of the
Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, be signs of the victory of your Son.
May we who carry them in his name ever hail him as our King,
and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life;
who now lives and reigns in glory with you
and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The crosses are distributed

The children of the Hebrews, bearing the branches of love, went out to meet the
Lord, crying out and saying,
Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna in the highest!

The Reading of the Gospel (read without announcement)

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying 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.

If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them." And he will send them immediately.' This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, '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.'

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them.

A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

The 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!

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?' The crowds were saying, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

Matthew 21.1-11

Let us pray

Merciful God,
as we enter this Holy Week
and gather at your house of prayer,
turn our hearts again to Jerusalem,
to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ,
that united with Christ and all the faithful,
we may one day enter in triumph the city not made with hands,
the new Jerusalem, eternal in the heavens,
where, with you and the Holy Spirit,
Christ lives in glory for ever. **Amen.**

Let us go forth, praising Jesus our Messiah.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Processional Hymn: 509 NEH

Refrain:

All glory, laud and honour

To thee, Redeemer, King,

To whom the lips of children

Made sweet hosannas ring.

1. Thou art the King of Israel
Thou David's royal son,
Who in the Lord's name comest,
The King and blessed one.

Refrain

2. The company of angels
Are praising thee on high,
And we and all creation
Exultant make reply.

Refrain

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

Refrain

4. Thou didst accept their praises:
Accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest,
Thou good and gracious king.

Refrain

Let us pray that we may grow in the self-sacrificing love of Christ:

Everlasting God,
in your tender love for the human race
you sent your Son to take our nature,
and to suffer death upon the cross:

in your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will
and in the glorious victory of his resurrection;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Prayer of the Season

Almighty and everlasting God,
you hate nothing that you have made,
and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent:
create and make in us new and contrite hearts,
that we, worthily lamenting our sins,
and acknowledging our wretchedness,
may obtain of you, the God of all mercy,
perfect remission and forgiveness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens – wakens my ear to listen as those who are
taught.

The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to
shame; he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.

It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Hear the Word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

Isaiah 50.4-9a

Words: St Theodulph of Orleans d 821.
7 J.M. Neale 1818-66
The New English Hymnal

Psalm 31.9-18 (said antiphonally)

9. Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble:
my eye wastes away for grief, my throat also and my inward parts.
10. For my life wears out in sorrow, and my years with sighing:
my strength fails me in my affliction, and my bones are consumed.
11. I am become the scorn of all my enemies:
and my neighbours wag their heads in derision.
12. I am a thing of horror to my friends:
and those that see me in the street shrink from me.
13. I am forgotten like one dead and out of mind:
I have become like a broken vessel.
14. For I hear the whispering of many:
and fear is on every side;
15. While they plot together against me:
and scheme to take away my life.
16. But in you, Lord, have I put my trust:
I have said 'You are my God.'
17. All my days are in your hand:
O deliver me from the power of my enemies and from my persecutors.
18. Make your face to shine upon your servant:
and save me for your mercy's sake.

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Philippians

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

Hear the Word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: 511 NEH

1. Ride on, ride on in majesty;
Hark, all the tribes hosanna cry!
O Saviour, meek, pursue your road
With palms and scattered garments strowed.
2. Ride on, ride on in majesty,
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
O Christ, your triumphs now begin
O'er captive death and conquered sin.
3. Ride on, ride on in majesty;
The wingèd squadrons of the sky
Look down with sad and wondering eyes
To see the approaching sacrifice.
4. Ride on, ride on in majesty,
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
Bow your meek head to mortal pain,
Then take, O God, your power and reign!

Words: Henry Milman 1791-1868
The New English Hymnal

The priest proceeds to the Baptistry

THE READING OF THE PASSION ACCORDING TO ST MATTHEW

Then one of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, 'What will you give me if I betray him to you?' They paid him thirty pieces of silver.

And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him. On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, 'Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?' He said, 'Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, "The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples." ' So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal.

When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; and while they were eating, he said, 'Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.' And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another,

'Surely not I, Lord?'

He answered, 'The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me.'

The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.'

Judas, who betrayed him, said, 'Surely not I, Rabbi?'

He replied, 'You have said so.'

While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, 'Take, eat; this is my body.'

Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, 'Drink from it, all of you;

for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.'

When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Then Jesus said to them, 'You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written,

"I will strike the shepherd,
and the sheep of the flock will be scattered."

But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee.'

Peter said to him, 'Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you.'

Jesus said to him, 'Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.'

Peter said to him, 'Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.' And so said all the disciples.

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, 'Sit here while I go over there and pray.'

He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated.

Then he said to them, 'I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.'

And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, 'My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want.'

Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, 'So, could you not stay awake with me one hour?'

Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.'

Again he went away for the second time and prayed, 'My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.'

Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy.

So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words.

Then he came to the disciples and said to them, 'Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.

Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.'

While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people.

Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, 'The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him.'

At once he came up to Jesus and said, 'Greetings, Rabbi!' and kissed him.

Jesus said to him, 'Friend, do what you are here to do.' Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him.

Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear.

Then Jesus said to him, 'Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword.

Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels?

But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?'

At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, 'Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me.

But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled.' Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered.

But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end.

Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, but they found none, though

many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and said, 'This fellow said, "I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days."' '

The high priest stood up and said, 'Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?'

But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him, 'I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God.'

Jesus said to him, 'You have said so. But I tell you,

From now on you will see the Son of Man

seated at the right hand of Power

and coming on the clouds of heaven.'

Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, 'He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy.

What is your verdict?' They answered, 'He deserves death.'

Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him, saying, 'Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?'

Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said, 'You also were with Jesus the Galilean.'

But he denied it before all of them, saying, 'I do not know what you are talking about.'

When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, 'This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.'

Again he denied it with an oath, 'I do not know the man.'

After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, 'Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you.'

Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath, 'I do not know the man!' At that moment the cock crowed.

Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: 'Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.' And he went out and wept bitterly.

When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death.

They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor.

When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders.

He said, 'I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.' But they said, 'What is that to us? See to it yourself.'

Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself.

But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, 'It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money.'

After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter's field as a place to bury foreigners.

For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day.

Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah, 'And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price, and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me.'

Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus said, 'You say so.'

But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer.

Then Pilate said to him, 'Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?'

But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted.

At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas.

So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, 'Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?'

For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over.

While he was sitting on the judgement seat, his wife sent word to him, 'Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.'

Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed.

The governor again said to them, 'Which of the two do you want me to release for you?' And they said, 'Barabbas.'

Pilate said to them, 'Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?' All of them said, 'Let him be crucified!'

Then he asked, 'Why, what evil has he done?' But they shouted all the more, 'Let him be crucified!'

So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, 'I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.'

Then the people as a whole answered, 'His blood be on us and on our children!' So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him.

They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, 'Hail, King of the Jews!'

They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head.

After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross.

And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it.

And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him.

Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.'

Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left.

Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, 'You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.'

In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying,

'He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, "I am God's Son."'

The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon.

And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, 'Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?' that is, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?'

When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, 'This man is calling for Elijah.'

At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink.

But the others said, 'Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.'

Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.

At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.

The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised.

After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many.

Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, 'Truly this man was God's Son!'

Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him. Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee. When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus.

He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him.

So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away.

Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate

and said, 'Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, "After three days I will rise again."

Therefore command that the tomb be made secure until the third day; otherwise his disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people, "He has been raised from the dead", and the last deception would be worse than the first.'

Pilate said to them, 'You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can.'

So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

After the Passion Reading the Priest returns to the Sanctuary

A period of silence is kept

The Nicene Creed

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church.

**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 of the Holy Spirit
and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The priest says

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Crowds cheered when you came to Jerusalem; you came to bring peace, but the civil authorities did not welcome you.

Jesus, we pray for your world:

for peace that brings an end to violence, oppression and war;
for peace that enables all people to live with dignity and justice;
for world leaders and for all who commit their lives to the work of peace.

Jesus, Son of David, let us follow in your way;

let us walk with you to Jerusalem.

Crowds cheered when you came to Jerusalem; you came to bring the freedom of the Spirit, but the chief priests plotted your death.

Jesus, we pray for your church:

for a church freed from false dogma and legalism, discord and division;
for a pilgrim church, ready to travel where you lead;
for all leaders of your church and for those who minister in your name.

Jesus, Son of David, let us follow in your way;

let us walk with you to Jerusalem.

Crowds cheered when you came to Jerusalem; you came to bring love, but you were betrayed and deserted by your friends.

Jesus, we pray for this community:

for our families, our friends, for those with whom we work and learn;
for the hungry, the homeless and those without hope for the future;
for all who live in fear or despair and all who know the pain of betrayal.

Jesus, Son of David, let us follow in your way;

let us walk with you to Jerusalem.

Crowds cheered when you came to Jerusalem; you came to bring healing to the sick and release to the captive, but you were beaten, imprisoned and killed.

Jesus, we pray for all in need:

for prisoners of conscience and those held without trial;
for all whose beliefs lead them to frightening and lonely places;
for the friendless, the unwanted and all from whom we turn away;
for the sick and all who mourn.

Jesus, Son of David, let us follow in your way;

let us walk with you to Jerusalem.

Crowds cheered when you came to Jerusalem; you travelled towards the Cross, but Jerusalem was also the place of the empty tomb.

We give you thanks for faithful people throughout the ages who have followed you on this journey. Jesus, let us suffer and die with you, that we may rise to fullness of life with you.

Jesus, Son of David, let us follow in your way;
let us walk with you to Jerusalem.

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Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.
**Grant that what we have asked in faith
we may by your grace receive,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

God shows great love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

Silence may be kept

Let us then confess our sins in penitence and faith.

**Merciful God, our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
and in what we have failed to do:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you
in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Absolution. The priest says

Almighty God,
who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith:
pardon you and set you free from all your sins,
strengthen you in all goodness
and keep you in eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All stand for the Greeting of Peace

Christ has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.

We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Offertory Hymn: 94 NEH

1. We sing the praise of him who died
Of him who died upon the cross;
The sinners' hope though all deride:
For this we count the world but loss.
2. Inscribed upon the cross we see
In shining letters, 'God is love';
He bears our sins upon the tree;
He brings us mercy from above.
3. The cross – it takes our guilt away,
It holds the fainting spirit up,
It cheers with hope the gloomy day
And sweetens every bitter cup:
4. It makes the coward spirit brave
And nerves the feeble arm for fight;
It takes all terror from the grave
And gilds the bed of death with light;
5. The balm of life, the cure of woe,
The measure and the pledge of love,
The sinner's refuge here below,
The angels' theme in heaven above.

Words: Thomas Kelly 1769-1855
The New English Hymnal

The gifts of the people having been brought to the Altar

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of your kingdom.

Blessed be God for ever.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.

All glory, laud and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty Creator, ever living God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

He offered the one true sacrifice for sin,
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

The tree of defeat became the tree of victory;
where life was lost, there life has been restored.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying / 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.

Holy and gracious God,
all creation rightly gives you praise.
All life, all holiness, comes from you
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
whom you sent to share our human nature,
to live and die as one of us,
to reconcile us to you,
the God and Father of all.

Hear us, merciful Lord;
through Christ accept our sacrifice of praise;
and, by the power of your Word and Holy Spirit,

sanctify this bread and wine,
that we who share in this holy sacrament
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

Who, when his hour had come,
on the night before he went up to the cross
to make full atonement for the sins of the whole world,
offering once for all his one sacrifice of himself,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples saying,
'Take, eat:
this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.'

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying,
'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.'

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Therefore, in obedience to his command,
we commemorate and celebrate
his saving passion and death,
his mighty resurrection and ascension into heaven
and we eagerly await his coming again in glory.

We thank you that by your grace alone
you have accepted us in Christ;
and here we offer you a spiritual sacrifice,
holy and acceptable in your sight.
Through Christ, receive this our duty and service,
and grant that we who eat and drink these holy gifts
may, by your Holy Spirit,
be one body in Christ,
and serve you in unity and peace.

In your grace and mercy,
bring us to the joy of your eternal kingdom
with all the company of the redeemed.
May we praise you in union with them,
and give you glory through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you Father eternal,
in songs of never ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to 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.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory, are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

We who are many are one body in Christ,
for we all share in the one bread.

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace**

The invitation to receive Holy Communion

Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*The sacrament is given with the following words, after which the communicant responds **Amen***

The body of Christ keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**
The blood of Christ keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

The priest says

God our help and strength,
through these holy mysteries confirm our faith
that by the death and resurrection of your Son
we may walk in the way of salvation.

Father,
**we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.**

or

Most loving God,
**you send us into the world you love.
Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage
in the power of your Spirit.**

Dismissal Hymn: 76 NEH

1. Take up thy cross, the Saviour said,
If thou wouldst my disciple be;
Deny thyself, the world forsake,
And humbly follow after me.
2. Take up thy cross, let not its weight
Fill thy weak spirit with alarm;
His strength shall bear thy spirit up,
And brace thy heart and nerve thine arm.
3. Take up thy cross, nor heed the shame,
Nor let thy foolish pride rebel;



Thy Lord for thee the cross endured,
To save thy soul from death and hell.

- Take up thy cross then in his strength,
And calmly every danger brave,
'Twill guide thee to a better home,
And lead to victory o'er the grave.

Words: Charles Everest :844-77
The New English Hymnal

The Blessing

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

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:
In the name of Christ. Amen.

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The Triumphal Entry



A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road,
while others cut branches from the trees and spread
them on the road. Matthew 21:8 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 21:1-11

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