

Sunday 2nd April 2023 St Mary's

# Palm Sunday Connect News

#### LITURGY OF THE PALMS

#### Welcome

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

As we gather this morning we recall the gospel story of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

Many welcomed him with shouts of Hosanna, whilst those in power rejected him and plotted to silence the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Our Palm Crosses remind us of that triumphant entry and of Jesus subsequent death on the cross where he became our redeemer, our substitute who took up our infirmities that we might be healed and forgiven.

#### Blessing of the Palms

Lord by your blessing, may these Palm Crosses be for us a constant reminder of your love, sacrifice and triumph throughout this year. Help us by your Spirit to continue to welcome you into our lives and to crown you as our Hosanna King, the Lord who saves us. **Amen.** 

Let us praise the Lord Hosanna to the son of David Hosanna to the prince of peace

#### Hymn

During the hymn you are invited to come forward and receive a palm cross

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.

The company of angels are praising thee on high; and mortal men and all things created make reply.

The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went; our praise and prayer and anthems before thee we present.

To thee before thy passion they sang their hymns of praise; to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring, who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King.

#### Gospel Reading of Matthew 21: 1-11

Hear the Gospel of our Lord according to Matthew Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.'

This took place to fulfil what was spoken through the prophet:

'Say to Daughter Zion, "See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them.

They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,

'Hosanna to the Son of David!'
'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!'
'Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, 'Who is this?' The crowds answered, 'This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

#### **Prayer for Today**

#### Hymn HARK THE GLAD SOUND! The Saviour comes,

The Saviour promised long; Let every heart prepare a throne, And every voice a song.

He comes the prisoners to release, In Satan's bondage held; The gates of brass before Him burst, The iron fetters yield.

He comes the broken heart to bind, The bleeding soul to cure, And with the treasures of His grace To enrich the humble poor.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace, Thy welcome shall proclaim; And heaven's eternal arches ring With Thy beloved name.

#### THE PASSOVER READING & EUCHARIST

#### Reading of Matthew 26: 17-30

On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Jesus and asked, 'Where do you want us to make preparations for you to eat the Passover?'

He replied, 'Go into the city to a certain man and tell him, "The Teacher says: my appointed time is near. I am going to celebrate the Passover with my disciples at your house." So the disciples did as Jesus had directed and prepared the Passover.

When evening came, Jesus was reclining at the table with the Twelve. And while they were eating, he said, 'Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.' They were very sad and began to say to him one after the other, 'Surely you don't mean me, Lord?' Jesus replied, 'The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to the man who betrays the Son! It would be better for him if he had not been born.'

Then Judas, the one who would betray him, said, 'Surely you don't mean me, Rabbi?' Jesus answered, 'You have said so.'

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Take and eat; this is my body.'

Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, 'Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.'

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

#### Hymn BEHOLD THE LAMB WHO BEARS OUR SINS AWAY,

Slain for us, - and we remember the promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice as a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the king The body of our saviour Jesus Christ torn for you, eat and remember; the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life paid the price to make us one. So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice as a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the king

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you drink and remember, He drained death's cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God.

So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice as a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the king

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise, to respond and to remember, our call to follow in the steps of Christ as His body here on earth As we share in His suffering, we proclaim Christ will come again And we'll join in the feast of heaven around the table of the King

#### Confession

As we gather at your table O Lord, we confess that we are not worthy to gather up the crumbs that fall from your table. Yet Lord, your great mercy and love invites us to gather here not as slaves or servants but as your disciples and friends.

So we confess our sins

Lord God, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed, and in what we have failed to do. We repent of our sin and turn back to you. Have mercy on us, wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin. through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

God who is both power and love forgive us and free us from our sins heal and strengthen us by his Spirit and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord **Amen** 

#### **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 him thanks and praise.

Worship and praise belong to you, maker of light and darkness. Your wisdom draws beauty from chaos, brings a harvest out of sorrow and leads the exiles home.

In Christ your Son, enemies are reconciled, debts forgiven and strangers made welcome.

Your spirit frees us to live as sons and daughters in our Father's house.

We who by Christ's power follow the way of the Cross, sharing the joy of his obedience, now offer you our praise, with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven singing the hymn of your unending glory.

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.

At this table we remember that on the night he was betrayed At supper with his disciples
Jesus took bread and offered thanks.
He broke the bread, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
'Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you.'

After supper he offered thanks for the cup of wine, and gave it to them saying:
'Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

We now obey your Son's command.
We recall his blessed passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension;
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.
Made one with him,
we offer you these gifts and with them ourselves,
a single, holy, living sacrifice.

Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by his life-giving power, they may be to us the symbols of redeeming love and we may be kindled with the fire of your Spirit, renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

Help us, who are baptised into the fellowship of Christ's Body to live and work to your praise and glory; may we grow together in unity and love, until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of the Virgin Mary, the apostles, and prophets, and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be to you, Lord of all ages, world without end. Amen.

#### Breaking of the Bread

The living bread is broken for the life of the world Lord, unite us in this sign.

#### The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we 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.

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 your peace.

#### **Distribution of Communion**

All are welcome to come and receive communion or a blessing at this time

#### **Prayer after Communion**

Give thanks to the Lord for he is gracious and his mercy endures forever

Loving Father, strengthen our faith, that through the death and resurrection of your Son we may be led to salvation; for he is Lord, now and for ever. Amen

#### Hymn HERE IS LOVE vast as the ocean,

Loving kindness as the flood, When the Prince of life, our ransom Shed for us His precious blood. Who His love will not remember? Who can cease to sing His praise? He can never be forgotten Throughout heaven's eternal days.

On the Mount of Crucifixion
Fountains opened deep and wide;
Through the floodgates of God's mercy
Flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Grace and love, like mighty rivers,
Poured incessant from above,
And heaven's peace and perfect justice
Kissed a quilty world in love.

#### THE PASSION OF CHRIST

Gethsemane, betrayal, trial, crucifixion, death and burial please sit as we watch and listen to the Passion Gospel read by David Suchet



#### **Closing Hymn**

MAN OF SORROWS! what a name For the Son of God, who came Ruined sinners to reclaim! Hallelujah! what a Saviour!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude, In my place condemned He stood; Sealed my pardon with His blood: Hallelujah! what a Saviour!

Guilty, vile, and helpless, we; Spotless Lamb of God was He: Full atonement—can it be? Hallelujah! what a Saviour!

Lifted up was He to die, 'It is finished!' was His cry: Now in heaven exalted high: Hallelujah! what a Saviour!

When He comes, our glorious King, All His ransomed home to bring, Then anew this song we'll sing: 'Hallelujah! what a Saviour!'

#### The Blessing

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** 

#### The Dismissal

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



#### **Social Committee**

The first meeting of the new social committee took place on Wednesday 22/03/23

The aims and objectives of the committee is to plan a series of joint social and fundraising events throughout the year to foster positive relationships and share manpower and

expertise between the two churches and the wider community.

The recent questionnaire regarding social events gave us a good starting point for our initial discussions and planning. We agreed that all fundraising events held jointly will see proceeds divided equally between each church unless they are held for a specific cause such as charity donation, this will be identified beforehand. The events below are still very much in their early planning stages and will give more information as these are progressed but please add those you can to your diary.

Any changes will be intimated in due course.

Alison Bruce & Committee.

#### \*\*\* Coronation Events \*\*\*

Saturday 6th May : 2 – 4pm Coffee & Cake at St Mary's,

(no Coffee @ Marys that morning)

Sunday 7th May: Bring and share lunch after church at St Leonard's

#### **Diary Dates and Proposed Events**

3rd June Summer Fayre and BBQ, Saturday at St Mary's

2nd August: Quiz Night, Dalkeith RFC. TBC

5th August: St Marys Day A Celebration of St Mary's Day will be held

in place of Coffee@Mary's. Dalkeith

23rd September: Walk and Pub Lunch

7th October: Harvest Supper with Entertainment St Leonard's Hall

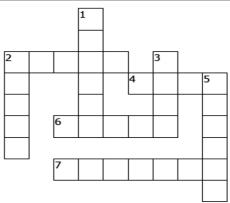
17th November: St Andrew's Night, Roses Club, Bonnyrigg

2nd December: Christmas Fayre St Marys

8th December: Pathhead Players Pantomime & Meal (TBC)

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#### **ACROSS**

- 2. A loose outer garment without sleeves worn instead of a coat
- 4. A pathway for vehicles, persons, and animals
- 6. To speak with a very loud voice
- A community which is smaller than a town, usually in the countryside

#### **DOWN**

- The part of a tree that grows out from the main trunk and has leaves
- 2. A large group of people who have gathered together
- 3. A young male horse (or donkey)
- 5. An animal like a small horse with long ears



# Manning Up for a Curry

Your new Social Committee are organising a number of events over the next few months and the first of these is a Lad's curry night.

We are planning the first of these events to be a Men's Curry Night at the Itihaas Indian

Restaurant in Dalkeith. So lad's we are looking for your feedback and support to guide us on the most suitable night out of the following choices Friday April 28th, May 12th or May 19th.

A Sign up sheet will be available at the back of church for those who are interested to indicate your preferred date and ticking all that are suitable, once we have this information we will confirm the booking.

Ladies Night - look out for details coming soon



# Pet Food Bank Tuesday 4th April

St Mary's 10-12

Please do let friends and neighbours who may be struggling with Pet Food bills know that they are welcome to come along and enjoy the warm space of St Mary's, have a cuppa and collect some free food for their pets.

The Pet Foodbank will be regular fixture this year taking place on the 1st Tuesday of every month.



# Holy Week Zoom Compline

656 157 5203

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday Evening of Holy Week we are offering you an opportunity to join in with our Holy Week Compline prayer service at 9pm each evening. Use the meeting number 656 157 5203 and sign in at 8.55.

All the words etc will be displayed on screen so you can pray along with us. All participants will be muted during the prayer time and only the Leader and Assistant will speak but you are encouraged to join in.

Compline is a short form of evening prayer and lasts about 20 minutes bringing the day to a close and prepares us for rest.



# **Easter Flowers**

The Flower fund at both churches is open for anyone who would like to make a donation towards the cost of this years Easter Flowers.

Flowers are a lovely way to celebrate the joy and wonder of Easter life with vibrant colours.

To make a donation please speak to Ruth Simpson at St Leonard's Barbara & Steve Somerfield at St Mary's

Thank you



# **Palm Sunday Evening Worship**

Sunday 2nd April 6pm at the Full Gospel Church

Moring Prayer 8am Monday to Friday Pitcairn Centre Bonnyrigg

## **Maundy Thursday Worship**

Ecumenical Eucharist at St Nicholas Buccleuch Church 7.30pm Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar at St Leonard's 7.30pm

## **Good Friday**

10.30am St Mary's Dalkeith Act of Witness 2pm Bonnyrigg Cross Act of Witness

Stations of the Cross, St David's Dalkeith 7.3opm Good Friday Evening Choral Song Cockpen Church 7pm

# **Easter Morning**

7.30am Easter Celebration Kings Park Dalkeith followed by light breakfast at StJKP church.



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