

Connect News

The Churches of St Leonard's and St Mary's
Sunday 24th March 2024 St Mary's



Palm Sunday

LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Welcome

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Shout for joy, you people of Jerusalem!

Look, your king is coming to you

triumphant and victorious,

but humble and riding on a donkey:

Hosanna!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Amen

Hymn

HOSANNA, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Lord we lift up Your name, with hearts full of praise,

Be exalted, O Lord, my God,

Hosanna in the highest.

Glory, glory, glory to the King of kings.

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Lord, we lift up Your name, with hearts full of praise,

Be exalted, O Lord, my God,

Glory to the King of kings.

Palms Cross

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.

Reading John 12 :12-16

The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem.

They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting,

"Hosanna!"

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Blessed is the king of Israel!"

Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written:

"Do not be afraid, Daughter Zion;
see, your king is coming,
seated on a donkey's colt."

At first his disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realize that these things had been written about him and that these things had been done to him.

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 please come forward and receive a palm cross during the hymn

RIDE ON, RIDE ON IN MAJESTY!

In lowly pomp ride on to die!

O Christ, Thy triumphs now begin

O'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!

Hark all the tribes 'hosanna' cry;

Thine humble beast pursues his road

With palms and scattered garments strowed.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;
The Father on His sapphire throne
Expects His own anointed Son.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die!
Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain,
Then take, O God, Thy power, and reign!

Confession and absolution

Let us sit or kneel as we turn to our time of confession and absolution.

God is love and we are his children. There is no room for fear in love.
We love because he loved us first.

Therefore, let us confess our sins in penitence and faith

**Father we acknowledge that we have not loved
as you would have us love. We turn to you again and ask for your
mercy, forgive us and renew us through Jesus Christ our Lord**

The minister declares God's forgiveness

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

Ukrainian Kyrie

**Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison, Christe eleison, Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison.**

Collect for Palm Sunday

**Almighty and everliving God,
in tender love for all our human race you sent your Son our Saviour
Jesus Christ to take our flesh and suffer death upon a cruel cross.
May we follow the example of his great humility and share in the
glory of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.**

Hymn **THERE IS A REDEEMER, Jesus, God's own Son,**
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit, till the work on earth is done.

Jesus my Redeemer, Name above all names,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, O for sinners slain.

When I stand in glory I will see His face,
And there I'll serve my King forever In that holy place.

Gospel Reading of Mark 15 v1-39

Hear the Gospel of our Lord according to Mark

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Very early in the morning, the chief priests, with the elders, the teachers of the law and the whole Sanhedrin, made their plans. So they bound Jesus, led him away and handed him over to Pilate. "Are you the king of the Jews?" asked Pilate. "You have said so," Jesus replied.

The chief priests accused him of many things. So again Pilate asked him, "Aren't you going to answer? See how many things they are accusing you of." But Jesus still made no reply, and Pilate was amazed.

Now it was the custom at the festival to release a prisoner whom the people requested. A man called Barabbas was in prison with the insurrectionists who had committed murder in the uprising. The crowd came up and asked Pilate to do for them what he usually did. "Do you want me to release to you the king of the Jews?" asked Pilate, knowing it was out of self-interest that the chief priests had handed Jesus over to him. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have Pilate release Barabbas instead. "What shall I do, then, with Jesus, the one you call the king of the Jews?" Pilate asked. "Crucify him!" they shouted. "Why? What crime has he committed?" But they shouted all the louder, "Crucify him!"

Wanting to satisfy the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas to them. He had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified.

The soldiers led Jesus away into the palace and called together the whole company of soldiers. They put a purple robe on him, then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on him.

And they began to call out to him, "Hail, king of the Jews!" Again and again they struck him on the head with a staff and spit on him. Falling on their knees, they paid homage to him. And when they had mocked him, they took off the purple robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

A certain man from Cyrene, Simon, the father of Alexander and Rufus, was passing by on his way in from the country, and they forced him to carry the cross. They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha "the place of the skull". Then they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. And they crucified him.

Dividing up his clothes, they cast lots to see what each would get. It was nine in the morning when they crucified him. The written notice of the charge against him read: "The king of the Jews."

They crucified two rebels with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads and saying, "So! You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, come down from the cross and save yourself!"

In the same way the chief priests and the teachers of the law mocked him among themselves. "He saved others," they said, "but he can't save himself! Let this Messiah, this king of Israel, come down now from the cross, that we may see and believe." Those crucified with him also heaped insults on him. At noon, darkness came over the land until three in the afternoon. And at three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

When some of those standing near heard this, they said, "Listen, he's calling Elijah." Someone ran, filled a sponge with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink. "Now leave him alone. Let's see if Elijah comes to take him down," he said.

With a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last. The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.

And when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, saw how he died, he said, "Surely this man was the Son of God!"

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

A Reflection for today

Hymn **JESUS, REMEMBER ME**

When You come into Your kingdom.

Jesus, remember me

When You come into Your kingdom.

Prayer Intercessions

The Peace

He was pierced for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities;
and the punishment that brought us peace
was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

We meet in Christ name

Let us share his peace

Peace be with you

Hymn **MY SONG IS LOVE UNKNOWN,**

My Saviour's love to me:

Love to the loveless shown,

That they might lovely be.

O who am I, that for my sake

My Lord should take frail flesh and die?

He came from His blessed throne,

Salvation to bestow;

But men made strange, and none

The longed-for Christ would know:

But O! my Friend, my Friend indeed,

Who at my need His life did spend.

Sometimes they strew His way,

And His sweet praises sing;

Resounding all the day

Hosannas to their King:

Then 'Crucify!' is all their breath,

And for His death they thirst and cry.

They rise and needs will have
My dear Lord made away;
A murderer they save,
The Prince of life they slay,
Yet cheerful He to suffering goes,
That He His foes from thence might free.

In life no house, no home
My Lord on earth might have;
In death, no friendly tomb,
But what a stranger gave.
What may I say? Heaven was His home;
And mine the tomb wherein He lay.

Here might I stay and sing,
No story so divine;
Never was love, dear King!
Never was grief like Thine.
This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend.

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, 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.

Communion Song

Jesus, Lamb of God : have mercy on us
Jesus, bearer of our sins : have mercy on us
Jesus Redeemer of the world : Give us your peace
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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

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

Hymn 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.

Notices

The Dismissal

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

please do join with us for refreshments served at the close of the service

JOURNEY THROUGH HOLY WEEK WITH US



Dalkeith Churches

- Palm Sunday** Ecumenical Evening of Praise at St John's 7pm
Maundy Thu Celebration of the Last Supper at St Mary's 7pm
Good Friday Walk Witness 10am leaving from St Mary's
Evening Stations of Cross 7pm St David's
Easter Day Early Morning Kings Park 7.30am (remember clocks go back)

St Mary's 10am Easter Morning Worship

Lasswade & Bonnyrigg Churches

Morning Prayer in the Pitcairn Centre at 8am from Mon-Fri of Holy Week

- Monday** Stations of the Cross at Our Lady's 7pm
Tuesday A service of reflection Rosewell Parish 7pm
Wednesday A service of reflection Lasswade Parish 7pm
Maundy Thu ***Celebration of the Last Supper St Leonard's 7pm***
Good Friday Afternoon Witness at Bonnyrigg Cross 3pm
Good Friday Eve Cockpen Choir and Organ recital 7pm

St Leonard's 10am Easter Morning Worship



St Leonard's Sunday 10am

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