



PALM SUNDAY



CHORAL EUCHARIST

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**ST BRIDE'S
CHURCH**

Opening Sentence

*The crowds were shouting: "Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!"*

Welcome

Minister Dear friends in Christ,
 during Lent we have been preparing
 by works of love and self-sacrifice
 for the celebration
 of our Lord's death and resurrection.
 Today we come together
 to begin this solemn celebration
 in union with the Church throughout the world.

 Christ enters his own city
 to complete his work as our Saviour,
 to suffer, to die, and to rise again.
 Let us go with him in faith and love,
 so that, united with him in his sufferings,
 we may share his risen life.

Members of the congregation hold up their Palm Crosses

Minister 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 lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 now and for ever.

All 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:**
All glory, laud, and honour...

**The company of angels
are praising thee on high,
and mortal men and all things
created make reply:**
All glory, laud, and honour...

**The people of the Hebrews
with palms before thee went:
our praise and prayer and anthems
before thee we present:**
All glory, laud, and honour...

**To thee before thy passion
they sang their hymns of praise:
to thee now high exalted
our melody we raise:**
All glory, laud, and honour...

**Thou didst accept their praises,
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King:**
All glory, laud, and honour...

**Thy sorrow and thy triumph
grant us, O Christ, to share,
that to the holy city
together we may fare:**
All glory, laud, and honour...

**For homage may we bring thee
our victory o'er the foe,
that in the Conqueror's triumph
this strain may ever flow:**
*All glory, laud, and honour
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.*

Tune: St Theodulf by M Teschner C1613
Adapted and Harmonised: J S Bach 1685-1750
Words: St Theodulf of Orleans d 821, Tr J M Neale 1818-66

Minister The Lord be with you,
All and also with you.

Prayer of Preparation

**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.**

Prayer of Penitence

Minister *God shows his love for us in that,
while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
Let us then show our love for him
by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.*

**All Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you
in newness of life to the glory of your name.
Amen.**

Kyrie

Communion Service in B minor – Thomas Tertius Noble

Choir

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| <i>Kyrie eleison.</i> | Lord, have mercy upon us. |
| <i>Christe eleison.</i> | Christ, have mercy upon us. |
| <i>Kyrie eleison.</i> | Lord, have mercy upon us. |

Minister 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.

All Amen.

Collect

Minister *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.*

All **Amen.**

First Reading

Isaiah 50: 4-9a

read by Roger Garside

The Lord God has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him that is weary. Morning by morning he wakens, he wakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I turned not backward. I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I hid not my face from shame and spitting.

For the Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been confounded; therefore I have set my face like a 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 is my adversary? Let him come near to me. Behold, the Lord God helps me; who will declare me guilty? Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 118: 19-24

Choir *19 Open me the gates of righteousness :
that I may go into them, and give thanks unto the Lord.*

*20 This is the gate of the Lord :
the righteous shall enter into it.*

*21 I will thank thee, for thou hast heard me :
and art become my salvation.*

*22 The same stone which the builders refused :
is become the head-stone in the corner.*

*23 This is the Lord's doing :
and it is marvellous in our eyes.*

*24 This is the day which the Lord hath made :
we will rejoice and be glad in it.*

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be :
world without end. Amen.*

Chant: Thomas Attwood Walmisley, 1815-1856

Second Reading

Philippians 2: 5-11

read by Madeleine Kearns

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

Hymn

**There is a green hill far away,
without a city wall,
where the dear Lord was crucified,
who died to save us all.**

**We may not know, we cannot tell,
what pains he had to bear,
but we believe it was for us
He hung and suffered there.**

**He died that we might be forgiven,
He died to make us good,
that we might go at last to heaven,
saved by his precious blood.
There was no other good enough
to pay the price of sin;
He only could unlock the gate
of heaven, and let us in.**

**O dearly, dearly has he loved,
and we must love him too,
and trust in his redeeming blood,
and try his works to do.**

Tune: Horsley by W Horsley 1774-1858
Words: C F Alexander 1818-1893

Gospel Reading

read by The Revd Jeff Lake, *Associate Priest of St Bride's*

Reader Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
 according to Matthew.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 21: 1-11

When they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, The Lord has need of them, and he will send them immediately. This took place to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet, saying, Tell the daughter of Zion, Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of an ass.

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the ass and the colt, and put their garments on them, and he sat thereon. Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him shouted, Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest! And when he entered Jerusalem, all the city was stirred, saying, who is this? And the crowds said, this is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth of Galilee.

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

Please sit

Sermon

The Revd Dr Jeff Lake, *Associate Priest of St Bride's*

Creed
All

**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 from the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary and was made man.
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.**

Prayers of Intercession

led by Jane Wilkinson

These responses may be used

All Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

All Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

The Peace

Minister *Once we were far off,
but now in union with Christ Jesus
we have been brought near
through the shedding of Christ's blood,
for he is our peace.*

All The peace of the Lord be always with you,
and also with you.

Preparation of the Table

Offertory 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 blest 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.**

**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.**

Tune: Love Unknown by J Ireland 1879–1962
Words: S Crossman 1624–83

Minister Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this bread to offer,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.

All Blessed be God for ever.

Minister Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this wine to offer,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become our spiritual drink.

All Blessed be God for ever.

Eucharistic Prayer

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

Minister Lift up your hearts.
All We lift them to the Lord.

Minister Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All It is right to give thanks and praise.

Minister Let us pray.

Minister It is indeed right,
it is our duty and our joy,
at all times and in all places
to give you thanks and praise,
holy Father, heavenly King,
almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

*And now we give you thanks because,
for our salvation, he was obedient
even to death on the cross.
The tree of shame was made the tree of glory;
and 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 singing:

Sanctus and Benedictus

Missa brevis in D, K194 – Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Choir

*Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus
Dominus Deus Sabaoth,
pleni sunt caeli et terra
gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth
are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

*Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.*

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

Prayer of Consecration

Minister Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
 through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
 and as we follow his example
 and obey his command,
 grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
 these gifts of bread and wine
 may be to us his body and his blood;

Who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
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.

Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection
and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of his kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Minister Great is the mystery of faith:
All Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.

Minister Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit,
inspire us with your love,
and unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise.

**All Blessing and honour and glory and power
 be yours for ever and ever.
 Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

**All 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.**

Breaking of the Bread

Minister We break this bread to share in the body of Christ:

**All Though we are many, we are one body,
 because we all share in one bread.**

Giving of Communion

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.

All **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.**

The minister and people receive communion

Anthem

Hosanna to the Son of David – Thomas Weelkes

Choir *Hosanna to the Son of David.
Blessed be the King
that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, thou that sittest in the highest heavens.
Hosanna in excelsis Deo.*

Words: From Matthew 21: 9 and Luke 19: 38

Prayers after Communion

The minister leads the post communion prayer for the day

Minister Let us pray.

Silence is kept

Minister *Lord Jesus Christ,
you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant,
and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation:
give us the mind to follow you
and to proclaim you as Lord and king,
to the glory of God the Father.*

All Amen.

**All Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

Hymn

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hark, all the tribes hosanna cry:
O Saviour meek, pursue thy road
with palms and scattered garments strowed.**

**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!
The wingèd squadrons of the sky
look down with sad and wondering eyes
to see the approaching sacrifice.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh:
the Father on his sapphire throne
awaits 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.**

Tune: Winchester New, adapted from a chorale
in *Musicalisches Hand-Buch*, Hamburg 1690
Words: H H Milman 1791-1868

Blessing

Minister *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 now and always.*

All Amen.

Dismissal

Minister Go in the peace of Christ.

Choir *Thanks be to God.*

Organ Voluntary

Choral Prelude 'Valet will ich dir geben' BWV 736

– Johann Sebastian Bach

*(Matthew Morley, Arlesheim Cathedral 1761 Silberman organ via
Hauptwerk Soundset)*

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