



# The Parish of Thorpe St Andrew



## WEEKLY NOTICES AND WORSHIP RESOURCES FOR PALM SUNDAY 5 April 2020

**FROM OUR RECTOR** Welcome to our Weekly Communication from the Parish of Thorpe St Andrew. As, I think, most of you have cottoned on Church is very different now. We are learning to live in a different way. A word which many are using is 'strange' – and for some it feels like many things are strange and nothing is normal. We now begin Holy Week. Our Palm Procession around our churchyard and along the riverside is a highlight of the year – and can't happen together. Other highlights like are foot washing and our Walk of Witness on Good Friday cannot happen, as planned. In relation to Good Friday the Bishop and the Archdeacon have specifically requested that we

**STAY AT HOME. PROTECT THE NHS. SAVE LIVES.**

All of this is hard to hear. So, what is normal and not strange? Not even a virus can change the events of Holy Week 2000 years ago, even if we can't do what we 'normally' do in 2020. Christ journeyed to the death on a cross that we might have eternal life – and **he has kept his promise**. With all my love and blessings for Holy Week and Easter – we can get through this!!

*Fr James*

### **You can keep connected by:**

- Tuning into our (technology permitting) Facebook live streamed service **every Sunday at 9.30am**, worshipping together electronically.
- Using our Holy Week booklet
- Receiving our weekly emails and other updates. Please supply your email to [rector@thorpeparishchurch.org](mailto:rector@thorpeparishchurch.org). Hard copies will be posted out to those without emails.
- Go online to find resources/updates on Thorpe St Andrew Parish Church Facebook page and on our Parish Life website - [www.parish-life.co.uk](http://www.parish-life.co.uk)

# THE EUCHARIST FOR PALM SUNDAY

**WELCOME** *Words of welcome are said*

Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

## THE GREETING

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

## INTRODUCTION

Dear brothers and sisters 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.



*The people hold up palms or branches or paper crosses, while this prayer is said by the 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 is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE PALM GOSPEL

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

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.'

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

## **HYMN**

1 All glory, laud and honour  
To thee, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.

2 Thou art the King of Israel,  
Thou David's royal Son,  
Who in the Lord's name comest,  
The King and blessed One.

3 The company of angels  
Are praising thee on high,  
And mortal men and all things  
Created make reply.

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

5 To thee before thy passion  
They sang their hymns of praise;  
To thee, now high exalted,  
Our melody we raise.

6 Thou didst accept their praises,  
Accept the prayers we bring,  
Who in all good delightest,  
Thou good and gracious King.

## **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. **Amen.**

*[For further reflection but not being read in our Live Stream service*

**EPISTLE READING** Philippians 2:5-11

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.]

**THE READING OF THE PASSION** (Matthew 27:11-54)

Hear the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

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!' *This ends with a short period of silence.*

## **SERMON/REFLECTION**

## **CREED**

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named. We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love. We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high. We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*The response to the bidding*

Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

*Our intentions today*

- **Those who live in Regency Crescent, Richmond Court, Ring Road**
- **Those who are sick or in need, including:** Brenda Debenham, Brian Riseborough, Mark Little, Paul Carter, Monique Rowland, Jennifer Jones, Janet Fancy, Colin Hicks, Glenys Paflin, Audrey Camp, Alan Harrison, Jill Hall, Grace Howes, Peter and Gaynor Garrod.
- **The recently departed:** Diane Whiskerd, Jeanette Wilkin, Eileen Moore.
- **Those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time including** George Etheridge, John Mason

Merciful Father,

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

## **THE PEACE**

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. The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

## **HYMN**

**From heaven you came, helpless babe,  
Entered our world, your glory veiled;  
Not to be served but to serve,  
And give your life that we might live.**

***This is our God, the Servant King,  
He calls us now to follow him,  
To bring our lives as a daily offering  
Of worship to the Servant King.***

**There in the garden of tears,  
My heavy load he chose to bear;  
His heart with sorrow was torn,  
'Yet not my will but yours,' he said. *Refrain***

**Come, see his hands and his feet,  
The scars that speak of sacrifice,  
Hands that flung stars into space  
To cruel nails surrendered. *Refrain***

**So let us learn how to serve,  
And in our lives enthrone him;  
Each other's needs to prefer,  
For it is Christ we're serving. *Refrain***

### **THE PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR**

Jesus, true vine and bread of life, ever giving yourself that the world might live, let us share your death and passion: make us perfect in your love. **Amen.**

### **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 just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. For as the time of his passion and resurrection draws near the whole world is called to acknowledge his hidden majesty. The power of the life-giving cross reveals the judgement that has come upon the world and the triumph of Christ crucified. He is the victim who dies no more, the Lamb once slain, who lives for ever, our advocate in heaven to plead our cause, exalting us there to join with angels and archangels, for ever praising you and saying:

**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.

Jesus Christ is Lord: **Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free. You are the Saviour of the world.**

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 the Blessed Virgin Mary and 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**

**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.**

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
**we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

### **THE AGNUS DEI**

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



Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*The minister receives the bread and wine on behalf of all.*

*A short period of silence is kept.*

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

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. **Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**Faithful God, may we who share this banquet  
glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
our salvation, life and hope,  
who reigns as Lord now and for ever. Amen.**

## **HYMN**

1 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?

2 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!

3 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.

4 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.

## **BLESSING**

May the Father, who so loved the world that he gave his only Son, bring you by faith to his eternal life. **Amen.**

May Christ, who accepted the cup of sacrifice in obedience to the Father's will, keep you steadfast as you walk with him the way of his cross. **Amen.**

May the Spirit, who strengthens us to suffer with Christ that we may share his glory, set your minds on life and peace. **Amen.**

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.**



# WEEKLY NOTICES: 5 April 2020

**PARISH LIFE** The April issue is pretty full, and Chris and I have battled to get it issued. We hope, given the current crisis, that you will understand that it is a little late – and that when you receive it (however that is) you enjoy it.

**CANCELLATION OF REGULAR GROUPS/SOCIAL EVENTS** For avoidance of doubt all events and services, unless being delivered online, are **CANCELLED** until further notice. This includes: Adult and Junior Choir Practices, Toddler Group, Mothers' Union, Koffee and Kompany (March, April and May meetings), Pastoral Care Group, Soup Lunch on 5 April, Easter Saturday Children's Workshop (11 April) and Murder Mystery (18 April).

**PLANNED GIVING AND COLLECTIONS** We have had several questions about planned giving whilst our church buildings are closed under the COVID-19 restrictions. We are not currently able to receive, nor count, Free Will Offering / Gift Aid envelopes. If you have been thinking about setting up a Standing Order, or wish to make an online payment, please contact Sally, our Treasurer, for details on [treasurersa@gmail.com](mailto:treasurersa@gmail.com). When the situation with Covid-19 becomes clearer, we will give further guidance. The Anglican adage applies to this, as in all things: 'All may, none must, some should.' Please do contact me if you have any concerns whatsoever.

**JUNIOR CHOIR** With thanks to Choir Mum, Jo Love, we are rolling our Virtual Junior Choir and we will report further on how that is going.

**CAFÉ CHURCH** The Facebook online service on 26 April is a Café Church, since we thought this gave us an opportunity to share in different styles of worship. If anyone in our Café Church family has any ideas to put in – please contact the Rector or our AWA (Nicole King).

**'CALLS TO ACTION'** We understand that the request to stand out on your doorsteps at 8.00pm on Thursdays is now weekly. This is to clap for all those who are on the frontline in the fightback against this virus – which includes the NHS, Carers, Binmen, Food Delivery Drivers, Teachers going in to supervise children of keyworkers. Keep joining in!!

**EMAIL LIST** Please email Fr James on [rector@thorpeparishchurch.org](mailto:rector@thorpeparishchurch.org) or [jstewart1971@gmail.com](mailto:jstewart1971@gmail.com) if you would like to be added to our list to receive our email updates. We are sending out our newsletter and other updates each week. It's a good way to keep in touch. Our weekly newsletter/other resources are on the Parish Life website [www.pariah-life.co.uk](http://www.pariah-life.co.uk)

**FUNERAL SERVICES** Please hold all these families in your prayers:  
**8 April at 2.45pm** Funeral of Eileen Moore at St Faith's Crematorium

**VIRTUAL SOUP – 9 APRIL at 12.30pm** On Maundy Thursday we would have been at the Cathedral for the annual renewal of ordination vows and reception of oils, and refreshments afterwards. On this day the Church remembers the gathering of the disciples for a meal with Jesus. As a body of Christ – separated by the virus – let us gather together in our own homes with a common meal at this time – some soup (replacing the soup lunches missed – particularly the one which would have taken place at the Rectory).

**FOODBANK** Thank you for all those who brought things in for the FoodBank. Since we are no longer able to have the church open, we will now find new ways to collect this in the days ahead.

**TELEPHONING LIST** Please contact Fr James on 01603 439160 if you would like to be added to our 'Phoning list. We keen to make sure that no one is separated from God's love at this time.

**DO YOU NEED OUR HELP?** If you need food delivering or medication collecting or indeed anything else, please contact Fr James and he will signpost you to a volunteer.

**VOLUNTEERING** We are sharing in the work of food delivery/shopping with our colleagues in Royal British Legion. Please get in touch with Fr James on 01603 439160 ([rector@thorpeparishchurch.org](mailto:rector@thorpeparishchurch.org)).

**100 CLUB** From Linda Olney and Ann Cox: After discussions, it has been decided that due to the current situation with Covid-19, the monthly 100 Club draw and the renewal of membership will be suspended. This means that, when we start back, we will still have two months in hand. We hope that all members will understand the need to take this difficult decision; we will try to keep you in touch with any developments. Thank you for your continued support.

## **UPDATE ON SOCIAL EVENTS IN 2020**

There is no certainty about when the restrictions will be lifted. I can assure you that there are people who have all of this under very active consideration. There is the possibility of some 'virtual' events. I have explained that the Parish's top priority is the health and wellbeing of our parishioners, but the following have **not** yet been cancelled or rearranged.

- 28 June 2020 at 2.30pm Summer Concert/ at Parish Church
- 18 July 2020 11.00am to 3.00pm Summer Fete in Parish Church grounds. Sponsorship offers to Fr James, as soon as possible.
- 5, 12, 19 and 26 August Organ Recital Series. Recitals at 1.00pm.