

**PALM SUNDAY**  
**5th April 2020**

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 heaven! *Matthew 21.9*

**Reading: Matthew 21.1-11**

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.'

**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 mortals, joined with 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.

**At the name of Jesus** ev'ry knee shall bow  
ev'ry tongue confess him King of glory now;  
'tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,  
who, from the beginning, was the mighty Word.

At his voice creation sprang at once to sight,  
all the angels' faces, all the hosts of light,  
thrones and dominations, stars upon their way,  
all the heav'nly orders in their great array.

Humbled for a season, to receive a name  
from the lips of sinners unto whom he came,  
faithfully he bore it, spotless to the last,  
brought it back victorious when from death he passed.

Bore it up triumphant, with its human light,  
through all ranks of creatures to the central height,  
to the throne of Godhead, to the Father's breast,  
filled it with the glory of that perfect rest.

All creation, name him with love as strong as death;  
but with awe and wonder, and with bated breath.  
He is God the Saviour, he is Christ the Lord,  
ever to be worshipped, trusted and adored.

In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue  
all that is not holy, all that is not true;  
crown him as your captain in temptation's hour;  
let his will enfold you in its light and power.

Truly, this Lord Jesus shall return again,  
with his Father's glory, with his angel train;  
for all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,  
and our hearts confess him King of glory now.

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

Ride on! Ride on in majesty!  
The 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.

### **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.**

### **Reading: Isaiah 50. 4-9a**

The servant of the Lord said: 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 backwards. 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?

The response to **Psalm 31**

**Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.**

Plainchant, arr. G Boulton Smith



Fa - ther, in - to your hands I com - mend my spi - rit.

In you, O Lord, I take refuge.  
Let me never be put to shame.  
In your justice set me free.  
Into your hands I commend my spirit  
It is you who will redeem me, Lord. **R.**

Those who see me in the street run far away from me.  
I am like a dead man,  
forgotten in men's hearts,  
like a thing thrown away. **R.**

But as for me, I trust in you, Lord,  
I say: "You are my God."  
My life is in your hands, deliver me  
from the hands of those who hate me. **R.**

Let your face shine on your servant,  
save me in your love.  
Be strong, let your heart take courage,  
all who hope in the Lord.  
**Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.**

**Gospel: Matthew 27.11-54**

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!'

### **Intercessions**

**We give thanks** for volunteers

**We pray particularly for:** James, William, Robina Freeman, Anne Memery, Bishop Lee, Tim Tayler, Myra Wilcox, Josephine House, Derrick Sheppard, Marc Vyvyan-Jones, Arthur Brice, Benita Wallis-Langley

*On-going prayers:* Joy Beckwith, Abi, Nick, Stephen Weston, John Cannon, Margaret Routledge, John Reed, James Wisheart

*Recently died:* Barry Eastman, Peter Bentley

*We remember* the following, whose anniversaries of death occur this week: Harold Brown, Margaret Green, George Doolan, Josephine Taylor, Peggy Sawyer, Agnes Skyrme, Peggy Manning, Jane Lane.

We pray for their loved ones who miss them.

**Local Church Partners:** St. Peter's

**Mission:** We pray for Christian Aid as they work with people of all faiths and none to fight injustice and pursue a vision of a world without poverty.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** the Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean: The Most Revd James Richard Wong Yin Song - Archbishop, Province of Indian Ocean & Bishop of the Seychelles

**Bristol Diocese:** Henleaze: St Peter, Vicar: Revd Canon Mark Pilgrim, LLM: Miss Sarah Thomas

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.**

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**Thank you.** Gina would like to express her thanks for all the cards and messages she has received following Barry's death. She has found it of enormous comfort knowing that our church community has been supporting her through this time with their prayers. She was deeply touched by those particularly thinking of Barry and the family at the time of the funeral on Wednesday.



Over the past few weeks I have started a pen pal scheme that involves local families in our community writing to members of our congregation who are currently in self-isolation and not having much contact with the outside world. The church felt some people would particularly benefit from some human contact in the form of a kind letter to give some hope and joy during these difficult weeks. If you receive a pen pal letter then I truly hope it lifts your spirits and reminds you that people are there for you – even if you can't see them! If you have any feedback then please email me at [familyworker@westbury-parish-church.org.uk](mailto:familyworker@westbury-parish-church.org.uk) or write to me via the Parish Office. With very best wishes, Georgina (Church Family Worker)

Please continue to follow Government advice as we seek to reduce the spread of infection.

## **CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK**

**MONDAY 6th April**

**Monday of Holy Week**

Daily Prayer: Badminton School

**TUESDAY 7th April**

**Tuesday of Holy Week**

Daily Prayer: Barley Croft

**WEDNESDAY 8th April**

**Wednesday of Holy Week**

Daily Prayer: Bell Barn Road

**THURSDAY 9th April**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**

Daily prayer: Bellevue Cottages

**FRIDAY 10th April**

**GOOD FRIDAY**

Daily prayer: Beverley Gardens

**SATURDAY 11th April**

**Easter Eve**

Daily prayer: Brainsfield

**NEXT SUNDAY – EASTER SUNDAY**

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