



Holy Communion



Sunday 24th March 10am 2024

Welcome in the name of Christ.
God's grace, mercy and peace be with you:
and also with you.

Welcome and Notices

Hymn:

**Ride on, ride on in majesty
as all the crowds 'Hosanna!' cry:
through waving branches slowly ride,
O Saviour, to be crucified.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty,
in lowly pomp ride on to die:
O Christ, your triumph now begin
with captured death, and conquered sin!**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty
the angel armies 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 foe defy:
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 your meek head to mortal pain,
then take, O God, your pow'r and reign!**

Confession:

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.

**God of mercy,
we acknowledge that we are all sinners.
We turn from the wrong that we have thought,
said and done,
and are mindful of all that we have failed to do.
For the sake of Jesus, who died for us,
forgive us for all that is past,
and help us to live each day
in the light of Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Absolution:

May almighty God have mercy on you,
forgive *you your* sins,
and bring *you* to everlasting life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Collect:

Let us pray for a closer union with Christ in his suffering and in his glory.

True and humble king,
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:
grant us the faith to know you and love you,
that we may be found beside you
on the way of the cross,
which is the path of glory.
Amen.

New Testament Reading:

Philippians 2: 5-11 Christ emptied himself on the cross so every knee should bow and confess Him Lord! (pg. 194)

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

Gradual Hymn:

**Make way, make way, for Christ the King
in splendour arrives.**

**Fling wide the gates and welcome him
into your lives.**

***Make way! (Make way!)
Make way! (Make way!)
For the King of kings!
(For the King of kings!)***

***Make way! (Make way!)
Make way! (Make way!)
And let his kingdom in!***

**He comes the broken hearts to heal,
the prisoners to free.
The deaf shall hear, the lame shall dance,
the blind shall see.**

**And those who mourn with heavy hearts,
who weep and sigh;
with laughter, joy, and royal crown
He'll beautify.**

**We call you now to worship him
as Lord of all.
To have no other gods but him:
their thrones must fall!**

Gospel Reading:

Please stand for the Gospel reading.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

***Mark 11: 1-11 Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem
(pg. 45)***

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

Sermon: *Revd. Buffy Langdown, Curate at All Saints*

Prayers of Intercessions:

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

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

**God of Mission,
who alone brings growth to your Church.
Send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning,
wisdom to our actions, and power to our witness.
Help our church to grow in numbers,
in spiritual commitment to you,
and in service to our local community,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

Peace be with you. **And also with you.**

We share a sign of God's peace with one another.

Offertory Song:

**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.**

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

**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.**

Communion:

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

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 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 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.**

Breaking of the Bread:

**We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
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.**

***Please come forward to receive
Communion or a blessing.***

During Communion we sing:

**Meekness and majesty, manhood and Deity,
In perfect harmony, the Man who is God.
Lord of eternity, dwells in humanity,
Kneels in humility, and washes our feet.**

***O what a mystery,
Meekness and majesty.
Bow down and worship
For this is your God,
This is your God.***

**Father's pure radiance, perfect in innocence,
Yet learns obedience, to death on a cross.
Suffering to give us life, conquering through
sacrifice,
And as they crucify, prays: 'Father forgive.'**

**Wisdom unsearchable, God the invisible,
Love indestructible, in frailty appears.
Lord of infinity, stooping so tenderly,
Lifts our humanity, to the heights of His throne.**

**King of kings, majesty,
God of heaven living in me,
gentle Saviour, closest friend,
strong deliverer, beginning and end,
all within me falls at your throne.**

***Your majesty, I can but bow,
I lay my all before you now.
In royal robes I don't deserve
I live to serve your majesty.***

**Earth and heaven worship you,
love eternal, faithful, and true,
who bought the nations, ransomed souls,
brought this sinner near to your throne;
all within me cries out in praise:**

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.**

Blessing the Palm Crosses:

The people hold up palms crosses while this prayer is said by the president:

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.**

Closing Song:

**There is a green hill far away,
outside 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 forgiv'n,
he died to make us good,
that we might go at last to heav'n,
saved by his precious blood.**

**There was no other good enough
to pay the price of sin;
he only could unlock the gate
of heav'n, 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.**

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 may the blessing of God Almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
Rest on us and fill us, now and always. **Amen**

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

**Please join with us in the church hall for
refreshments and a hot cross bun!**

