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Christ Church

St Leonards on Sea



Palm Sunday

Sung Mass with Blessing of Palms & Procession

With Sunday School

1030am

13th April

Welcome to Christ Church!

Whoever you are and wherever you are from, know you are very welcome to join us for our worship this morning. Please join us afterwards for refreshments.

Today is Palm Sunday, marking the start of Holy Week. We begin gathered in the courtyard for our Procession with Palm – please be in place by 1025, going via London road to keep the internal staircase clear.

Children & families

Children and families are very welcome here: our Sunday School meets at the back of Church and there is also a 'Children's Chapel' space with books and toys in the South Aisle, for young children and their parents to use at any point during Mass. Toilets are available at the back of church and in the crypt, accessed via the stairs at the end of the South Aisle.

During the Mass

'Talk to God before Mass, and each other afterwards!'

Please follow the directions to *sit, stand or kneel in italics* and join with the words in bold. Please remember that people are trying to pray before Mass, so keep silence as much as possible and don't disturb those at prayer.

Please also remember that the time after receiving Holy Communion is for quiet prayer and contemplation – not to have conversations.

Holy Communion

At the Giving of Holy Communion, if you are confirmed and wish to receive the Sacrament, please come forward to receive Communion via the main aisle following the directions of the sidesmen.

Everyone is very welcome to come forward for a blessing: if you would like one, please bow your head.

Holy Communion is offered at the communion rail in both forms. Please kneel, unless you are unable. The Host is received on the tongue, (or if preferred on the hands)

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THE COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM

All gather in the courtyard with palms & branches, in anticipation of the Procession.

Please be in place by 1025 am at the latest, following the directions of the Churchwardens & Stewards.

The choir lead the singing of the Hosanna as the Sanctuary Party arrive:

In the name of the Father ✠ and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit



A-men.

The Lord be with you.



And also with you.

The Priest invites the people to participate actively and consciously in the celebration of the day.

He then sings the prayer of blessing over the palms:

Let us pray.

Almighty ever-living God,
sanctify these branches with your blessing,
that we, who follow Christ the King in exultation,
may reach the eternal Jerusalem through him.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.

The palms are sprinkled with Holy Water in silence.

The Gospel of the Lord's Entrance to Jerusalem is proclaimed (Luke 19:28-40)

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel (✠) of Our Lord Jesus Christ (✠) according to St Luke (✠)

Glory to you, O Lord.

After the Gospel:

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

The Procession forms up, led by the Sanctuary Party & the Choir. The Priest sings out:

Let us go forth in peace!

In the name of Christ, Amen!

The Procession departs, singing the following hymns loudly and with joyful enthusiasm. Please follow the directions of the stewards.

All Glory, Laud and Honour

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 Blessèd One.

All glory, laud...

The company of Angels

Is praising Thee on high,

And mortal men, and all things

Created make reply.

All glory, laud...

The people of the Hebrews

With palms before Thee went

Our praise and prayers and

anthems

Before Thee we present.

All glory, laud...

To Thee before Thy Passion
They sang their hymns of praise;
To Thee now high exalted
Our melody we raise.
All glory, laud...

Thou didst accept their praises;
Accept the praise we bring,
Who in all good delightest,
Thou good and gracious King.
All glory, laud...

Do Thou direct our footsteps
upon our earthly way,
and bring us by Thy mercy
to heaven's eternal day.
All glory, laud...

Within Thy blessed City
Thy praises may we sing,
and evermore hosannas
to our most loving King
All glory, laud...

Hail Redeemer King Divine!

Hail Redeemer, King divine!
Priest and Lamb, the throne is
thine;
King, whose reign shall never
cease,
Prince of everlasting peace.

Angels, saints and nations sing :
"Praise be Jesus Christ our King;
Lord of life, earth, sky and sea,
King of love on Calvary!"

King, whose name creation thrills,
rule our hearts, our minds, our
wills;
till in peace, each nation rings
with thy praises, King of kings.
Angels, saints and...

King most holy, King of truth,
guard the lowly, guide the youth;
Christ the King of glory bright,
be to us eternal light.
Angels, saints and...

Shepherd-king, o'er mountains
steep
homeward bring the wandering
sheep;
shelter in one royal fold
states and kingdoms, new and old.
Angels, saints and...

Crimson streams, O King of grace,
drenched thy thorn-crowned head
and face;
floods of love's redeeming tide
tore thy hands, thy feet, and side.
Angels, saints and...

**Eucharistic King, what love
draws thee daily from above,
clad in signs of bread and wine :
feed us, lead us, keep us thine!
*Angels, saints and...***

**Sing with joy in ev'ry home :
"Christ our King, thy kingdom
come!
To the King of ages, then,
honour, glory, love : Amen!"
*Angels, saints and...***

As the Procession enters the church, [the Sanctuary Party & Procession stop](#)

The responsory is proclaimed by the Choir.

The Sanctuary Party and Choir then proceed to the Sanctuary, whilst the people go to their seats singing:

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

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The host of angels in the sky
look down with sad and wond'ring
eyes
to see th'approaching Sacrifice.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die.
O Christ, Your triumphs now begin
o'er captive death and conquered
sin.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Your 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 Your meek head to mortal pain,
then take, O Christ, Your pow'r and reign.**

During the hymn the Priest censes the altar, then lays aside the cope for a chasuble & maniple to prepare for the Mass.

The Priest sings the Collect:

Almighty ever-living God,
who as an example of humility for the human race to follow
caused our Saviour to take flesh and submit to the Cross,
graciously grant that we may heed his lesson of patient suffering
and so merit a share in his Resurrection.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Isaiah 50.4-9; Psalm 31; Philippians 2.5-11

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Please sit for the readings

First Reading A reading from the Prophet Isaiah
This is the word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 31

9 Have mercy on me, Lord, for I
am in trouble; my eye is
consumed with sorrow, my soul
and my body also.

10 For my life is wasted with
grief, and my years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of
my affliction, and my bones are
consumed.

11 I have become a reproach to all
my enemies and even to my
neighbours, an object of dread to

my acquaintances; when they see
me in the street they flee from me.

12 I am forgotten like one that is
dead, out of mind; I have become
like a broken vessel.

13 For I have heard the
whispering of the crowd; fear is
on every side; they scheme
together against me, and plot to
take my life.

14 But my trust is in you, O Lord.
I have said, 'You are my God.

15 'My times are in your hand;
deliver me from the hand of my
enemies,
and from those who persecute
me.

16 'Make your face to shine upon your servant, and save me for your
mercy's sake.'

Second Reading A reading from the Letter to the Philippians
This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

On Palm Sunday, there is no Gospel Acclamation.

Please stand for

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

*Please join in with the parts marked,
and remain standing for the whole Passion.*

*Those unable to do so, should stand for the account of
Our Lord's Crucifixion, if possible.*

Please sit for the **Homily**

The homily is followed by a time of silent reflection.

The Creed – *please stand.*

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, *(all bow)*
*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.

The Peace

The Priest introduces the Peace and then says:

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace

All share a sign of peace with those near them

*Please then sit for the offertory hymn as bread and wine are brought forward for the preparation of the altar, as we sing the **Offertory Hymn.***

During this hymn a collection is taken towards the costs of Christ Church's ministries – if you don't have cash, there is a contactless reader by the entrance or you can donate online here:

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THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Please stand when the congregation is censed by the thurifer.

Offertory Hymn

1. O sacred head, sore wounded,
Defiled and put to scorn;
O kingly head, surrounded
With mocking crown of thorn:
What sorrow mars thy grandeur?
Can death thy bloom deflower?
O countenance whose splendour
The hosts of heaven adore.

2. I pray thee, Jesus, own me,
Me, Shepherd good, for thine;
Who to thy fold has won me,
And fed with truth divine.
Me guilty, me refuse not,
Incline thy face to me,
This comfort that I lose not,
On earth to comfort thee.

3. Thy beauty, long-desired,
Hath vanished from our sight;
Thy power is all expired,
And quenched the light of light.
Ah me! for whom thou diest,
Hide not so far thy grace:
Show me, O Love most highest,
The brightness of thy face.

4. In thy most bitter passion
My heart to share doth cry,
With thee for my salvation
Upon the Cross to die.
Ah, keep my heart thus moved
To stand thy Cross beneath,
To mourn thee, well-beloved,
Yet thank thee for thy death.

5. My days are few, O fail not,
With thine immortal power,
To hold me that I quail not
In death's most fearful hour:
That I may fight befriended,
And see in my last strife
To me thine arms extended
Upon the Cross of life.

Pray, my brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God our almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

The Priest offers the Prayer over the Gifts, and all respond. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you **And also with you**
Lift up your hearts **We lift them up to the Lord**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
It is right to give Him thanks and praise

*The Priest continues with the Opening (Preface) of the Prayer of Thanksgiving at the end of which the choir leads the **Sanctus***

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.

Please kneel as the Priest continues the Prayer of Thanksgiving.

He first invokes the Holy Spirit to sanctify the offerings of bread and wine.

He then recalls the Lord's actions the night before he died. A bell is rung as the Priest elevates the consecrated Host and Chalice.

He then says:

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Priest continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

At the end, all respond:



A-men.

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.

As the Priest breaks the bread, he says:

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.

As the bread is broken, the choir lead the Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace

Giving of Communion - Please remaining kneeling as the Priest shows the Body of Christ

Behold the Lamb of God. Behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Before coming forward to receive Holy Communion, all pray together:

We do not presume to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table. But thou art the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy 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.

As the Priest receives Holy Communion, a bell is rung & the people begin to come forward. If you are confirmed and wish to receive Holy Communion, please come forward via the main aisle, following the directions of the stewards.

All are welcome to come forward for a blessing: if you would like one, please bow your head.

Holy Communion is offered in both forms at the Communion Rail. Please kneel, unless you are unable. The Host is received on the tongue (or, if preferred, on the hands.) If you don't wish to receive from the Chalice, you can return to your seat after receiving the Host.

Intinction (dipping the Host in the Chalice) is not permitted.

*During the receiving of Holy Communion, the Choir sing an **Anthem**
Lift up your heads – Matthias*

*All then join in the **Communion Hymn***

**1. We sing the praise of him
who died,
of him who died upon the cross;
the sinner's hope let men deride,
for this we count the world but
loss.**

**2. Inscribed upon the cross we
see
in shining letters, 'God is love';
he bears our sins upon the tree;
he brings us mercy from above.**

**3. The cross! It takes our guilt
away:
it holds the fainting spirit up;
it cheers with hope the gloomy
day,
and sweetens every bitter cup.**

**4. It makes the coward spirit
brave,
and nerves the feeble arm for fight;
it takes its terror from the grave,
and gilds the bed of death with
light:**

**5. The balm of life, the cure of woe,
the measure and the pledge of love,
the sinner's refuge here below,
the angels' theme in heaven above.**

Once the Sacred Vessels have been cleansed, Please stand to give thanks together with the *Prayer of Thanksgiving after Holy Communion*

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

The Priest sings the Prayer after Communion

Nourished with these sacred gifts,
we humbly beseech you, O Lord,
that, just as through the death of your Son
you have brought us to hope for what we believe,
so by his Resurrection
you may lead us to where you call.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen

Please sit for **The Notices**

Please stand for **The Blessing and Dismissal**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

All bow for the Solemn Blessing

Look, we pray, O Lord, on this your family,
for whom our Lord Jesus Christ
did not hesitate to be delivered into the hands of the wicked
and submit to the agony of the Cross.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen

May the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the
Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

The Mass is ended, let us go in the peace of Christ! **Thanks be to God!**

As the Sanctuary party departs, all sing the **Recessional Hymn**

1. The royal banners forward
go,
The Cross shines forth in
mystic glow,
Where he in flesh, our flesh
who made,
Our sentence bore, our
ransom paid.

2. Where deep for us the spear
was dyed,
Life's torrent rushing from
his side,
To wash us in that precious
flood,
Where mingled water
flowed, and blood.

3. Fulfilled is all that David
told
In true prophetic song of
old,
The universal Lord is he,
Who reigns and triumphs
from the tree.

4. O Tree of beauty, Tree of
light,
O Tree with royal purple
dight,
Elect on whose triumphal
breast
Those holy limbs should
find their rest!

5. Blest tree, whose chosen
branches bore
the wealth that did the world
restore,
the price of humankind to
pay,
and spoil the spoiler of his
prey.

6. Upon its arms, like balance
true,
he weighed the price for
sinners due,
the price which none but he
could pay,
and spoiled the spoiler of his
prey.

7. Cross, our one reliance, hail!
So may thy power with us
prevail
To give new virtue to the
saint,
And pardon to the penitent.

8. To thee, eternal Three in
One,
Let homage meet by all be
done:
Whom by thy Cross thou
dost restore,
Preserve and govern
evermore. Amen.

**Please join us after the Mass for
refreshments at the back of church.**

*Make sure to take a copy of the 'Week Ahead' booklet which gives
details of the times of worship this week at Christ Church, as
well as upcoming events.*

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**10.30AM SUNG MASS WITH BLESSING OF PALMS
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10.30am Low Mass + 7pm Low Latin Mass
9PM SUNG COMPLINE BY CANDLELIGHT

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9PM SUNG COMPLINE BY CANDLELIGHT

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MAUNDY THURSDAY – 17TH APRIL

7PM MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
followed by Stripping of the Altars & Solemn Watch until Midnight

GOOD FRIDAY – 18TH APRIL

9am Stations of the Cross + 1015am Walk of Witness
3pm SOLEMN CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION

HOLY SATURDAY – 19TH APRIL

8pm THE EASTER VIGIL
followed by drinks reception

EASTER SUNDAY – 20TH APRIL

10.30AM – SUNG MASS OF THE RESURRECTION
followed by Easter Parish Party!



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