



# Christ Church

St Leonards on Sea



## Palm Sunday

*Sung Mass with Blessing of Palms & Procession*

*With Sunday School*

**1030am**

## **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.

The penitential nature of this Lenten season is reflected in the greater simplicity of the church & liturgy: music is limited to accompanying our singing, and there are no flowers or other decorations. During Lent there is also no Gloria, and Penitential Rite – where we confess our sins before God – takes the form of the Asperges (Sprinkling with Holy Water)

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

**Children & 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 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). If you wish to receive from the Chalice, please assist the Eucharistic Ministers by guiding the Chalice towards your lips and not bowing your head forward.

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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 (Matthew 21.1-11)*

The Lord be with you

**And also with you.**

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

**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 St Matthew*

*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 St Matthew**

*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. 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.



## 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 remain 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***

*All then join in the **Communion 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. 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.**

**3. 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.**

**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.

*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. Take up thy cross, the Saviour  
said,

If thou wouldst my disciple be;  
Deny thyself, the world forsake,  
And humbly follow after me.

2. Take up thy cross; let not its  
weight

Fill thy weak spirit with alarm;  
His strength shall bear thy spirit  
up,  
And brace thy heart, and nerve  
thine arm.

3. Take up thy cross, nor heed the  
shame,

Nor let thy foolish pride rebel;  
The Lord for thee the Cross  
endured,  
To save thy soul from death and  
hell.

4. Take up thy cross then in his  
strength,  
And calmly every danger brave;  
'Twill guide thee to a better  
home,  
And lead to victory o'er the  
grave.

5. Take up thy cross, and follow  
Christ,  
Nor think till death to lay it  
down;  
For only he who bears the cross  
May hope to wear the glorious  
crown.

6. To thee, great Lord, the One in  
Three,  
All praise for evermore ascend;  
O grant us in our home to see  
The heavenly life that knows  
no end.

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

ALL ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER AT



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## **PALM SUNDAY - 29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

**10.30am Sung Mass  
with Blessing of Palms & Procession**

## **HOLY MONDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, HOLY TUESDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH & HOLY WEDNESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL**

10.30am Low Mass + 7pm Low Mass (Latin)  
**9PM SUNG COMPLINE BY CANDLELIGHT**

## **MAUNDY THURSDAY – 2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL**

**7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper**  
*followed by Stripping of the Altars & Solemn Watch until Midnight*

## **GOOD FRIDAY – 3<sup>RD</sup> APRIL**

**10am Stations of the Cross**  
**3pm Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion**

## **HOLY SATURDAY – 4<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

**8pm The Easter Vigil & First Mass of Easter**  
*followed by drinks reception*

## **EASTER SUNDAY – 5<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

**10.30am – Sung Mass of the Resurrection**  
*followed by Easter Parish Party!*



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# HOLY WEEK

MONDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

TUESDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH

WEDNESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL

1030AM - LOW MASS

7PM - LOW MASS (LATIN)

**9PM**

**SUNG COMPLINE**

*by candlelight*