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Sunday 13th April 2025
PALM SUNDAY

10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist & Blessing of Palms

Celebrant: The Revd Ian Boa
Readings: Sue Stirling-Aird
Sidespeople: Jane & Nick Morris

PREPARATION

1 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 for the King of kings!
Make way! Make way and let his kingdom in!

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

3 And those who mourn with heavy hearts,
who weep and sigh,
with laughter, joy and royal crown
he'll beautify.

4 We call you now to worship him
as Lord of all,
we have no other gods but him:
their thrones must fall!

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LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Dear friends in Christ, in our observance of Lent we have been preparing, by self-examination and spiritual discipline, to celebrate the mystery of our Lord's death and resurrection. In baptism we are marked with the cross of Christ. Today we begin the solemn celebration of our salvation through his death on the cross and his resurrection to glory. We now recall our Lord's entry as king into Jerusalem, to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us follow him, that, as we died with Christ in our Baptism, so we may share his risen life.

Collect

Assist us, Lord God of our salvation: that we may enter with joy into the celebration of those mighty acts whereby you give us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

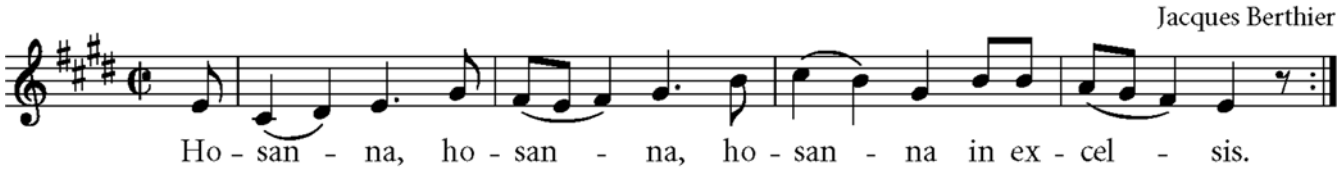
Gospel: Luke 19.28-40 *When it is announced:* Glory to Christ our Saviour.

Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. [29] When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place
called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, [30] saying, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and as you
enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. [31] If anyone asks
you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this: "The Lord needs it."' [32] So those who were sent departed and
found it as he had told them. [33] As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying
the colt?' [34] They said, 'The Lord needs it.' [35] Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on
the colt, they set Jesus on it. [36] As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. [37] As he was
now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to
praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, [38] saying 'Blessed is the
king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!' [39] Some of the
Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.' [40] He answered, 'I tell you, if these
were silent, the stones would shout out.'

Give thanks to the Lord for this glorious Gospel. Praise to Christ our Lord.

Palms are brought to the presiding celebrant, who says:

Almighty and everlasting God, may these palms be for us a sign of Christ's victory over sin and death; and may we who have been baptised in his name, worship him as king, obey him as Lord, and follow him in the way of the Cross, which leads to eternal life. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The palms are distributed to the congregation.

THE PROCESSION

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy, but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant, that we, walking in the way of his cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Let us go forth in peace. In the name of Christ. Amen.

The procession to the church begins as we sing:

Processional Hymn

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

1 Thou art the King of Israel,
thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest,
the King and blessèd one:

2 The company of angels
are praising thee on high,
and mortal men and all things
created make reply:

3 The people of the Hebrews
with palms before thee went:
our praise and prayers and anthems
before thee we present.

In church, an organ interlude will be played, after which we resume the hymn at verse 5.

4 To thee before thy passion
they sang their hymns of praise:
to thee now high exalted
our melody we raise.

5 Thou didst accept their praises
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King:

6 Thy sorrow and thy triumph
grant us, O Christ, to share,
that to the holy city
together we may fare:

7 For homage we may bring thee
our victory o'er the foe,
that in the Conqueror's triumph
this strain may ever flow:

Theodulph of Orleans (d.821) tr. J M Neale

THE LITURGY OF THE PASSION

Collect of the Passion

Almighty God, who, in your tender love for the human race, sent your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: mercifully grant, that we may both follow the example of his passion, and also, be made partakers of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 50.4-9*a*

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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.
5 The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. 6 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. 7 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; 8 he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us
stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. 9 It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who
will declare me guilty?

Psalm 31.9-16 (*please join in saying the text in **bold**, pausing shortly at the *asterisk*)

Refrain: I have trusted in you. **You are my God.**

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble;*
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

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

I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbours,
a dismay to those of my acquaintance;*
when they see me in the street they avoid me.

I am forgotten like the dead, out of mind;*
I am as useless as a broken pot.

For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around;*
they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord.*
I have said, 'You are my God.

My times are in your hand;*
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

Make your face to shine upon your servant,*
and in your loving-kindness save me.'

Refrain: I have trusted in you. You are my God.

Second Reading: Philippians 2.5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, [6] who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, [7] but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, [8] he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. [9] Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, [10] so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, [11] and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke *remain seated*

*See separate booklet: Please join in saying the text printed in **bold**.*

Intercessions led by David Brown *sit or kneel*

Confession and Absolution

God is love and we are God's children. There is no room for fear in love.
We love because God loved us first. Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith. *Silence*

God our Father, we confess to you
and to our fellow members in the Body of Christ
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed,
and in what we have failed to do. We are truly sorry.
Forgive us our sins, and deliver us from the power of evil.
For the sake of your Son who died for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

God, who is both power and love, forgive us and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by the Holy Spirit and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Peace *stand*

We meet in Christ's name. Let us share his peace.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

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 Thy beauty, long-desirèd,
hath vanished from our sight;
thy power is all expirèd,
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 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 movèd
to stand thy cross beneath,
to mourn thee, well-belovèd,
yet thank thee for thy death.

4 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.

Paul Gerhardt tr. Robert Bridges

Offertory Prayer

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made: it will become for us the bread of life. **Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands; it will become the cup of our salvation. **Blessed be God for ever.**

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 our thanks and praise.**

Worship and praise belong to you, maker of light and darkness. Your wisdom draws beauty from chaos, brings a harvest out of sorrow and leads the exiles home. In Christ your Son enemies are reconciled, debts forgiven and strangers made welcome. Your Spirit frees us to live as sons and daughters in our Father's house. We who by Christ's power follow the way of the Cross, sharing the joy of his obedience, now offer you our praise, with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven singing the hymn of your unending glory:

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.

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Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Father, for Christ in whom the world is reconciled. Lifted on the Cross, his suffering and forgiveness spanned the gulf our sins had made. Through that dark struggle death was swallowed up in victory, that life and light might reign. Before he was given up to suffering and death, recalling the night of Israel's release, the night in which the sons of Egypt died, your Chosen One, himself the First-Born, freely offered his life. At supper with his disciples he took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you." After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."

We now obey your Son's command.
We recall his blessed passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension;
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.
Made one with him, we offer you these gifts
and with them ourselves,
a single, holy, living sacrifice.

Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by the Spirit's life-giving power, they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

Help us, who are baptised into
the fellowship of Christ's Body
to live and work to your praise and glory;
may we grow together in unity and love
until at last, in your new creation,
we enter into our heritage
in the company of the Virgin Mary,
the apostles, and prophets,
and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be to you, Lord of all ages, world without end. Amen.

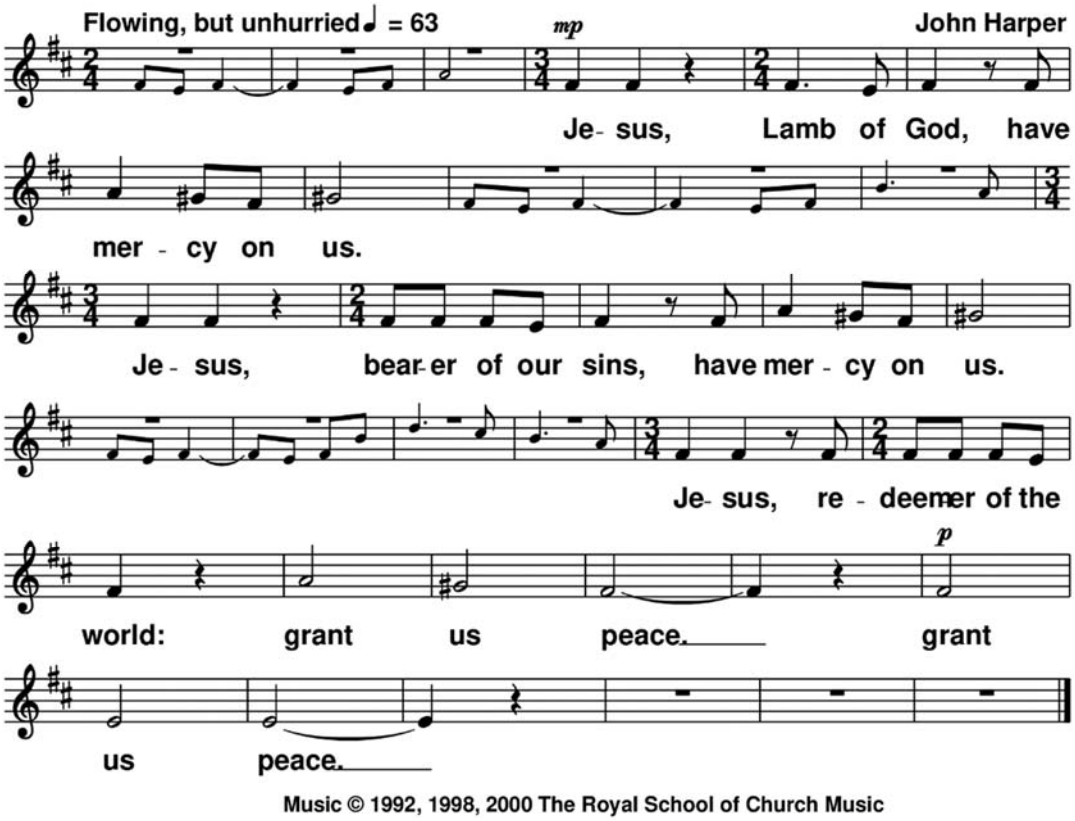
The Breaking of the Bread

The living bread is broken for the life of the world. Lord, unite us in this sign.

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.
Do not bring us to the time of trial but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

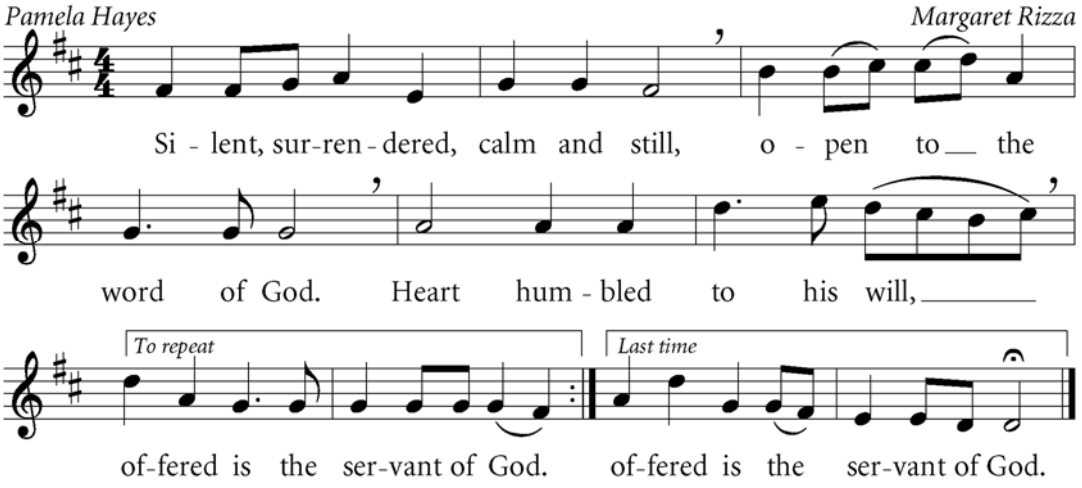
Agnus Dei



Communion

is administered in both kinds at the bottom of the chancel steps. Hand sanitiser is provided. It is perfectly acceptable to only receive the bread, should you so wish. Please do not intinct (dip the bread into the wine) as this is not considered to be a hygienic practice. The communicant may respond with **Amen** *when receiving the bread and wine.*

Communion Chant



THANKSGIVING AND SENDING OUT

Post Communion Prayer

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Final Hymn

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1 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hark, all the tribes hosanna cry:
O Saviour meek, pursue thy road
with palms and scattered garments strowed.

2 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.

3 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The winged squadrons of the sky
look down with sad and wondering eyes
to see the approaching sacrifice.

4 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Your last and fiercest strife is nigh:
the Father on his sapphire throne
awaits his own anointed Son.

5 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
bow thy meek head to mortal pain,
then take, O God, your power, and reign.

H H Milman

The Blessing & Dismissal

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

Organ Postlude Johannes Brahms: Herzlich tut mich verlangen op.122,9

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Monday of Holy Week

7.30 p.m. **Address & Compline**

Tuesday of Holy Week

7.30 p.m. **Stations of the Cross**

Maundy Thursday

11 a.m. **Chrism Mass at St Ninian's Cathedral, Perth**
7.30 p.m. **Sung Eucharist & Watch**

Good Friday

2 p.m. **The Liturgy of Good Friday**

Holy Saturday

9 p.m. **Easter Vigil**

Easter Day

8.30 a.m. **Holy Communion**
10.30 a.m. **Sung Eucharist**