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**Parishes of Elstead,  
Thursley, Shackleford and Peper Harow**



**Palm Sunday  
Sunday 28th March  
St James, Elstead**

## **Commemoration of the Lord's Entry into Jerusalem**

### **Hymn**

*All glory, laud, and honor  
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.

*All glory, laud, and honor.....*

The company of angels  
are praising thee on high;  
and mortal men and all things  
created make reply.

*All glory, laud, and honor.....*

The people of the Hebrews  
with palms before thee went;  
our praise and prayer and anthems  
before thee we present.

*All glory, laud, and honor.....*

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

*All glory, laud, and honor.....*

### **The Blessing**

May we follow his ways throughout our lives  
And bring others to know his love.  
And the blessing of God almighty,  
The Father, the Son,  
And the Holy Spirit,  
Be among you  
And remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

### **The Sending Out**

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

## The Blessing and Sending Out

### Hymn

*Lift high the cross.  
Lift high the cross.  
In majesty,  
In victory.*

Here raged the fight, *(Women echo)*  
Darkness and light. *(Women echo)*  
All heaven and hell *(Women echo)*  
Battled here. *(All)*

*Lift high the cross.....*

Here once for all *(Women echo)*  
Was sacrificed *(Women echo)*  
The Lamb of God, *(Women echo)*  
Jesus Christ. *(All)*

*Lift high the cross.....*

Raise now your voices give glory and praise Him, *(Leader – All echo)*  
For He has poured out His blood as a ransom. *(Leader – All echo)*  
Hell's power is broken and heaven stands open, *(Leader – All echo)*  
Lift high the cross. *(All)*

*Lift high the cross.....*

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

*All glory, laud, and honor.....*

### The Greeting

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.

Grace, mercy and peace  
From God our Father  
And the Lord Jesus Christ  
Be with you  
**And also with you.**

### Welcome

*Words of welcome may be spoken.*

### Introduction

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing by works of love and self-sacrifice for the celebration of our Lord's death and resurrection. Today we come together to begin this solemn celebration in union with the Church throughout the world. Christ enters his own city to complete his work as our Saviour, to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us go with him in faith and love, so that, united with him in his sufferings, we may share his risen life.

## Blessing of Palms

*The people hold up palms or branches while this prayer is said by the president.*

God our Saviour,  
Whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem  
As Messiah to suffer and to die;  
Bless these palms to 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.**

## The Palm Gospel

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

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.'"

They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, some people standing there asked, "What are you doing, untying that colt?" They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, "Hosanna!"

## Giving of Communion

Draw near with faith,  
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you,  
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.

*All are welcome receive communion or a blessing.  
If you wish to receive a blessing, please keep your hands down in front of you.*

## Prayer after communion

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.**

**Faithful God,  
May we who share this banquet  
Glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
Our salvation, life and hope,  
Who reigns as Lord now and for ever.  
Amen.**

## ***The Lord's Prayer***

*Please be seated or kneel*

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**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.**

## **Breaking of the bread**

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
**We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

## **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.**

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"  
"Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!"  
"Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple courts. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.

*At the end*

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

## **The Procession**

*In previous years we have been able to process with our palm crosses and branches, this year we will remain in our seats and wave our palm crosses.*

Let us, praise Jesus our Messiah.

## **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.

*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.*

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

*Make way! (Make way!).....*

We call you now to worship Him  
As Lord of all.  
To have no gods before Him,  
Their thrones must fall!

*Make way! (Make way!).....*

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## **The Collect**

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

*Silence is kept.*

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**

And shows us the way to live.

Send your Holy Spirit  
That these gifts of bread and wine  
My be for us Christ's body and his blood.  
On the night before he died,  
When darkness had fallen,  
Jesus took bread.  
He gave thanks, broke it,  
And shared it with his disciples, saying:  
'This is my body, given to you.  
Do this to remember me'.

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine,  
Gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying:  
'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many,  
For the forgiveness of sins.'

So Father, with this bread and this cup  
We celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.  
As you feed us with these gifts,  
Send your Holy Spirit,  
And change us more and more  
To be like Jesus our Saviour.

Help us, Father, to love one another,  
As we look forward to that day  
When suffering is ended,  
And all creation is gathered in your loving arms.

And now with all your saints  
We give you glory,  
Through Jesus Christ,  
In the strength of the Spirit,  
Today and for ever.

**Amen.**

## The Eucharistic Prayer

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.**

Lord of all life,  
You created the universe,  
Where all living things reflect your glory.  
You give us this great and beautiful earth, to discover and to cherish.

And now we give you thanks  
Because, for our salvation,  
He was obedient even to death on the cross.  
The tree of shame was made the tree of glory;  
And where life was lost, there life has been restored.

You made us all,  
Each wonderfully different,  
To join with the angels  
And sing your praise.

**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 thank you, loving Father,  
Because, when we turned away,  
You sent Jesus, your Son.  
He gave his life for us on the cross

## The Liturgy of the Word

### Reading(s)

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.  
Let Israel say: " His love endures forever."  
Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.  
This is the gate of the Lord through which the righteous may enter.  
I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.  
The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;  
The Lord has done this, and it is marvellous in our eyes.  
The Lord has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad.

*At the end of the reading(s) the reader may say:*

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

### Sermon

### Prayers of Intercession

We stand with Christ in his suffering.

For forgiveness for the many times we have denied Jesus,  
let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For grace to seek out those habits of sin which mean  
spiritual death,  
and by prayer and self-discipline to overcome them,  
let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For Christian people,  
that through the suffering of disunity  
there may grow a rich union in Christ,  
let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who make laws, interpret them, and administer them,  
that our common life may be ordered in justice and mercy,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who still make Jerusalem a battleground,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who have the courage and honesty to work openly for  
justice and peace,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those in the darkness and agony of isolation,  
that they may find support and encouragement,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who, weighed down with hardship, failure, or sorrow, feel  
that God is far from them,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who are tempted to give up the way of the cross,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

That we, with those who have died in faith,  
may find mercy in the day of Christ,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

**Holy God,  
holy and strong,  
holy and immortal,  
have mercy upon us.**

### **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.

Ephesians 2.13,14

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

### **Hymn**

I will enter his gates with thanksgiving in my heart,  
I will enter His courts with praise;  
I will say this is the day that the Lord has made,  
I will rejoice for He has made me glad.

He has made me glad,  
He has made me glad,  
I will rejoice for He has made me glad.  
He has made me glad,  
He has made me glad,  
I will rejoice for He has made me glad.

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### **Prayers at the preparation of table.**

Jesus, true vine and bread of life,  
ever giving yourself that the world might live,  
let us share your death and passion:  
make us perfect in your love.

**Amen.**