

St James' Church, Weybridge



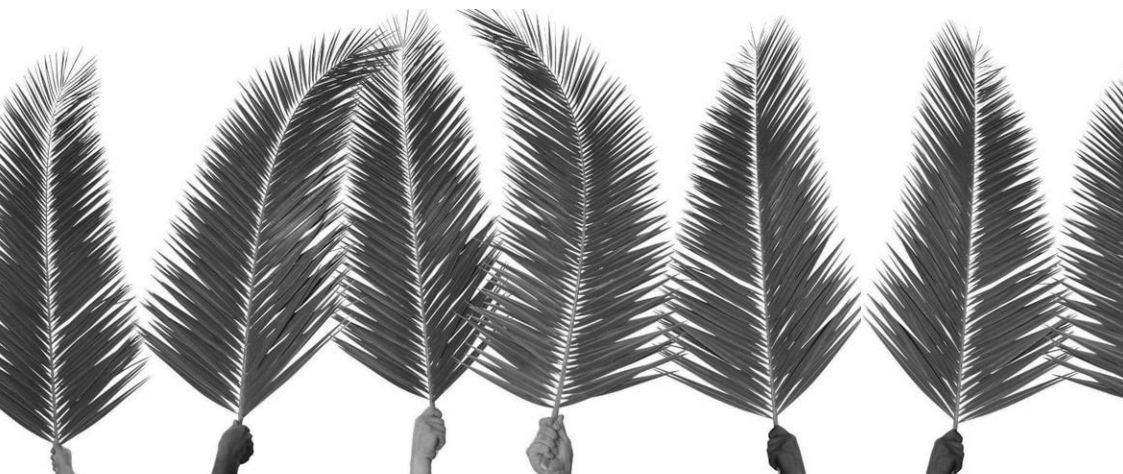
**ST JAMES'
WEYBRIDGE**



PALM SUNDAY

with YEAR A Passion Gospel Reading

***“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!”***



THE LITURGY OF PALM SUNDAY

Today marks the start of our journey through Holy Week that begins with our Palm Sunday celebrations and the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. We recall how people gathered in the streets, laying down their cloaks, and collecting branches from trees to wave, as Jesus their long-anticipated Messiah passed them by, riding upon a colt. Of course, Jesus was different, the 'King of Love'.

As the week continues, we will hear how Jesus was betrayed, joins with his disciples to wash their feet at the Last Supper, and then after the watch and agony in the garden, was arrested. Then the shouts of the crowd change from "Hosanna" to "Crucify him". The joy of welcome is replaced by his passion and death upon the cross of Calvary.

Yet Jesus is still King, overcoming the sting of death and sin,
and all that separates humanity from God's love.

Within a few days he rose triumphant from the dead.

Jesus our Lord of life and love is the firm ground of our hope that all sufferings in this world are lost in the power of his resurrection.

This Holy Week, with our community of faith at St James' Church, commit yourself to walk with Jesus, to walk the way of his Cross.

We do so in anticipation of the joy of the new dawn of Easter,
the resurrection of Christ Jesus our King!

Commemoration of the Lord's Entry into Jerusalem

We gather in Church for the Gospel of Palms, and the blessing of our palm crosses, before our joyful procession. If you can join in the procession, please follow the choir and serving team as we walk out of the north door, through the churchyard and back in the south door.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All **and also with you.**

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.

The people hold up palm/branches while this prayer is said:

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.

All **Amen.**

The Gospel of the Palms *see the reverse of the weekly newsletter*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After the reading of the Gospel of the Palms:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Let us go forth praising Jesus our Messiah.



Hymn

***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 Blessed One.**

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

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

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

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

At the end of the triumphal procession, we find our seats in church.

The Collect

The priest introduces a period of silent prayer with the words:

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

Silence is kept.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards
the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross:
grant that we may follow the example of his patience and
humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through
Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in
the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Please Sit

The Liturgy of the Word

Reading

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This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The Reading of the Passion Gospel

Please remain Seated

An acclamation heralds the Gospel reading. Refrain:



Praise__ to you, O Christ, our__ Sav - iour, Word of the Fa - ther,



call - ing us to life;__ Son ___ of God who leads us to free - dom:



glo - ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ!

Christ!

Verse sung by the choir:

You are the Word who binds us and unites us; you are the Word who calls us to be one; you are the Word who teaches us forgiveness; glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

**All Praise to you, O Christ our Saviour,
Word of the father calling us to life,
Son of God who leads us to freedom,
Glory to you lord Jesus Christ!**

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Hear the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All Glory to you, O Lord.



Now Jesus stood before Pilate; and the governor asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus said, 'You say so.' But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him, 'Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?' But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to

release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So, after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, 'Whom do you want me to release for you, Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?' For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgement seat, his wife sent word to him, 'Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.' Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them, 'Which of the two do you want me to release for you?' And they said, 'Barabbas.' Pilate said to them, 'Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?' All of them said,

All **'Let him be crucified!'**

Then he asked, 'Why, what evil has he done?'

But they shouted all the

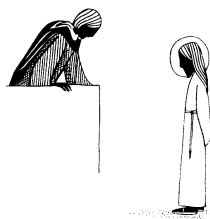
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All **'Let him be crucified!'**

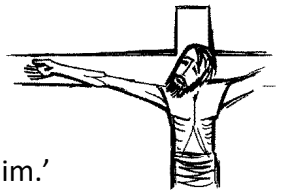
So, when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, 'I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.' Then the people as a whole answered,

All **'His blood be on us and on our children!'**

So, he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, 'Hail, King of the Jews!' They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him. As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they



sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.' Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, 'You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.' In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, 'He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, "I am God's Son."' The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way. From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, 'Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?' that is, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, 'This man is calling for Elijah.' At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, 'Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.' Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.



SILENCE is kept

At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, 'Truly this man was God's Son!' Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him. Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee. When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. So, Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen

cloth and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb. The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said, ‘Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, “After three days I will rise again.” Therefore, command the tomb to be made secure until the third day; otherwise his disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people, “He has been raised from the dead,” and the last deception would be worse than the first.’ Pilate said to them, ‘You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can.’ So, they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

This is the Passion of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Praise to you, O Christ our Saviour,
Word of the father calling us to life,
Son of God who leads us to freedom,
Glory to you lord Jesus Christ!**



Homily

Please remain Seated

Intercessions

One of these responses may be used:

All Lord, in your mercy (or)
hear our prayer.

Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

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

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

If able, please Stand

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.



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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All are welcome to exchange a sign of peace with the words, 'Peace be with you.'

Offertory Hymn

The gifts of the people are gathered and presented.

The collection is taken – If you are able, please use a Gift Aid envelope for your donation to St James' Church, or alternatively you can make a donation with your payment card, using one of the contactless devices located at the back of the church. Thank you.

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hark, all the tribes hosanna cry,
Thy humble beast pursues his road
with palms and scattered garments strowed.**

**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.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The winged squadrons of the sky
Look down with sad and wondering eyes
To see the approaching sacrifice.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Thy 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 thy meek head to mortal pain,
Then take, O God, thy power and reign.**



Preparation of the Altar

The altar is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

Prayer over the gifts

Merciful Father, turn us from sin to faithfulness
and from disobedience to love,
and prepare us to celebrate the death
and resurrection of Christ our Saviour
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**



Eucharistic Prayer

(Prayer B) *Setting: Thorne – Mass of St Thomas*

The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

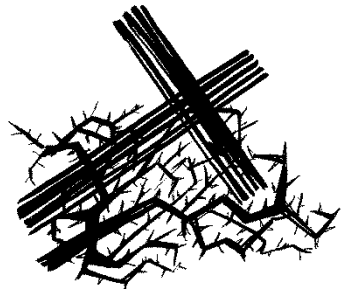
It is indeed right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and singing:



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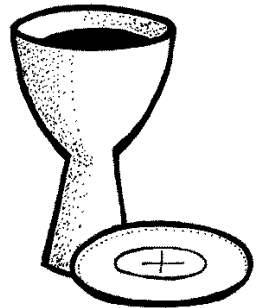
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mf Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. *f* Ho -
- san - na, *ff* Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine may be to us
the + body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
who, on the same night that he was betrayed,
Jesus took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

*Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.*

In the same way, after supper he took the cup
and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying:

*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.*



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

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this
memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one
in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours,
almighty Father, for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Please Sit or Kneel

Standing at the foot of the cross,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

All **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.**



The priest breaks the consecrated bread.

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

All **Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Agnus Dei

Andante (♩ = 60)

[Organ] Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy on us.
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sin of the world, have mer - cy on us.
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mp Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
God.
non rall. grant us *p* peace. **2**

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.

All **Most merciful Lord, your love compels us to come in.
Our hands were unclean, our hearts were unprepared;
we were not fit even to eat the crumbs from under your table.
But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,
and share your bread with sinners.
So, cleanse and feed us
with the precious body and blood of your Son,
that he may live in us and we in him;
and that we, with the whole company of Christ,
may sit and eat in your kingdom. Amen.**

The celebrant and people receive Holy Communion. All are invited to come to the front of St James' Church. If it is not your custom to receive Holy Communion, please bring this booklet with you, to receive a blessing.

Communion Hymn

**My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me;
love to the loveless shown,
that they might lovely be.
Oh, who am I, that for my sake
my Lord should take frail flesh and die?**

**He came from His blest throne, salvation to bestow;
but men made strange, and none
the longed for Christ would know.
But oh, my Friend, my Friend indeed,
who at my need His life did spend!**

**Sometimes they strew His way, and His sweet praises sing;
resounding all the day hosannas to their King.
Then "Crucify!" is all their breath,
and for His death they thirst and cry.**

**Here might I stay and sing, no story so divine!
Never was love, dear King, never was grief like Thine.
This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend.**

Choir Anthem

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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.

All **Amen.**

All **We thank you, Lord,
that you have fed us in this Holy Sacrament,
united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the
heavenly banquet prepared for all people. Amen.**

The Notices

The Blessing

*If able, please **Stand***

The Lord be with you
All **and also with you**

May the Father, who so loved the world that he gave his only Son, bring you by faith to his eternal life.

All **Amen.**

May Christ, who accepted the cup of sacrifice in obedience to the Father's will, keep you steadfast as you walk with him the way of his cross.

All **Amen.**

May the Spirit, who strengthens us to suffer with Christ that we may share his glory, set your minds on life and peace.

All **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty, the + Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Hymn

**It is a thing most wonderful, almost too wonderful to be,
that God's own Son should come from heaven,
and die to save a child like me.**

**And yet I know that it is true: he chose a poor and humble lot,
and wept, and toiled, and mourned, and died,
for love of those who loved him not.**

**I cannot tell how he would love a child so weak and full of sin;
his love must be most wonderful, if he could die my love to win.**

**I sometimes think about the cross, and shut my eyes, and try to see
the cruel nails and crown of thorns and Jesus crucified for me.**

**But even could I see him die, I could but see a little part
of that great love, which, like a fire, is always burning in his heart.**

**It is most wonderful to know - his love for me so free and sure;
but 'tis more wonderful to see my love for him so faint and poor.**

**And yet I want to love thee, Lord; O light the flame within my heart,
and I will love thee more and more, until I see thee as thou art.**

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ, Amen.**

An Organ Voluntary follows.



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Please join us next door in the Parish Centre for refreshments.