


St Edmundsbury Cathedral



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The Holy Eucharist on **Palm Sunday**

*Which is the commemoration of the Lord's Entry into Jerusalem at the
beginning of Holy Week*

Sunday 5 April 2020

10.00 am

Palm Sunday and Holy Week

Today marks the start of Holy Week including the three great days in the Christian Calendar of the Easter Triduum, as we seek to enter into the mystery of Christ's passion, death and resurrection. This year is very different for us, as we cannot be together, sharing in this in our cathedrals and churches. However, we can still do this 'virtually' with each other through the internet by joining livestreamed services such as this one. Palm Sunday is a pivotal moment in journeying with Jesus. We move swiftly from remembering the joyous crowds at his triumphal entry into Jerusalem to the dramatised reading of the Passion Narrative, in which the story of the whole week is anticipated.

Holy Week

This year, during the days of Holy Week beginning on Monday, the Addresses are to be given by the Right Reverend Dr Mike Harrison, Bishop of Dunwich. The services of Compline with Addresses which we celebrate Monday-Wednesday will help us to begin to enter into the mystery of the Passion. These will be available on the Cathedral Facebook page at 7.00 pm each day, and a service booklet can be downloaded from the cathedral website.

Maundy Thursday

The evening service of Maundy Thursday (from *mandatum*, 'commandment') will be led by Bishop Mike and his family. The service contains a powerful and rich mixture of themes: humble Christian service expressed through Christ's washing of his disciples' feet, the institution of the Eucharist, and the reassurance of Christ's loving obedience through the agony which begins in the Garden of Gethsemane. The Chrism Service, led by Bishop Martin and his family will be streamed at 11.00 am, and the Mass of the Last Supper, led by Bishop Mike, will be streamed at 7.00 pm, both from the Cathedral Facebook page.

Good Friday

Usually you would be invited to undertake a Vigil of Prayer in the Cathedral ('Could you not watch with me one hour?') until midnight. Sadly this isn't possible, but you may like to undertake a vigil of personal prayer after the Mass of the Last Supper for as long as you feel called to do so. Thursday night passes into Good Friday, and this year the Good Friday Liturgy will be streamed at 12 noon. The Cathedral remains stripped of all decoration, and continues bare throughout the day on Saturday as a reminder of the coldness of the tomb in which Christ was laid after his death.

Easter

The celebration of the Resurrection begins with Bishop Martin leading a 5.00 am Vigil on Sunday morning – the lighted Paschal Candle the powerful reminder of the light of the risen Christ bursting from the tomb. If you have not been to this before, do join this service. We will also broadcast the usual 10.00 am Eucharist and Evening Prayer at 3.30 pm. We will do our best in the limited circumstances to ensure that music, flowers, bells and colours are all used to the full as we celebrate this most holy of days.

All Holy Week services and times are listed at the back of this service booklet.

¶ Order of Service

The Gathering

The President gives

The Greeting

President We meet in the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

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

All and also with you.

President Behold your king comes to you, O Zion,
meek and lowly, sitting upon an ass.
Ride on in the cause of truth
and for the sake of justice.
Your throne is the throne of God, it endures for ever;
and the sceptre of your kingdom is a righteous sceptre.
You have loved righteousness and hated evil.
Therefore God, your God, has anointed you
with the oil of gladness above your fellows.

**All Hosanna to the Son of David.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

President Dear friends 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.

If you have made a 'Palm Cross' at home for this occasion, please hold it now and join in saying the following prayer. The cross you have made can be placed somewhere in your home for the rest of the year as a reminder of Christ's presence with you at all times.

The Blessing of the Palms

President 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. 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 lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Rev'd Sarah Geileskey, Cathedral Curate, reads

The Palm Gospel

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them." And he will send them immediately.' This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

'Tell the daughter of Zion.

Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A

very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

‘Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!’

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, ‘Who is this?’ The crowds were saying, ‘This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.’

Matthew 21.1-11, NRSV

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

The President prays

The Palm Sunday Collect

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.
Amen.

¶ The Liturgy of the Word

Caitlin Brinkley, Reader in Training, reads

The First Reading

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death -
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2.5-11, NRSV

For the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

The reading of the Passion of our Lord follows. A dramatised reading has been produced nationally from a variety of locations around the Church of England.

The reading of the Passion of our Lord

President Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.
Christ humbled himself and became obedient
unto death, even death on a cross.
Therefore God has highly exalted him
and given him the name that is above every name.

All Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

President The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Narrator Jesus went with the disciples to a place called Gethsemane;
and he said to them

Jesus Sit here while I go over there and pray.

Narrator He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and
began to be sorrowful and agitated. Then he said to them,

Jesus I am full of sorrow, even to death; remain here, and stay
awake with me.

Narrator And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground
and prayed

Jesus My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not
what I want but what you want.

Narrator Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and
he said to Peter,

Jesus So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake
and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit
is willing, but the flesh is weak.

Narrator He went away for the second time and prayed

Jesus My Father, if this cup cannot pass unless I drink it, your will
be done.

Narrator Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were
heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for
the third time, saying the same words.

Then he came to the disciples and said to them,

Jesus Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at
hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of
sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.

Narrator While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived;
with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the

chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the Judas, the betrayer had given them a sign, saying,

Judas The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him.

Narrator At once he came up to Jesus kissed him and said,

Judas Greetings, Rabbi.

Jesus Friend, do what you are here to do.

Narrator Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear.

Jesus Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will die by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way? Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled.

Narrator Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

Narrator Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered. But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and said

Witnesses This fellow said, "I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days."

Narrator The high priest stood up and said,

Caiaphas Have you no answer? What is this testimony that these men are bringing against you?

Narrator But Jesus was silent.

Caiaphas I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah the Son of God.

Jesus You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see

the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven.

Narrator Then the high priest tore his clothes and said,
 Caiaphas He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your verdict?

Priests He deserves death.

Narrator Then they spat in his face and struck him with their fists. Others slapped him, saying,

Priests Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?

Narrator Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said,

Servant girl You were with Jesus the Galilean.

Narrator But he denied it before all of them, saying,

Peter I do not know what you are talking about.

Narrator When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders,

Servant girl This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.

Narrator Again he denied it with an oath,

Peter I do not know the man.

Narrator After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter

Bystander Certainly you are one of them, for your accent betrays you.

Narrator Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath,

Peter I do not know the man!

Narrator At that moment the cock crowed. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said:

Jesus Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.

Narrator And Peter went out and wept bitterly.

Narrator Early in the morning all the chief priests and elders made their plans against Jesus to put him to death. They put him in chains, led him off and handed him over to Pilate, the Roman Governor. Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him,

Pilate Are you the King of the Jews?

Jesus You say so.

Narrator When he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer.

Pilate Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?

Narrator But Jesus gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Narrator 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,

Pilate Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?

Narrator For the Governor realized that it was out of jealousy that the Jewish Authorities had handed him over.

Narrator While he was sitting on the judgement seat, his wife sent word to him,

Wife Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.

Narrator Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The Pilate again asked them,

Pilate Which of the two do you want me to release for you?

Crowd Barabbas!

Pilate Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?

Crowd Crucify him!

Pilate Why, what evil has he done?

Narrator But they shouted all the more,

Crowd Crucify him!

Narrator 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

Pilate I am innocent of this man's blood. See to it yourselves.

Narrator Then the people as a whole answered

Crowd His blood be on us and on our children!

Narrator Then Pilate released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Narrator Pilate's soldiers 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,

Soldiers Hail, King of the Jews!

Narrator 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.

Narrator 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.

Narrator They crucified him. Then they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots and they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read,

Soldiers This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.

Narrator Two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left.

Narrator People who passed by mocked him, shook their heads and shouted,

Voice 1 You said you were going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself!

Voice 2 If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.

Narrator In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes and elders, mocked him,

Priest He saved others; he cannot save himself.

Scribe He said he was the King of Israel.

Elder Let him come down from the cross now, and we will all believe in him.

Priest He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to;

Scribe He said he was God's Son.

Narrator The bandits who were crucified with him were also taunted him in the same way.

Narrator From noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice,

Jesus Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?

Narrator that is, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?'

Narrator When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

- Voice I This man is calling for Elijah.
- Narrator One of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with cheap wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said
- Elder Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.
- Narrator Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.
- Narrator At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split apart. The tombs also were opened, and many of God's people who had died were raised to life. After Jesus was raised, they came out of their tombs and entered the holy city and many people saw them. 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,
- Centurion Truly this man was God's Son!
- Narrator 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.
- Narrator 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.
- Narrator This is the Passion of the Lord

Silence is kept.

¶ The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The President leads

The Peace

President 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.

If you have other members of your household with you, you may wish to share the peace with them now. If are alone, know Christ's Peace to be with you now.

The Eucharistic Prayer

President 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.

President 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 judgment 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,
exalting us there to join with angels and archangels,
for ever praising you and singing:

**All 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.**

President We praise and bless you, loving Father,
 through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
 and as we obey his command,
 send your Holy Spirit,
 that broken bread and wine outpoured
 may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died
he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life
and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

All Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.

President Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary,
James, Edmund and all the saints,
to feast at your table in heaven.
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

The consecrated bread and wine are raised in the sight of the people.

Silence is kept.

The Lord's Prayer

President Gathered at the foot of the cross,
we pray as Jesus taught us, saying:

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.**

Agnus Dei

All **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.

O Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world,
grant us your peace.**

The Breaking of the Bread

President Jesus said, 'I am the bread of life.
Whoever comes to me will never be hungry,
and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. '

Spiritual Communion

The term 'Spiritual Communion' has been used historically to describe the means of grace by which anyone, prevented for from sharing in the Eucharist, nonetheless shares in communion with Jesus.

The forms of prayer below offer an opportunity to give thanks for our communion with him at times when one would ordinarily be present at the Eucharist. The Church of which we are members is not defined by the walls of a building but by the Body of Christ of which we are members. In making our communion spiritually, we are joining with Christians everywhere to be nourished by the one who tells us, 'I am the Bread of Life'.

In making a Spiritual Communion, you may wish to pray all or part of the following, as you are able.

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits you have given me,
for all the pains and insults you have borne for me.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
may I know you more clearly,
love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly,
day by day. Amen.

after the Prayer of St Richard of Chichester

Soul of Christ, sanctify me;
Body of Christ, save me;
Blood of Christ, fill me;
Water from the side of Christ, wash me;
Passion of Christ, strengthen me;
O good Jesu hear me;
Within your wounds hide me;
let me never be separated from you;
From darkness protect me;
At the hour of my death, call me;
And bid me come to you;
That with your saints,
I may praise you to all eternity. Amen.

The 'Anima Christi'

The Prayer after Communion

President Let us pray.

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.

The President prays

The Blessing

President The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

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

God the Son,
who accepted the cup of sacrifice
in obedience to the Father's will,
keep you steadfast as you walk with him
the way of the cross. **Amen.**

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

The Dismissal

All Be now in peace to loving and serving the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

*Front Cover Image: Stained Glass Window in the South Aisle of the Cathedral,
depicting Jesus' entry into Jerusalem.*

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Holy Week and Easter

Holy Week this year will be led by the Right Reverend Dr Mike Harrison, Bishop of Dunwich. All services except for Morning Prayer are streamed from the Cathedral's Facebook page. Morning Prayer is streamed from the Bishops' Facebook page.

Monday 6 April to Wednesday 8 April daily

- 8.30 am Morning Prayer
- 12 noon Said Eucharist
- 7.00 pm Sung Compline (Night Prayer) with Address

Thursday 9 April - Maundy Thursday

- 8.30 am Morning Prayer
- 11.00 am Chrism Service
- 5.00 pm Evening Prayer
- 7.00 pm Solemn Eucharist of the Lord's Supper

Friday 10 April - Good Friday

- 8.30 am Morning Prayer
- 12 noon The Liturgy of Good Friday
- 5.00 pm Evening Prayer

Saturday 15 April - Easter Eve

- 8.30 am Morning Prayer
- 3.30 pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 16 April - Easter Day

- 5.00 am Vigil and Blessing of Candles
- 10.00 am Said Eucharist
- 3.30 pm Evening Prayer

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