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SUNDAY WORSHIP

from the Community
of Leicester Cathedral



Sunday 5 April 2020
Palm Sunday

The Revd Canon Emma Davies, Acting Canon Precentor, leads the service.

Welcome

We meet in the presence of God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Today is Palm Sunday, at the beginning of Holy Week, a time when we journey alongside countless Christians as we stay close to the story of Jesus, going the way of the cross in his company, through the darkness and towards the extraordinary new life and light of Easter.

Traditionally we are given a palm cross on Palm Sunday. If you have one from last year you might like to fetch it now, or you can make your own cross after this service out of paper or whatever you have to hand, as a reminder of belonging to the family of Jesus Christ and walking in his ways this week.

Holding a cross of any kind or thinking of the symbol of the cross in our mind, we pray:

God our Saviour,
whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as Messiah to suffer and to die;
let the cross be for us a sign of his victory
and grant that we who carry crosses 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.

We say:

**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.**

The Reading

Matthew 21.1–11

Read by The Revd Canon Karen Rooms, Canon Missioner

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

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.’

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Reflection

The Revd Canon Paul Rattigan, Canon Chancellor

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Matthew 26.36–27.2, 11–61

We're now going to hear a version of the Passion Gospel – a telling of the story of Jesus leading to his death on the cross. This has been recorded using voices from many of our Cathedrals.

The Revd Canon Alison Adams, Sub-Dean, leads

Prayers of Intercession

The following response is used

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude with The Lord's Prayer

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.**

All sing (if you wish)

The 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:
*All glory, laud, and honour...***

**The people of the Hebrews
with palms before thee went:
our praise and prayer and anthems
before thee we present:
*All glory, laud, and honour...***

**To thee before thy passion
they sang their hymns of praise:
to thee now high exalted
our melody we raise:
*All glory, laud, and honour...***

ST THEODULPH (VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN) (AM159)
Melody by Melchoir Teschner (c.1613)
harmonised by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

Gloria, laus et honor
St Theodulph of Orleans (c.750–821)
translated by John Mason Neale (1818–1866)

The Blessing and Dismissal

Christ crucified draw you to himself,
to find in him a sure ground for faith,
a firm support for hope,
and the assurance of sins forgiven;
and the blessing of God almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be among you today and always.

Amen.

*Look out for what we're up to at the Cathedral on our Facebook page and website.
We continue to keep up the daily rhythm of prayers and are happy to pray for you.*

Join us for special services this Thursday, Friday, Saturday and for Easter Sunday next week.

Until we meet again,
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ.

Amen.

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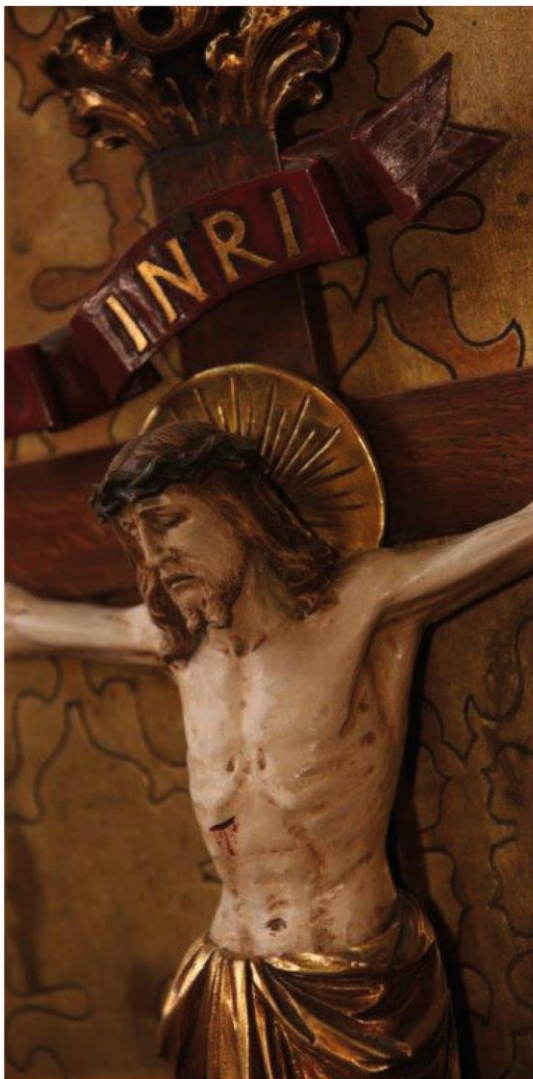
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HOLY WEEK ONLINE SERVICES

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Monday – Wednesday

Services of Compline with Morna Simpson

Maundy Thursday | 7.30pm

Remembering the Last Supper; watching and praying

Good Friday | hourly at 12.00, 1.00, 2.00pm

Salvation in the Cross: Meditation and Music

Holy Saturday | 8.00pm

Heralding Easter in Two Parts: Part One: Vigil - Listening and Waiting; Part Two: Service of Light - Proclaiming the Resurrection

Easter Sunday | 10.30am

Eucharist on Easter Day from the Cathedral Community featuring Bishop Martyn and Bishop Guli

GIVING

THE COSTS OF running and maintaining Leicester Cathedral are substantial and continuing. However, as a result of the coronavirus emergency giving by collection during services has ceased. Visitor income has also now entirely dropped but we continue to incur costs. This will cause very real financial pressures. Please consider supporting us through a donation or by regular giving during this difficult and uncertain time so that we can continue to be a Beating Heart for City and County. Many thanks for your kind support.
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Cathedral in Touch – Newsletter

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Keeping a Community

During a “normal” week, our visitors take photos of the Cathedral, inside, out and of the Gardens. Share your past photos with us and we can use them in our digital services! Share them on our social media or email us.

#LiveLent: Care for God’s Creation

Have you discovered the Church of England’s #LiveLent app? Great for daily reflections and there is even a daily family challenge to complete. You can sign up for an email if you don’t have a smart phone.