

**St Edburg's Church  
Bicester**



**Holy Communion for  
Palm Sunday**

**Services at St Edburg's Bicester & via Zoom**



# Commemoration of the Lord's Entry into Jerusalem

*We gather outside the church*

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 Greeting

*The president greets the people*

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

*All* **and also with you.**

*cf 1 Timothy 1.2*

## Introduction

*The president introduces the celebration using these or other appropriate words*

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 their palms while this prayer is said by the 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  
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 lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
now and for ever.

*All*     **Amen.**

## **The Palm Gospel**

*When the Gospel is announced, this response is used*

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

*All*     **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **The Procession**

Let us go forth, praising Jesus our Messiah.

*We process around the church while singing*

## **Hymn**

## The Collect

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.

*All*      **Amen.**

## The Liturgy of the Word

### Readings

*At the end the reader may say*

This is the word of the Lord.

*All*      **Thanks be to God.**

### Hymn / Song

### Gospel Reading

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.**

*When the Passion is announced the reader says*

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

*At the end the reader may say*

This is the Passion of the Lord.

## **Address**

*After the address there will be a short period of silence*

## **Prayers of Intercession**

*The following response may be used*

We pray to you, Lord.

*All*      **Lord, have mercy.**

*And at the end*

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



# The Liturgy of the Sacrament

## 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.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## Preparation of the Table

## Taking of the Bread and Wine

## Hymn / Song

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.

*All* **Amen.**

*The president takes the bread and wine.*

## The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

**All His Spirit is with us.**

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, 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.**

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.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

*All*

**Lord, by your cross and resurrection  
you have set us free.**

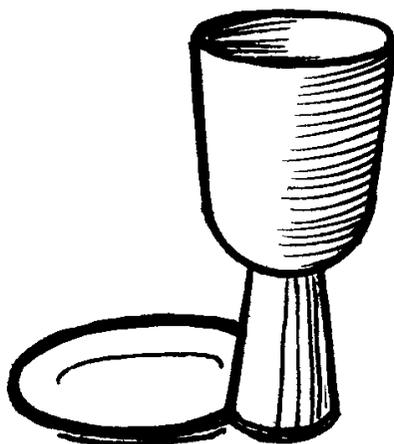
**You are the Saviour of the world.**

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 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* **Blessing and honour and glory and power be  
yours for ever and ever.  
Amen.**



## **The Lord's Prayer**

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us, let us pray in faith and trust:

**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**

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

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

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

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you take away the sin of the world,  
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**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us peace.**

## **Giving of Communion**

Jesus is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

*All* **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*Please come forward, as directed by the wardens, to receive  
communion or a blessing. If you are a communicant in any Christian  
church you are welcome to receive the bread and wine.*

## **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*

**Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus  
Christ.**

**Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.**

**Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work  
to your praise and glory.**

**Amen.**

## **Notices**



## Blessing

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 / Song

### Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

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