

# The Eucharist for Palm Sunday



## Sunday 13th April 2025 at 11am

With a congregation in the church and live on YouTube



Welcome to St James's Church. Whether you are with us in person or joining us online, you are very welcome.

Everyone is warmly invited to receive communion or a blessing so please do come forward at the appropriate time.

Today we extend a warm welcome to our visiting donkey and handler from Hackney City Farm.

Please gather outside around the pulpit in the courtyard.

#### **ORDER OF SERVICE**

#### **OPENING RESPONSES**

The priest says

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

And also with you.

#### **BLESSING OF THE PALM CROSSES**

Please hold up your palm cross as the prayer is said.

The priest says

Eternal God,

Your son Jesus Christ challenged the authority of the world by riding into the city on a donkey.

Bless + these palm crosses.

May they be for us signs of your self giving love, that we may have the courage to walk with you, as Hosanna still turns to Crucify in our present time.

#### Amen.

#### LITURGY OF THE WORD

## THE GOSPEL OF THE PALMS Luke 19.28-40

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this: "The Lord needs it." 'So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' They said, 'The Lord needs it.' Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, 'Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven. and glory in the highest heaven!' Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.' He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.'

Listen for what the Spirit is saying.

Thanks be to God.

#### PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION

Please follow the donkey in procession as all sing (as a round)

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the Highest, Hosanna, Hosanna.



... during which the procession moves, led by the donkey, along Piccadilly, Church Place, and Jermyn Street.

On entering the church, please walk down the central aisle and throw your palm down in front of the altar to create a 'carpet of palms'.

#### THE COLLECT

The priest says

Let us pray.

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 GOSPEL OF THE PASSION Luke 22.1-end of 23

The gospel, telling the story of the last days of Jesus of Nazareth, is presented with the participation of the congregation.

**Please see the Passion Gospel booklet** which will have be handed to you with the order of service. The congregation are invited to join in the parts in red.

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The deacon says

Let us pray for the world, for the church, for all in need and for those who have asked for our prayers.

Please kneel or sit for prayers led by a member of the congregation.

#### THE PEACE

The priest says

Christ is our peace, reconciling us to God in one body by the cross. We meet in Christ's name to share the peace that passes all understanding.

The deacon says

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The priest says

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Please share the Peace in a socially distanced way if you are in the building, and in the YouTube chat box if you are online.

During the offertory hymn, a collection will be taken. If you have cash, please fill in the Gift Aid envelopes in the pews with the pens available.

If you don't have cash, please use the tap donate device in the collection plate, which is set to £5, or the QR code on page 14.

#### **OFFERTORY HYMN**

[Tune: Love Unknown; Words: Samuel Crossman (c.1624-1684) alt.]

My song is love unknown, my Saviour's love to me, love to the loveless shown, that they might lovely be. O 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 folk made strange, and none the longed-for Christ would know. But O, 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. They rise, and needs will have my dear Lord made away; a murderer they save, the Prince of Life they slay. Yet cheerful he to suff'ring goes, that he his foes from thence might free.

In life, no house, no home my Lord on earth might have; in death, no friendly tomb but what a stranger gave.
What may I say? Heav'n was his home; but mine the tomb wherein he lay.

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.

#### PRAYER AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

The priest says

Jesus, true vine and bread of life, ever giving yourself that the world might live; let us share your death and passion. Make us whole in your love. Amen.

#### **GATHERING CHANT** (Taizé)

All are invited to gather round the altar. Should you need to sit, please use any of the benches or seats around the altar at the front of the church.

While moving to the altar, please join in singing ...

Jesus remember me when you come into your kingdom, Jesus remember me when you come into your kingdom. (repeated)

The priest leads the Church's Thanksgiving for Creation and Redemption in Christ ...

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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.

The priest continues the Church's prayer of thanksgiving ...

#### **SANCTUS**

The cantor sings

Holy, holy, holy Lord.

Holy, holy, holy Lord.\*

God of heaven and earth adored.

Ceasing never, God for ever,

Holy Lord.

(repeat as a round, second part starting at \*)

The prayer of consecration continues recalling Christ's command to his disciples at the Last Supper, ending with: "... as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me"

The cantor sings

Praise to you Lord Jesus:

Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life.
Come, O Christ.
Come, O Christ, in glory.

The prayer continues ... at the end of the prayer, sing after the cantor ...

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

Silence is kept.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

You are invited to pray in your own language.

The priest says

Let us pray in the words that Jesus gave us.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.

The Bread is broken and the priest says

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

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

#### **AGNUS DEI**

The cantor sings

Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata, peccata mundi Miserere nobis, miserere nobis, miserere nobis. Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata, peccata mundi Dona nobis pacem, dona nobis pacem, dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The priest says

Come to this table, not because you must but because you may, not because you are strong, but because you are weak.

Come, not because your own goodness gives you the right, but because you know you need mercy and help.

Come, because you love God and want to love more.

Come and meet Christ, for we are one Body, united with God.

#### THE COMMUNION

During Communion, the Lay Singers and Singing Scholars will sing **God So Loved the World**, words John 3.16-17, music from The Crucifixion (1887) by John Stainer (1840-1901)

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoso believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

#### A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

inspired by Richard of Chichester (1198-1253)

Thanks be to you, Christ Jesus, 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 be present with me spiritually in 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.

#### **Prayers for use during Communion**

Christ Jesus, you promised in your gospel
'I am with you always'. Be with me as part of
this community today in this Eucharist;
Hear my prayers for others and for myself.
May I bind myself to you,
in communion with all that lives this day,
knowing that nothing can separate me from your love.
Amen

O God, help me to trust you, and to know that you are with me now. Help me to know that all are yours, and you are ours, in this Eucharist and for ever. Amen.

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy God,
you have redeemed us with the living bread from heaven;
by it you nourish our faith,
increase our hope,
and strengthen our love:
teach us always to hunger for the one
who is the true and living bread,
and enable us to live by every word
that proceeds from out of your mouth;
through Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Notices are given by the congregation, wardens and clergy.

#### **HYMN**

[Tune: Winchester New; Words: Henry Hart Milman (1791-1868)]

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!
The winged squadrons of the sky
look down with sad and wond'ring eyes
to see th'approaching sacrifice.

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 pow'r, and reign.

#### THE BLESSING

The priest says

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:

Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you on this day and for ever.

Amen.

The deacon says

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

At the end of the service, the Lay Singers and Singing Scholars will sing **Ride On, King Jesus,** traditional spiritual arranged by Moses Hogan (1957-2003).





In addition to the physical collection, if you do not have cash with you, please scan this QR code with your smartphone to make a one-off or regular donation.

Alternatively, please visit <u>sjp.org.uk/donate</u>, or us one of the tap donation points in the church.

#### **Choral Evensong for Passiontide**

TODAY - Sunday 13th April 3pm in church and on YouTube

This service to commemorate the solemn feast of Palm Sunday and the Passion will include Psalm 22, quoted by Jesus as he



was crucified, the 23rd Psalm, and music from four centuries including works by John Blow, organist of Westminster Abbey at the time that St James's was being built, J.S. Bach, William Byrd (from the time of Shakespeare) and Joanna Forbes L'Estrange's Responses, composed 6 years ago.

#### HOLY WEEK AT ST JAMES'S PICCADILLY

#### Sanctuary: Bethany Eucharist Tuesday 15th April at 6.30pm

Join us on the Tuesday of Holy Week as we mark the night, six days before that fatal and world changing Passover, when Jesus came to his friends' home as a place of retreat, and Mary, Martha and Lazarus welcomed him as a friend, offering him hospitality - food and company.



The evening begins with an opportunity for 30 minutes of reflection and prayer from 6pm, followed by the service at 6.30pm

#### Three Musical Meditations on Christ Wednesday 16th April 6.30pm

A meditative concert for Holy Week, with music by Rachel Chaplin and spoken word presented by Lucy Winkett. This hour-long meditative concert features celebrated gospel



singer Alison Beck and a 7piece ensemble of piano, string quintet & trumpet. Further information and tickets available at <a href="https://www.sip.org.uk/whats-on/three-musical-meditations-on-christ/">www.sip.org.uk/whats-on/three-musical-meditations-on-christ/</a>

#### Maundy Thursday Eucharist with foot washing and the Watch Thursday 17th April at 6.30pm

This service includes the opportunity to have your feet washed, following the example of Jesus and the disciples at the Last Supper.



During the service, a procession moves out of the church into the garden to echo the gospel accounts of Jesus's journey from the Last Supper to the Garden of Gethsemane.

Back in the church, silent meditation until 10pm will be held around a symbolic Garden of Gethsemane. Please come and go quietly as you wish during this time.

## **Good Friday - The Three Hours service** Friday 18th April 12noon till 3pm



The three hours service from 12 noon until 3pm will include addresses from the clergy, hymns, chants, readings, and silence.

Instrumental music will aid our meditation. Please feel free to come and go quietly during the service.

#### **Vespers and All Night Vigil**

#### Holy Saturday 19th April from 7.30pm

Join us at 7.30pm for a meditative service (based on the ancient liturgy of Vespers) which will include a chance to offer a poem, some thoughts, a reading, to share with others. Please bring something to read or share if you would like to.



A bring-and-share meal follows. We will also prepare bread together which will be baked overnight to use for the Dawn Eucharist.

At 10pm the ancient night prayer of Compline is said together. The doors are locked at 10.30pm for the all-night vigil. If you would like to take part, please bring a sleeping bag and sign up in advance by emailing David in the Parish office at <a href="mailto:administrator@sip.org.uk">administrator@sip.org.uk</a>

## Hospitality on Holy Saturday after Vespers and on Easter Day after the Dawn Eucharist

Following the 7.30pm Vespers service on Saturday we have a wonderful bring and share meal, down in the Church Hall and in church, for anyone who would like to join.

Please bring yourself and any food you like - to be shared at a long table for everyone to eat and chat together. If you are new to this, please just come along - everyone is welcome whether you can bring food or not. Each year there's always enough and what matters is at this time of year we come together to share in hospitality, especially when so much in our lives might be feeling overwhelming.

#### Please bring food downstairs to the Church Hall at 7pm,

before the Vespers service begins at 7.30pm. If you're staying overnight and need a sleeping bag, we may be able to help. Please ask Debbie at: <a href="mailto:springlering@hotmail.com">springlering@hotmail.com</a>

The Easter Breakfast will be served at 7.30am, with a vegan option included. Everyone is welcome whether you've been at the over-night Vigil or come for the Dawn Eucharist ay 6.15am.

If stairs are not possible for you, we will bring breakfast to you! It's a moving and special time and we hope you'll come if you can. If you have any questions or worries about Saturday and Sunday hospitality, don't hesitate to ask Ayla <a href="mailto:associaterector@sjp.org.uk">associaterector@sjp.org.uk</a> or Debbie.

#### **Easter Dawn Eucharist**

Sunday 20th April 6.15am

A special service that begins in the early morning light. The church gates open at 6am for the Dawn Eucharist at 6.15am. We will gather outside around the Easter fire and light the paschal candle before processing into the church. Once there, the most ancient song of the church, the Exultet, is sung, and all of us renew our baptism vows around the font.



We then return outside for the Eucharist using the bread that will have risen overnight. Breakfast together at 7.30am.

#### **Parish Eucharist for Easter**

#### Sunday 20th April at 11am in church and on YouTube

We celebrate the joy of Easter with flowers, trumpets, choir, and the Alleluia Chorus from Handel's Messiah!



## **SAVE THE DATE: Pilgrimage for the Feast of St Pancras** Sunday 11th May 12.45pm

After the service on Sunday 11th May, join the St James's pilgrimage to St Pancras Euston Road. We will travel by foot, or tube or bus and St Pancras are welcoming us for lunch.

This is a good chance to get to know St Pancras if you haven't been before, as this will be our home for a year during the Wren Project construction.



Meet in the courtyard at St James's at 12.45pm on the day.

Evensong is at 3pm at St Pancras for those who would like to stay ...

## Easter Eggs for our guests experiencing homelessness and Lilies for remembrance

This year, our guests at FEAST and Sunday Breakfast Club will receive **Real Easter Eggs** produced by The Meaningful Chocolate Company. We will also give away eggs in Piccadilly Circus after the Easter Dawn service.



If you'd like to make a contribution towards the cost of the Easter eggs for our homeless guests, please go to <a href="https://www.sip.org.uk/support-us">www.sip.org.uk/support-us</a>

Donations are also being accepted towards the cost of the floral decoration of the church at Easter.

If you would like to **sponsor a white lily** in memory of someone you love who has died, please email David in the parish office with the name(s) at <u>administrator@sjp.org.uk</u>

To make a donation, please go to <a href="www.sjp.org.uk/support-us">www.sjp.org.uk/support-us</a>



The names of those being commemorated will be included in the order of service on Easter Day - Sunday 20th April.

#### **Full Review of the Church Electoral Roll**

This year, we must complete a full review of the Church Electoral Roll which means that **everybody comes off the roll and must re-apply.** 



We actively encourage members of our congregation to join, as being a member of the Electoral Roll serves as a sign of belonging to our community.

Membership of the Electoral Roll also entitles you to vote in the election for Churchwardens and PCC members at the APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting) on Sunday 18th May.

The number on our electoral roll also determines the number of representatives we are entitled to send to the Deanery Synod. Extra representation in the wider church means that the voice of SJP becomes more influential.

Electoral Roll registration forms may be found on the table at the back of the church or downloaded at:

www.sjp.org.uk/governance

Once completed, please hand to one of the Churchwardens or Vergers, or return to the Parish Office by Sunday 6th May.

#### Service of Thanksgiving for the life of The Revd Donald Reeves Tuesday 20th May at 12noon in church and online

All are welcome to celebrate the life and ministry of former Rector of St James's, The Revd Donald Reeves.

The service will be led by the current Rector, The Revd Lucy Winkett, and the preacher is Rowan Williams, former Archbishop of Canterbury.

The service will include music by Jonathan Dove, commissioned by Donald whilst he was at St James's.

A reception will be held after the service in the church, and the service itself will be online too.



#### Walking Boots - Tring to Berkhamsted via Tom's Hill Walk Saturday 26th April meeting at 9.35am

Please join the SJP Walking Boots group for a leisurely walk through ancient woodland and commons, passing chimneyed lodges and an impressive college building. We will enjoy extensive Chiltern views, pass some trenches dug by World War I soldiers, to finish in the historic market town of Berkhamsted.



Lunch will be at the Bridgewater Arms in the village of Little Gaddesden.

The route involves a couple of short uphill sections and one set of steps going down.

As ever, please come prepared for mud and rain, wearing sturdy footwear (ideally walking boots or walking shoes) and waterproofs. If the forecast is hot, please bring a sun hat and sunblock. Please also bring plenty of water and a snack.

We will meet under the departure boards in the centre of the concourse at Euston station at 9.35am ready to catch the 9.54am train to Tring. You will need to buy a day return ticket to Tring (although we will be returning to Euston from Berkhamsted).

If you're planning to come along, please let Ros know at: <u>ros.fane@gmail.com</u> and do get in touch if you have any questions.

#### For your prayers this week

#### Parish life and events

All members of our online community.

Our social outreach programmes: guests and volunteers at FEAST and Sunday Breakfast, and all involved with our International Group.

#### Those who have asked for our prayers

Meg Stewart, Christine

#### Those who are ill

Peter

#### Recently departed

Jason, and for Robert and Maggie, and for Susan and Sheila who mourn him.

Eileen, and for Peter and Bronte who mourn her.

Reg, whose funeral was on Wednesday (9th April), and for Janet and all who mourn him.

Norman, whose memorial service was on Friday (11th April), and for all who mourn him.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

## As part of the Anglican Communion, and the Diocese of London Prayer Cycle, we pray today for:

The Church of England: The Most Revd & Rt Hon Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York, and those responsible for the appointment of the 106th Archbishop of Canterbury.

Aalborg (Denmark): Thomas Reinholdt Rasmussen (Bishop). Capital Vision Confident Disciples: for workers in finance. The Venerable Peter Farley-Moore, the Archdeacon of Hackney, and for his personal assistant Lucy Johnson.

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