

10:00am: Sunday Worship

Celebrant: The Rev'd Stuart Hallam

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Opening Music – All Glory, Laud, and Honour (St. Theodulph)

Celebrant Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

People Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ,

during Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of our Lord's paschal mystery. On this day our Lord Jesus Christ entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph. The people welcomed him with palms and shouts of praise, but the path before him led to self-giving, suffering, and death. Today we greet him as our King, although we know his crown is thorns and his throne a cross. We follow him this week from the glory of the palms to the glory of the resurrection by way of the dark road of suffering and death. United with him in his suffering on the cross, may we share his

resurrection and new life.

Let us pray together...

People Assist us mercifully with your help, Lord God of our salvation,

that we may enter with joy into the celebration of those mighty acts whereby you give us life and immortality; through Jesus

Christ our Lord.

Amen

Blessing of the Palm crosses

Celebrant God our Saviour, whose Son Jesus Christ entered

Jerusalem as Messiah to suffer and to die, let these

Palms be to 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 love, peace, forgiveness and reconciliation; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen**

The Proclamation of the Word

Reading: Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures for ever!
Let Israel say,
'His steadfast love endures for ever.'
Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.
This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the LORD's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes.

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Save us, we beseech you, O LORD!

O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

The LORD is God, and he has given us light.

Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures for ever.

Let us hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel Matthew 21: 1-11

Reader The Lord be with you

All And also with you.

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reader 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.' The Gospel of Christ

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon The Rev'd Stuart Hallam

Music for Reflection - Siyahamba - We are marching in the light of God

Intercessions, prepared this week by: Nancy Kwasnicki

At the end of each intercession I will pray, "Holy eternal Creator",

Please respond with: Hear our prayer.

All Holy God

holy and Strong; holy and Immortal, have mercy upon us.

Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Gracious God, the suffering and death of Jesus, your only Son,

demonstrates your sacrificial love for us. Alone we can do

nothing, but through his sacrifice, may we receive your love and

mercy.

Eucharistic Prayer: Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer # 2 (Diocesan)

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CelebrantThe Lord be with youPeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

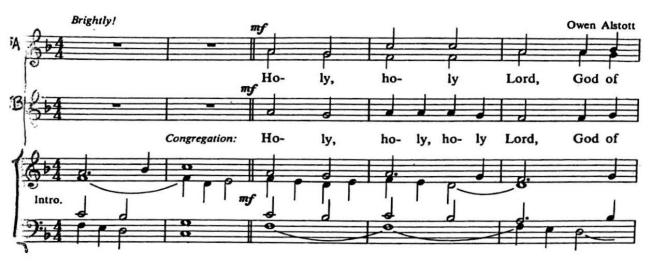
People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time, you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon and stars; earth, winds and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, male and female, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you call us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with saints and angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

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Glory and honour and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favour upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: this is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: this is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with Philip and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honour, glory and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

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Lamb of God - O. Alstott

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant

God our help and strength, you have satisfied our hunger with this eucharistic food. Strengthen our faith, that through the death and resurrection of your Son, we may be led to salvation, for he is Lord now and for ever. Amen.

Announcements

Celebrant

Glory to God

All

Whose power working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant

The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord make his face to shine upon you,

and be gracious unto you,

The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give

you peace. Amen.

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Postlude – Vexilla Regis (for Passiontide) by Marcel Dupré