

**Service of Morning Prayer.** Sunday 5th April .  
Palm Sunday (Holy Week begins).

**All Saints at all times and in all seasons,  
committed to being a church  
of Up (worship & prayer),  
In (deep community & lifelong discipleship),  
and Out, (service of others & evangelism).**

### The Gathering of God's People

Welcome by Revd Grant

*As I enter worship and prayer now, I pause to be still, as I re-center my scattered senses upon the presence of God...*

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

**All and also with you.**

O Lord, open our lips  
**and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Give us the joy of your saving help  
**and sustain us with your life-giving Spirit.**

You have called us in righteousness.  
**Let us respond with justice.**

Eternal God, source of all blessing,  
help us to worship you  
with all our heart and mind and strength;  
for you alone are God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**Song:**

Introduction to Palm Sunday.

### **Prayers of Penitence**

Christ himself carried up our sins in his body to the tree, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds we have been healed..

Let us confess our sins...

**All Lord God,  
we have sinned against you;  
we have done evil in your sight.  
We are sorry and repent.  
Have mercy on us according to your love.  
Wash away our wrongdoing  
and cleanse us from our sin.  
Renew a right spirit within us  
and restore us to the joy of your salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The minister declares God's forgiveness*

May the Father of all mercies  
cleanse you from your sins,  
and restore you in his image  
to the praise and glory of his name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

Blessed is the Lord,  
**All for he has heard the voice of our prayer;**

therefore shall our hearts dance for joy  
**All and in our song will we praise our God.**

*Prayer of thanksgiving*

Blessed are you, Lord God of our salvation,  
to you be praise and glory for ever.  
As a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief,  
your only Son was lifted up  
that he might draw the whole world to himself.  
May we walk every day in the way of the cross  
and always be ready to share its weight,  
declaring your love for all the world.  
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:  
**All Blessed be God for ever.**

The night has passed,  
and the day lies open before us;  
let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Silence is kept.*

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,  
so may the light of your presence,  
O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you;  
now and for ever. **Amen**

**All Amen.**

### Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

#### Psalm 46

<sup>1</sup> God is our refuge and strength,  
an ever-present help in trouble.  
<sup>2</sup> Therefore we will not fear, though the earth  
give way  
and the mountains fall into the heart of the  
sea,  
<sup>3</sup> though its waters roar and foam  
and the mountains quake with their surging.<sup>[c]</sup>  
<sup>4</sup> There is a river whose streams make glad the  
city of God,  
the holy place where the Most High dwells.  
<sup>5</sup> God is within her, she will not fall;  
God will help her at break of day.  
<sup>6</sup> Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall;  
he lifts his voice, the earth melts.  
<sup>7</sup> The LORD Almighty is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.  
<sup>8</sup> Come and see what the LORD has done,  
the desolations he has brought on the earth.  
<sup>9</sup> He makes wars cease  
to the ends of the earth.  
He breaks the bow and shatters the spear;  
he burns the shields<sup>[d]</sup> with fire.  
<sup>10</sup> He says, 'Be still, and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth.'  
<sup>11</sup> The LORD Almighty is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

**All Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now,  
and ever shall be, world without end.**

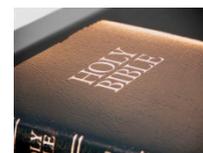
**Amen.**

### Scripture Readings

**Old Testament :** Isaiah 50:4-9a

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**



#### Song

**New Testament:** Matthew 21:1-11

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

#### *Gospel Canticle*

*The Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah, Luke 1.68-79) is said together*

Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,  
who has come to his people and set them free.  
He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,  
born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets God promised of old  
to save us from our enemies,  
from the hands of all that hate us,  
To show mercy to our ancestors,  
and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath God swore  
to our father Abraham:  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
Free to worship him without fear,  
holy and righteous in his sight  
all the days of our life.

And you, child, shall be called the prophet  
of the Most High,  
for you will go before the Lord  
to prepare his way,  
To give his people knowledge of salvation  
by the forgiveness of all their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the  
shadow of death,  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

**All**     **Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning  
is now and shall be for ever. Amen**

**Sermon** *(there will be an audio file available as well, on our web page. Sermon text available in sermon archive)*

## **Song**

### **Affirmation of Faith**

Using words from Phil 2, let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

**Though he was divine,  
he did not cling to equality with God,  
but made himself nothing.  
Taking the form of a slave,  
he was born in human likeness.  
He humbled himself and was obedient to death,  
even the death of the cross.  
Therefore God has raised him on high,  
and given him the name above every name:  
that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bow,  
and every voice proclaim  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.**

## **The Prayers of the People**

Intercessions

*Response:*

Lord in your mercy,  
**All Hear our prayer.**



### **Collect Prayers**

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.**

Father, help me live this coming week to the full,  
being true to You, in every way.  
Jesus, help me give myself away to others, being  
kind to everyone I meet.  
Spirit, help me to love my town, proclaiming  
Christ in all I do and say.  
**All Amen.**

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,  
let us pray as our Saviour has taught us

**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.**

## **Going out as God's People**

Final Song

Church Life Announcements

### **Blessing**

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,  
to deny yourself,  
to take up the cross and follow him.  
And the Blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit  
be upon you and now and forever. **Amen.**

*We finish with praying the grace together...*

**All**     **The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with us all this day and evermore. Amen**