

Service of Morning Prayer.

Sunday 28th March. Palm Sunday

**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

Brief Welcome by Revd Grant.

It is Palm Sunday...

*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.

Opening Prayer...

All Loving God

We have come to worship you.

Help us to pray to you in faith

To sing your praise with gratitude

And to listen to your word with eagerness;

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Opening Hymn: Blessed Assurance

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, Palm Sunday, we come together
to begin this solemn celebration in union with the
Church – scattered, together, public, in secret -
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.

Prayers of Penitence

Let us hear again the characteristics and witness
of the kingdom of heaven that Jesus proclaimed
and lived out.

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,
for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,
for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst
after righteousness,
for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful,
for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called children of God.

Blessed are those who suffer persecution for
righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Christ himself carried 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.

Silence to reflect...

Let us confess our sins.

All Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess we have failed you as did your first
disciples. We ask for your mercy and your help.

When we take our ease
rather than watch with you:

Lord, forgive us.
Christ have mercy.

When we bestow a kiss of peace
yet nurse enmity in our hearts:

Lord, forgive us.
Christ have mercy.

When we strike at those who hurt us
rather than stretch out our hands to bless:

Lord, forgive us.
Christ have mercy.

When we deny that we know you
for fear of the world and its scorn:

Lord, forgive us.
Christ have mercy.

Absolution.

Almighty God
Who forgives all who truly repent
Have mercy upon you
Pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
Confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
And keep you in life eternal,
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 while 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.

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

Psalm 118

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!
His faithful love endures forever.
- 2 Let all Israel repeat:
“His faithful love endures forever.”
- 3 Let Aaron’s descendants, the priests, repeat:
“His faithful love endures forever.”

- 4 Let all who fear the Lord repeat:
“His faithful love endures forever.”
- 5 In my distress I prayed to the Lord,
and the Lord answered me and set me free.
- 6 The Lord is for me, so I will have no fear.
What can mere people do to me?

- 7 Yes, the Lord is for me; he will help me.
I will look in triumph at those who hate me.
- 8 It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in people.
- 9 It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in princes.

- 10 Though hostile nations surrounded me,
I destroyed them all
with the authority of the Lord.
- 11 Yes, they surrounded and attacked me,
but I destroyed them
all with the authority of the Lord.
- 12 They swarmed around me like bees;
they blazed against me like a crackling fire.
But I destroyed them all
with the authority of the Lord.

13 My enemies did their best to kill me,
but the Lord rescued me.
14 The Lord is my strength and my song;
he has given me victory.
15 Songs of joy and victory are sung in the camp
of the godly.

The strong right arm of the Lord has done
glorious things!

16 The strong right arm of the Lord
is raised in triumph.

The strong right arm of the Lord
has done glorious things!

17 I will not die; instead, I will live
to tell what the Lord has done.

18 The Lord has punished me severely,
but he did not let me die.

19 Open for me the gates where the righteous
enter, and I will go in and thank the Lord.

20 These gates lead to the presence of the Lord,
and the godly enter there.

21 I thank you for answering my prayer
and giving me victory!

22 The stone that the builders rejected
has now become the cornerstone.

23 This is the Lord's doing,
and it is wonderful to see.

24 This is the day the Lord has made.

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

25 Please, Lord, please save us.

Please, Lord, please give us success.

26 Bless the one who comes in the name of the
Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord.

27 The Lord is God, shining upon us.

Take the sacrifice and bind it with cords on the
altar.

28 You are my God, and I will praise you!

You are my God, and I will exalt you!

29 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!

His faithful love endures forever.

**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 : Zechariah 9:9-12 (David)

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Song : Beautiful Name



Gospel: John 12: 12-16

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Canticle A Song of Christ the Servant (Lent)

1 Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example,
that you should follow in his steps.

**2 He committed no sin,
no guile was found on his lips,
when he was reviled, he did not revile in turn.**

3 When he suffered, he did not threaten,
but he trusted himself to God who judges justly.

**4 Christ himself bore our sins
in his body on the tree,
that we might die to sin and live to
righteousness.**

5 By his wounds, you have been healed,
for you were straying like sheep,
but have now returned
to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

1 Peter 2.21b-25

**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.

Sermon :

Post Sermon Song: Reckless Love.

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

Let us bring to the Father our prayers of Intercessions through Christ who gave himself for the life of the world. (Mark)

Response:

Lord in your mercy
Hear our Prayer.

Merciful Father,
All accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

Collect Prayers

Generous God,
creator, redeemer, sustainer,
to you we present our financial gifts,
symbol of the work you have given us to do;
use it, use us,
in the service of your world
to the glory of your name. **Amen.**

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.**

Holy Spirit, when I feel alone, I am comforted,
because You pray *with* me.

When I silenced by suffering, I am grateful that
You pray *through* me.

And Jesus when I feel helpless, I am strengthened
because You're with the Father right now,
praying *for* me.
Amen. (Romans 8:34)

Let's pray to our Father...

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

Announcements

Lenten Morning Prayer, our final one

Wednesday of Holy Week, via Zoom, at 0730.

Holy Week. As it approaches.

All Saints will offer a physical service at Kosmik, on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday evenings. There is more information in our email newsletters or our whatsapp group, and a way to sign up.

Also, we will provide an online pre-recorded service for those two days.

Our Maundy Thursday Online will be available from 6pm.

Our Good Friday from 12noon on Good Friday for you to use through the day.

Holy Week Devotionals. Last year we shared each day, a devotional. We will do the same this year. Each Day of Holy Week, a member of All Saints will share a Devotional based on the OT passage for the day. It is a way to continue to journey through Holy Week. These will be shared via the church website, facebook and church whatsapp group. 10 minutes of your time each day.

Final Song: Cornerstone

Blessing

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,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen!**

The Peace.

May the Peace of God
which passes all understanding
Keep our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

HOLY WEEK

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace. God's seal on our prayer...

We invite you to not only share the Peace with whom you are gathered but to message someone in the church community 'Peace be with you'.

More information...

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