



All Together Palm Sunday Worship

28th March 2021

Beware of isolation and mob rule

Preparing for Worship (stand if able)

Hosanna to the Son of David.

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

Behold your king comes to you, O Zion,
meek and lowly, sitting upon a donkey.

Ride on in the cause of truth
and for the sake of justice.

Your throne is the throne of God, it endures for ever;
and the sceptre of your kingdom is a righteous sceptre.

You have loved righteousness and hated evil.

Therefore God, your God, has anointed you
with the oil of gladness above your fellows.

Hosanna to the Son of David.

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Song: Crown Him with Many Crowns

Confessing our Sins

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.**

We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you
in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Declaring God's Forgiveness

Through faith in Christ alone, the LORD forgives us all our sins,
heals the sickness of our souls;
the LORD redeems our lives from the grave
and crowns us with glory and honour. **Amen.**

The Collect for the Sunday Before Easter

**Almighty and everlasting God,
who in your tender love towards mankind sent your Son
our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature
and to suffer death upon the cross
so that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility,
grant that we may both follow the example of his patience
and also have our part in his resurrection,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Reading from the Bible

Mark 15:1-15

¹ Very early in the morning, the chief priests, with the elders, the teachers of the law and the whole Sanhedrin, made their plans. So they bound Jesus, led him away and handed him over to Pilate.

² 'Are you the king of the Jews?' asked Pilate.

'You have said so,' Jesus replied.

³ The chief priests accused him of many things. ⁴ So again Pilate asked him, 'Aren't you going to answer? See how many things they are accusing you of.'

⁵ But Jesus still made no reply, and Pilate was amazed.

⁶ Now it was the custom at the festival to release a prisoner whom the people requested. ⁷ A man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder in the uprising. ⁸ The crowd came up and asked Pilate to do for them what he usually did.

⁹ ‘Do you want me to release to you the king of the Jews?’ asked Pilate, ¹⁰ knowing it was out of self-interest that the chief priests had handed Jesus over to him. ¹¹ But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to get Pilate to release Barabbas instead.

¹² ‘What shall I do, then, with the one you call the king of the Jews?’ Pilate asked them.

¹³ ‘Crucify him!’ they shouted.

¹⁴ ‘Why? What crime has he committed?’ asked Pilate.

But they shouted all the louder, ‘Crucify him!’

¹⁵ Wanting to satisfy the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas to them. He had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified.

Reflecting on God’s Word

Beware of isolation and mob rule

- What happens when isolation and mob rule run the world?
- Learning from the trial of Christ

Applying this to our own lives and church life

1. We must never allow anyone to become isolated as a victim of abuse
2. We must never allow anyone to become isolated in leadership
3. We must never act out of self interest
4. Our systems and policies must provide checks and balances against the abuse of power or injustice
5. We must apply the gospel to our isolation

Affirming Our Faith - The 39 Articles of the Church of England

XXII. OF PURGATORY

THE Romish Doctrine concerning Purgatory, Pardons, Worshipping, and Adoration, as well of Images as of Reliques, and also invocation of Saints, is a fond thing vainly invented, and grounded upon no warranty of Scripture, but rather repugnant to the Word of God.

XXIII. OF MINISTERING IN THE CONGREGATION

IT is not lawful for any man to take upon him the office of public preaching, or ministering the Sacraments in the Congregation, before he be lawfully called, and sent to execute the same.

And those we ought to judge lawfully called and sent, which be chosen and called to this work by men who have public authority given unto them in the Congregation, to call and send Ministers into the Lord's vineyard.

XXIV. OF SPEAKING IN THE CONGREGATION IN SUCH A TONGUE AS THE PEOPLE UNDERSTANDETH

IT is a thing plainly repugnant to the Word of God, and the custom of the Primitive Church, to have public Prayer in the Church, or to minister the Sacraments in a tongue not understood of the people.

Intercessions

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

Our Father in heaven	As we forgive those who sin
Hallowed be your name	against us
Your kingdom come	Lead us not into temptation
Your will be done	But deliver us from evil
On earth as is in heaven	For the Kingdom,
Give us today our daily bread	the power
Forgive us our sins	And the glory are yours
	Now and forever. Amen.

Notices

SONG (outside): Shout to the LORD

My Jesus, my Saviour
Lord there is none like You
All of my days I want to praise
The wonders of Your mighty love
My comfort, my shelter
Tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath, all that I am
Never cease to worship You

Shout to the Lord all the Earth, let us sing
Power and majesty, praise to the King
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand
Nothing compares to the promise I have
In You

Pronouncing God's Blessing

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. **Amen.**

**May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and
the love of God and the fellowship of the
Holy Spirit be with us all evermore. Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:
in the name of Christ. Amen.

Notices

Easter story window displays. Make the most of your house and car windows. Tell the gospel story in pictures this Easter. If you want creative ideas, please contact Helen.

Holy Week Services. Good Friday 2nd April private prayer before the cross. 1pm to 3pm in church. Easter Sunday 4th April service 11am. There will be no Holy Communion this Easter.

Zoom Sunday Afternoon Tea - 4pm today

Zoom Lent Bible Readings and Prayer each Monday to Thursday evening. Monday on Zoom at 7:30pm and then on YouTube for the rest of the week.

Zoom Small Group Bible Study and Fellowship. Tues and Wed at 7:30pm.

Zoom Cake and Chat. 9-11am on Thursday. Drop in for as long as you want.

Leprosy Mission Sunday 11th April. We support the work of the Leprosy Mission and so will focus on this life changing work the Sunday after Easter.

Next PCC Meeting. Our PCC will meet on Monday 19th April to approve the annual accounts. If you have an annual report to write for 2020, please submit it to Mark by the end of March.

Developing Healthy Pastoral Relationships - Sermon series from 18th April

Neil is planning a sermon series from the First Letter to Timothy. The letter sets out the true gospel and addresses the ways that men and women should relate, especially how men should view and treat women. You might want to read 1 Timothy to familiarise yourself with the letter before the series begins.