

Morning Prayer for Palm Sunday

Sunday 28th March 2021 at 10.00 (call in from 9.45)

To join by phone call 0330 336 0036 and use PIN 586191.

For details of how to join this service on Zoom, please e-mail

office@stpeterstiverton.org.uk.



Preparation

In the name of the living God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

O Lord, open our lips

All **and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Give us the joy of your saving help,

All **and sustain us with your life-giving Spirit.**

God shows his love for us in that,
while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
Let us then show our love for him
by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:

Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart.

Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided.

Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

May the God of love and power
forgive us and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept as we offer the day to God.

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.

All **Amen.**

First reading Zechariah 9:9-12

⁹ Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

 Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;

 triumphant and victorious is he,

humble and riding on a donkey,

 on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰ He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

 and the warhorse from Jerusalem;

and the battle-bow shall be cut off,

 and he shall command peace to the nations;

his dominion shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

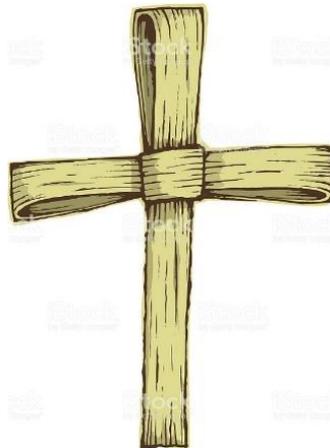
¹¹ As for you also,
because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹² Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

The Blessing of Palms

Dear friends 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 we come together to begin this solemn celebration in union with the Church 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.



With the cross before us, we pray:

God our Saviour,
whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as Messiah
to suffer and to die,
let the cross be for us the sign of his victory;

and grant that we who bear it in his name
may ever hail him as our King,
and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life;
who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Hymn

*All glory, laud and honour
To thee, Redeemer, King
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.*

1 Thou art the King of Israel,
 Thou David's royal Son,
 Who in the Lord's name comest,
 The King and Blessed One.

All glory, laud and honour...

2 The company of angels
 Are praising thee on high;
 And mortals, joined with all things
 Created, make reply.

All glory, laud and honour...

3 The people of the Hebrews
 With palms before thee went;
 Our praise and prayer and anthems
 Before thee we present.

All glory, laud and honour...

*St Theodulph of Orleans (d. 821)
Trans. John Mason Neale (1818 – 1866) alt.*

Epistle Philippians 2: 5 – 11

⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
⁶ who, though he was in the form of God,
 did not regard equality with God
 as something to be exploited,
⁷ but emptied himself,
 taking the form of a slave,
 being born in human likeness.
 And being found in human form,
⁸ he humbled himself
 and became obedient to the point of death –
 even death on a cross.
⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him
 and gave him the name that is above every name,
¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
 in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹ and every tongue should confess
 that Jesus Christ is Lord,
 to the glory of God the Father.

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
who in your tender love towards the human race
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to take upon him our flesh
and to suffer death upon the cross:
grant that we may follow the example
of his patience and humility,
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Gospel Mark 11: 1 – 11

¹ When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples ² and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³ If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’”

⁴ They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵ some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” ⁶ They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it.

⁷ Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸ Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields.



⁹ Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

“Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

¹⁰ Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

¹¹ Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

We pause to reflect on the readings.

Intercessions

We pray for those who make laws and administer them,
that our common life may be ordered in justice and mercy.

God of mercy,

All **Forgive us and help us.**

We pray for the peace of the nations,
and for all those who, even today,
would still make Jerusalem a battle ground.

God of mercy,

All **Forgive us and help us.**

We pray that we may have the courage and honesty
to work openly for justice and peace for all your children.

God of mercy,

All **Forgive us and help us.**

We pray that we may know
how to support and encourage those who,
weighed down with hardship, doubt or sorrow,
feel that God is far from them.

God of mercy,

All **Forgive us and help us.**

We pray for the sick, especially...
that they may know your healing presence.

God of mercy,

All **Forgive us and help us.**

Lastly, we give thanks for all who have died
in the faith of Christ, especially...
and all those we remember with love and gratitude.
And we pray that we, with them,
may find mercy in the day of his coming.

Merciful Father,

All **Accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Standing at the foot of the cross,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

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.**

Blessing

Christ crucified draw us 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,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be amongst us and remain with us always.

All **Amen.**

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

All **Amen.**



What's On This Week

Mothering Sunday Online

Our online celebration of Mothering Sunday is still available. Go to the Exe Valley Mission Community website <https://www.exevalleychurches.org> and click on *Resources*, then *Videos*. Our thanks go to Stephen Roche and all who contributed.

And don't forget to look out for **Easter Online** – coming soon to a screen near you!

The **Exe Valley Easter Trail** is up and running. Photograph yourself at all nine churches!

Evenings in Holy Week

Join us for a short service of Compline with a Holy Week reflection every evening from Monday to Friday at 7.30.

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Wed 31st March at 10.30 am: Coffee Morning Join Zoom Meeting

For details of how to join, please e-mail office@stpeterstiverton.org.uk.

Thu 1st April at 11.00 am: Maundy Thursday Holy Communion at St Peter's, Tiverton

Services next Sunday

Next Sunday is **Easter Day**, the greatest day of the year! Join us for:

-  08.00 Holy Communion at Piddling in the Marsh – *book via Exe Valley Church Office*
-  09.00 Holy Communion at Chevithorne – *to be confirmed*
-  09.30 Eucharist at St Andrew's, Tiverton
-  10.00 Morning Prayer on Zoom by telephone
-  11.00 Holy Communion at St Peter's, Tiverton
-  11.15 Holy Communion at Snoring in the Wold – *book via Exe Valley Church Office*