

# ST PETER'S & ALL SAINTS' CHURCHES, NOTTINGHAM

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2020  
Palm Sunday

Officiant: The Reverend Christopher Harrison  
Preacher: The Reverend Dr Richard Davey

## WELCOME & NOTICES

### INTROIT

*sung by individual members of the church choir in online collaboration*

Hosanna to the Son of David: blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna! Thou that sittest in the highest heavens; Hosanna in excelsis Deo!

*Music: Thomas Weelkes (1576-1623)*

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

**Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

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

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.

**God our Saviour, whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as Messiah to suffer and to die; we thank you for giving us crosses, made from palm branches, as signs and symbols of the victory won by Christ through his death and resurrection. Grant that we 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. Amen.**

Let us pray for a closer union with Christ in his suffering and in his glory.

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, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Listening to and reflecting on Scripture*

### EPISTLE

*St Paul tells how Jesus gave himself up to be crucified, but was raised from death by God*

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

*Philippians 2.5-11*

This is the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL READING

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

The Lord is a great God, O that today you would listen to his voice.

Harden not your hearts.

**Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus enters Jerusalem riding on a donkey*

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.’

Then Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who were selling and buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold doves. He said to them, ‘It is written,

“My house shall be called a house of prayer”; but you are making it a den of robbers.’ The blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he cured them. But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the amazing things that he did, and heard the children crying out in the temple, ‘Hosanna to the Son of David’, they became angry and said to him, ‘Do you hear what these are saying?’ Jesus said to them, ‘Yes; have you never read,

“Out of the mouths of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise for yourself”?’

He left them, went out of the city to Bethany, and spent the night there.

*Matthew 21. 1-17*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## HOMILY

## ANTHEM

*recorded by the Choir of St Peter's at the Church of the Good Shepherd in July 2019*

God so loved the world,  
that he gave his only begotten Son,  
that whoso believeth in him should not perish,  
but have everlasting life.

For God sent not his Son into the world  
to condemn the world;  
but that the world through him might be saved.

*Music: John Stainer (1840-1901)*

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lina Morgan

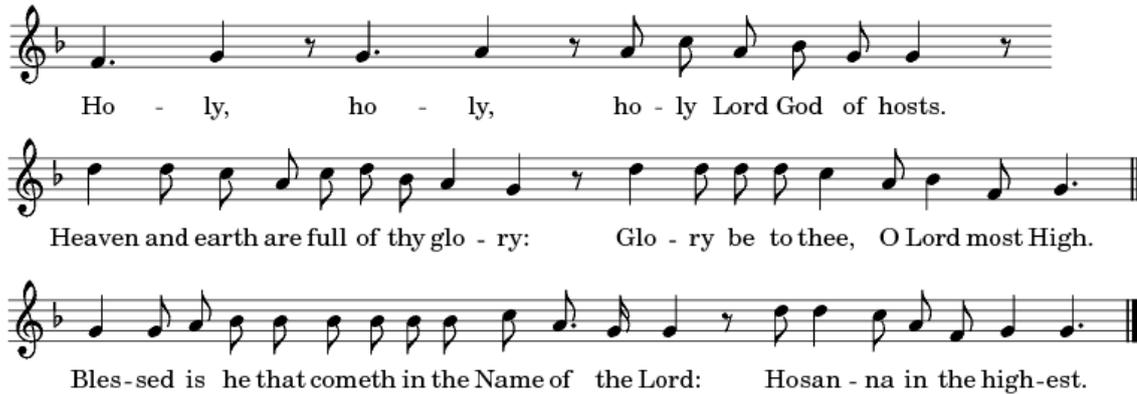
## THE PEACE

Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross. Wherever we are worshipping, we come together in his name and share his peace. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

## GIVING THANKS FOR THE DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF CHRIST

We praise you, Almighty God, that we are united in prayer and worship with millions of our brothers and sisters throughout the world, including those who continue to come together in their churches to celebrate the Eucharist. Although we cannot currently share in the sacrament of the Eucharist around your holy table, we remain nourished by the body of Christ, broken for us, and by his blood, shed for us. We give you thanks for his death and resurrection, which have brought us salvation and new hope.

From the beginning, O God, you have created all things, and all your works echo the silent music of your praise. In the fullness of time you made us in your image, the crown of all creation. You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels and all the powers of heaven, we may find a voice to proclaim your praise:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glo - ry: Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord most High.  
Bles - sed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord: Hosan - na in the high - est.

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit upon us, as we remember that bread broken and wine shared in Christ's name become for us his body and his blood.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.

**Lord, by your cross and resurrection, you have set us free. You are the Saviour of the world.**

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth. Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**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.**

## AGNUS DEI



O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us.



O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us.



O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: grant us thy peace.

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.**

## THE DISMISSAL

### 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.
2. The people of the Hebrews  
with palms before thee went;  
our praise and prayer and anthems  
before thee we present.
3. To thee before thy passion  
they sang their hymns of praise;  
to thee, now high exalted  
our melody we raise.

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

## THE BLESSING

Christ give you the grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY      Valet will ich die geben

*JS Bach (1685-1750)*