

Second reading *Philippians 2:6-11*

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel acclamation

STAND

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The Passion Gospel (shorter form) *is read by several readers.* *Mark 15:1-39*

...Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last...

All kneel and pause for a moment.

...and the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom.

Prayer over the Offerings

Through the Passion of your Only Begotten Son, O Lord, may our reconciliation with you be near at hand, so that, though we do not merit it by our own deeds, yet by this sacrifice made once for all, we may feel already the effects of your mercy. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

Look we pray, O Lord, on this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ did not hesitate to be delivered into the hands of the wicked and submit to the agony of the Cross. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The stewards will hand you a palm cross as you leave church. Palms will also be available to collect from the entrance porch during the remainder of Holy Week.

The Precious Blood of Our Lord & All Souls Coventry



Sunday 28 March 2021

A very warm welcome to this Mass to begin Holy Week. Today's Mass begins with the Blessing of Palms and the Proclamation of the Triumphal Entry of Our Lord into Jerusalem on his final journey towards the Cross. It ends on a solemn note in preparation for the Passion.

Commemoration of the Lord's entry into Jerusalem

You are invited to turn to face the back of church where the palm branches will be blessed.

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

Amen.

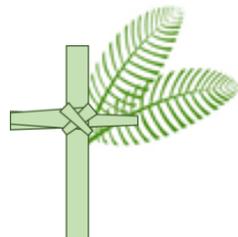
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

And with your spirit.

Dear brothers and sister, since the beginning of Lent until now we have prepared our hearts by penance and charitable works. Today we gather to herald with the whole Church the beginning of our Lord's Paschal Mystery, that is to say, of his Passion and Resurrection. For it was to accomplish this mystery that he entered his own city of Jerusalem. Therefore, with all faith and devotion, let us commemorate the Lord's entry into the city for our salvation, following in his footsteps, so that, being made by his grace partakers of the Cross, we may have a share also in his Resurrection and in his life.

Blessing of the palms

Almighty ever-living God, sanctify + these branches with your blessing, that we who follow Christ the King in exultation, may reach the eternal Jerusalem with him. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*



Note: Palms will be distributed as people leave church.

The Gospel concerning the Lord's entrance

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

John 12:12-16

A great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, 'Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the king of Israel!' And Jesus found a young ass and sat upon it; as is written, 'Fear not, daughter of Sion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on an ass's colt!' His disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of him and had been done to him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The ministers process through the church to the sanctuary while the cantor sings chants in honour of Christ the King.

The Collect

Almighty ever-living God, who as an example of humility for the human race to follow caused our Saviour to take flesh and submit to the Cross, graciously grant that we may heed his lesson of patient suffering and so merit a share in his Resurrection. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First reading *Isaiah 50: 4-7*

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

Psalm *sung by the cantor* *Psalm 21*

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

All who see me deride me.

They curl their lips, they toss their heads.

'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.'

Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.

They tear holes in my hands and my feet
I can count every one of my bones.

They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.

O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me!

I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.

'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons.

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