

8am Traditional Service, St John's Dalby

April 2, 2023

Start outside church

This morning begins the Great Week of the Christian Year.

During Lent we have been preparing by works of love and self-sacrifice for the celebration of the Lord's death and resurrection.

With Christians throughout the world, we come together this week to call to mind, and to express in word and action, the centre of the Easter mystery: our Lord's Passover from death to life.

Christ entered in triumph into the Holy City to complete his work as Messiah: to suffer, to die and to rise to new life. Today we commit ourselves to walk the way of the cross, so that, sharing his sufferings, we may be united with him in his risen life.

LA: Sovereign God,
we thank you for these branches [and crosses] of palm.

By your blessing may they be for us signs of the victory of your Son.
May we who carry them in his name ever hail him as our Messiah, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Process inside the church

MAKE WAY MAKE WAY

Graham Kendrick

Make way, make way for Christ the King
In splendour arrives,
Fling wide the gates and welcome Him
Into your lives.

Chorus:

Make way (make way)
Make way (make way)
For the King of kings
(For the King of kings)
Make way (make way)
Make way (make way)
And let His kingdom in.

He comes the broken hearts to heal,
The prisoners to free,
The deaf shall hear, the lame shall dance,
The blind shall see.

Chorus:

And those who mourn with heavy hearts,
Who weep and sigh;
With laughter, joy and royal crown
He'll beautify.

Chorus:

We call you now to worship Him
As Lord of all,
To have no gods before Him,
Their thrones must fall.

Chorus:

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THE COLLECT- Prayer of the Day

LA:

God of all, you gave your only-begotten Son to take the form of a servant, and to be obedient even to death on a cross: give us the same mind that was in Christ Jesus that, sharing in his humility, we may come to be with him in his glory, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins, **whose mercy endures forever.**

Prayer of Preparation

[Let us pray.]

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

LA: Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' Jesus said: 'This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself.'

Silence may be kept.

Confession

Let us then ask for mercy, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Merciful God, our maker and our judge, we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and in what we have failed to do: we have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.

Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Absolution

Almighty God,
who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith:
pardon you and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

1st Reading is from Isaiah Chapter 50 verses 4-9a

found on page 907 of the Pew Bibles

⁴The Sovereign Lord has given me an instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being taught. ⁵The Sovereign Lord has opened my ears, and I have not been rebellious; I have

not drawn back. ⁶I offered my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard; I did not hide my face from mocking and spitting.

⁷Because the Sovereign Lord helps me, I will not be disgraced. Therefore have I set my face like flint, and I know I will not be put to shame. ⁸He who vindicates me is near. Who then will bring charges against me? Let us face each other! Who is my accuser? Let him confront me! ⁹It is the Sovereign Lord who helps me. Who is he that will condemn me?

Hear the word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

LA: Psalm 31.9-18

⁹ Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble: my eye wastes away for grief, my throat also and my inward parts.

**¹⁰ For my life wears out in sorrow,
and my years with sighing: my
strength fails me in my affliction,
and my bones are consumed.**

¹¹ I am become the scorn of all my enemies: and my neighbours wag their heads in derision.

**¹² I am a thing of horror to my friends:
and those that see me in the street
shrink from me.**

¹³ I am forgotten like one dead and out of mind: I have become like a broken vessel.

**¹⁴ For I hear the whispering of many:
and fear is on every side;**

¹⁵ While they plot together against me: and scheme to take away my life.

**¹⁶ But in you, Lord, have I put my trust:
I have said 'You are my God.'**

¹⁷ All my days are in your hand: O deliver me from the power of my enemies and from my persecutors.

**¹⁸ Make your face to shine upon your
servant: and save me for your mercy's
sake.**

TRUST AND OBEY

(AKA 'When we walk with the Lord')

Rev. John Henry Sammis/Daniel Brink Towner

When we walk with the Lord
in the light of his word,
what a glory he sheds on our way!
While we do his good will,
he abides with us still,
and with all who will trust and obey.

Chorus:

Trust and obey,
for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus,
but to trust and obey.

Not a shadow can rise,
not a cloud in the skies,
but his smile quickly drives it away;
not a doubt nor a fear,
not a sigh nor a tear,
can abide while we trust and obey.

Chorus:

Not a burden we bear,
not a sorrow we share,
but our toil he does richly repay;
not a grief nor a loss,
not a frown nor a cross,
but is blest if we trust and obey.

Chorus:

Trust and obey,
for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus,
but to trust and obey.

But we never can prove
the delights of his love,
until all on the altar we lay;
for the favour he shows,
and the joy he bestows
are for them who will trust and obey.

Chorus:

Then in fellowship sweet,
we will sit at his feet,
or we'll walk by his side in the way.
What he says we will do,
where he sends we will go,
never fear, only trust and obey.

Chorus:

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Gospel Reading

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to according to Matthew,
chapter 21, beginning at the 1st verse

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

found on page 1230 of Pew Bibles

¹As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone

says anything to you, tell him that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away." ⁴This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: ⁵"Say to the Daughter of Zion, 'See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'" ⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt, placed their cloaks on them, and Jesus sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest!" ¹⁰When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?" ¹¹The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

This is the Gospel of the Lord,
praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon: David Browne

THE CREED

LA: Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus
Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,**

true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

The Prayers

Bidding: Lord in your mercy

Response: **Hear our prayer.**

Prayers conclude

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray, **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

Prayer of humble access

We do not presume to come to your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies.

We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

THE GREETING OF PEACE

We are the body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Peace is said with no hand shaking.

COME AS YOU ARE

Deidre Browne

Come as you are: that's how I want you.

Come as you are; feel quite at home,
Close to my heart, loved and forgiven.

Come as you are: why stand alone?

No need to fear, love sets no limits;
No need to fear, love never ends;
Don't run away shamed and disheartened,
Rest in my love, trust me again.

I came to call sinners, not just the righteous;
I came to bring peace, not to condemn.
Each time you fail to live by my promise,
Why do you think I'd love you the less?

Come as you are: that's how I love you;
Come as you are, trust me again.
Nothing can change the love that I bear you;
All will be well, just come as you are.

Together in Song No. 693

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OFFERTORY

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom.

Blessed be God for ever.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere, mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary and lived as one of us. He was tempted in every way as we are, yet he did not sin.

By his death on the cross and rising to new life, he offered the one true sacrifice for sin and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to walk in the way of his love.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

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

Merciful God, we thank you for these gifts of your creation, this bread and wine, and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit, we who eat and drink them may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread; and when he had given you thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Take, eat.

This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup, and again giving you thanks he gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Drink from this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Therefore, living God, as we obey his command, we remember his life of obedience to you, his suffering and death, his resurrection and exaltation, and his promise to be with us for ever.

With this bread and this cup we celebrate his saving death until he comes.

Accept, we pray, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and our celebration that all who eat and drink at this table may be strengthened by Christ's body and blood to serve you in the world.

As one body and one holy people, may we proclaim the everlasting gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, eternal God, now and for ever.

Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours for ever and ever. Amen.

COMMUNION

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

God our help and strength, through these holy mysteries confirm our faith that by the death and resurrection of your Son we may walk in the way of salvation.

Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

Notices

RIDE ON RIDE ON IN MAJESTY

Henry Milman

Ride on, ride on in majesty;
hark, all the tribes hosanna cry!
O Saviour, meek, pursue your road
with palms and scattered garments
strowed.

Ride on, ride on in majesty,
in lowly pomp ride on to die;
O Christ, your triumphs now begin
o'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on, ride on in majesty;
the wingèd squadrons of the sky
look down with sad and wondering
eyes
to see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on, ride on in majesty;
your last and fiercest strife is nigh;
the Father on his sapphire throne
awaits his own anointed Son.

Ride on, ride on in majesty,
in lowly pomp ride on to die;
bow your meek head to mortal pain,
then take, O God, your power and
reign!

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Blessing

Christ our Saviour draw you to
himself, that you may find in him
crucified a sure ground for faith, a
firm support for hope, and the
assurance of sin forgiven and the
blessing of God almighty, the Father,
the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be
among you and remain with you
always.

Amen.

LA: Dismissal

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