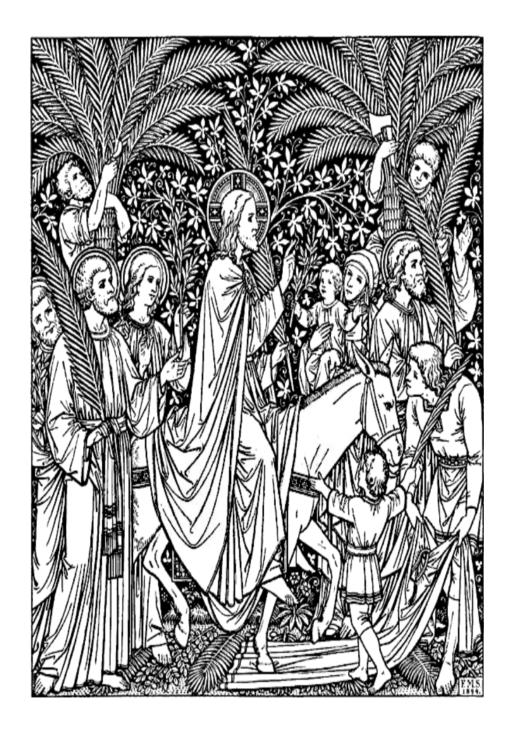
# Palm Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2025





## Muddy's Musings

Today we begin our walk through the holiest of weeks, beginning with the triumphant entry into Jerusalem, where the crowds welcomed Our Lord with "Hosanna!" those same crowds that would but a few days later scream "crucify." And I thought that instead of talking to you about our easter services and the journey we are all (I hope) about to take together through this week, I'd share with you a poem by G. K. Chesterton. I hope it challenges you to ponder anew the characters of Holy Week in a new light. It's called "The Donkey"

When fishes flew and forests walked And figs grew upon thorn, Some moment when the moon was blood Then surely I was born.

With monstrous head and sickening cry And ears like errant wings, The devil's walking parody On all four-footed things.

The tattered outlaw of the earth, Of ancient crooked will; Starve, scourge, deride me: I am dumb, I keep my secret still.

Fools! For I also had my hour; One far fierce hour and sweet: There was a shout about my ears, And palms before my feet.

With every blessing for this most holy of weeks, **Fr. Scott** 

## THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

## **Blessing of Palms**

We gather at the rear of the parish hall, near the play equipment with our palms. The sanctuary party arrive and Fr. Scott leads us:

Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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

Amen.

The Lord be with you **And also with you** 

Dear brothers and sisters, since the beginning of Lent until now we have prepared our hearts by penance and charitable works. Today we gather together to herald with the whole Church the beginning of the celebration 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.

We hold aloft our Palms, and Fr. Scott prays the prayer of blessing:

Let us pray:

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

Amen.

The Palm branches and crosses are sprinkled with Holy Water and censed.

Palm Gospel

★ A reading from the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke 19:28-40

Fr. Graham proclaims the palm Gospel. After, Fr. Scott intones:

Dear brothers and sisters, like the crowds who acclaimed Jesus in Jerusalem, let us go forth in peace.

\* In the name of Christ, Amen.

#### **Procession of Palms**

The ministers lead the procession to the first station, while we sing:

All glory, praise and honour to you, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

You are the King of Israel and David's royal Son, now in the Lord's name coming, the King and blessed one.

All glory, praise and honour...

At the first station, we hear Psalm 24 read by Rev'd Debra. After, Fr. Scott prays:

O Christ our God, when you raised Lazarus from the dead, before the time of your passion, you confirmed the future resurrection of all. We too, like the children of old, carry before you these symbols of your triumph and victory and cry out to you, the conqueror of death: "Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

The ministers lead the procession to the Second station, while we sing:

All glory, praise and honour to you, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

The people of the Hebrews with palms before you went: our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present.

All glory, praise and honour...

At the Second station, we hear Psalm 47 read by Brett Collins. After, Fr. Scott prays:

O Christ our God,

we have been buried with you in baptism:

wherefore we have gained eternal life in your resurrection.

We cry out to you singing a hymn of praise:

"Hosanna in the highest!...

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

The ministers lead the procession to the entry to the Church, while we sing:

All glory, praise and honour... to you, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

To You before Your passion they sang their hymns of praise: to you now high exalted our melody we raise. All glory, praise and honour

At the door of the Church, the crucifier hands Fr. Scott the processional cross, who then strikes the front door 3 times with the butt, and prays:

Christ, our hope, to you we come with hymns of praise, echoing those who hailed you as Messiah and king. Make us honour you always by doing the works of love and justice your Spirit inspires in us, so that when you come in glory you may recognise us as those who truly belong to you: "Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

The people process silently into the church and remain standing, as the choir sings 'The children of the Hebrews', during which the ministers process into the church.

Collect

## Let us pray.

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.

We sit for the readings.

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## **First Reading**

Audrey Jarmyn reads for us:

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The servant of the Lord said: "The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens— wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. "I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. "The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame."

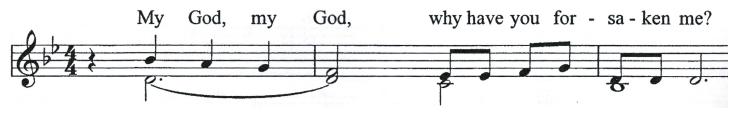
Isaiah 50:4-7

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**Responsorial Psalm: 22** 

The choir lead us:



But as for me, I am a worm and no man, scorned by all and despised by the people. All who see me laugh me to scorn; they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,

'He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him; let him deliver him, if he delights in him.' But it is you that took me out of the womb and laid me safe upon my mother's breast.

My God, My God, why have you forsaken me

On you was I cast ever since I was born; you are my God even from my mother's womb. Be not far from me, for trouble is near at hand and there is none to help.

Mighty oxen come around me; fat bulls of Bashan close me in on every side. They gape upon me with their mouths, as it were a ramping and a roaring lion.

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

I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint; my heart has become like wax melting in the depths of my body. My mouth is dried up like a potsherd; my tongue cleaves to my gums; you have laid me in the dust of death.

For the hounds are all about me, the pack of evildoers close in on me; They pierce my hands and my feet.

I count all of my bones; they stand staring and look upon me.

They divide my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing

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

Be not far from me, O Lord; you are my strength; hasten to help me.

Deliver my soul from the sword,

My poor life from the power of the dog.

Save me from the lions mouth.

From the horns of the wild oxen. You have answered me!

I will tell of your name to my people;

In the midst of the congregation will I praise you.

Praise the Lord, you that fear him;

O seed of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him; O seed of Israel.

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

Rev'd Debra reads for us

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians

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 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 2:6-11

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**Gradual Hymn** 

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!

Henry Hart Milman 1791-1868

We remain standing:



Christ humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore, God has highly exulted him, and given him the name that is above every name.

The Lord be with you And also with you

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St. Luke Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

We sit as The Passion is read, after which:

This is the Gospel of The Lord **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.** 

**Homily** 

Fr. Scott reflects on the scriptures with us. After, we pause for silent reflection.

Let us stand and profess our faith.

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.

## Alison Seagrave leads us:

With shouts of joy and jubilation the crowd announced your triumphal entry to the city. Fill your Church with these praises.

Keep us steadfast in times of trouble and peace.

We pause for silent prayer, then we sing:

## O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer: when I call answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer: come and listen to me.

With shouts of anger and hatred the crowd called for your death. Strengthen the hand of all who lead not to abuse their power.

Preserve us from injustice.

We pause for silent prayer, then we sing:

## O Lord, hear my prayer...

With shouts of horror and defiance your disciples swore allegiance and loyalty. Give courage to all whose fidelity is tested against popularity. Save us from betrayal and deceit.

We pause for silent prayer, then we sing:

## O Lord, hear my prayer...

With shouts of anguish and terror frightened friends looked on powerless and impotent. Be with all who stare into the darkness of anxiety. Shine the light of your hope to illumine the shadows of despair. We pray for all in our parish prayer list including Ethan; Rosemary; Rae; Lily and family; Sharon; Marlene; Geoff and Naomi; Louisa; Marilyn; Gifford, Sheryn, Maria; Debbie; Nick; Ann; Michael W; Allison P; Fr Charles; Marg Y; Keith M; Paul M; Jeanette H; Keith H and Douglas.

We pause for silent prayer, then we sing:

## O Lord, hear my prayer...

With shouts of grief and desolation your mother and closest companions received your lifeless body. Be alongside all who weep by the body of one they love. Bring us to the joy that comes with the first light of the new day. We pause for silent prayer, then we sing:

## O Lord, hear my prayer...

Lord of the shout and the silence, of hosanna and heartbreak, gather our cries into your mercy. As we follow Christ through shadowed sorrow and broken praise, lead us to the dawning joy of risen light; through Him who died, was buried, and lives—Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

## **Greeting of Peace**

Once we were far off, but now in union with Christ Jesus we have been brought near through the shedding of Christ's blood, for he is our peace.

The peace of The Lord be always with you **And also with you** 

## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

**Offertory Hymn** 

When his time was over the palms lay where they fell. as they ate together he told his friends farewell. Jesus, though you cried out for some other end, love could only choose a cross when our life began again.

Secretly they planned it, with money changing hands; in the quiet garden a kiss betrayed their man. priests and elders tried him. soldiers crowned him king. we were in the crowd that day when our life began again.

Women wept to see him; He said, 'Don't weep for me.'
Many laughed and mocked Him: 'Forgive them, they don't see.'
Jesus, please forgive me, you know what I am;
I was one who nailed Your hands
when our life began again.

There was one who asked you, 'Remember me this day.' Jesus, when I'm dying, remember me that way; when my life is over, be with me, my friend, like the thief upon the cross, when our life began again.

Robin Mann 1949-TIS 357

**Offertory Prayer** 

Jesus, true vine and bread of life, ever giving yourself that the world might live, let us share your death and passion: make us perfect in your love. **Amen.** 

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.

It is indeed right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For as the time of his passion and resurrection draws near the whole world is called to acknowledge his hidden majesty. The power of the life-giving cross reveals the judgement that has come upon the world and the triumph of Christ crucified.

He is the victim who dies no more, the Lamb once slain, who lives for ever, our advocate in heaven to plead our cause, exalting us there to join with angels and archangels, for ever praising you and singing:

The cantor leads us, we sing in response:



Cantor: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Hosanna...

Cantor: Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna...

Cantor: Hosanna in the highest

Hosanna...

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

Hosanna...

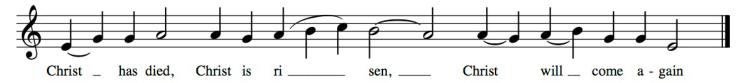
Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, ♣ and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: 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.

Fr. Graham says: Christ is the bread of life

The cantor leads us, we sing in response:

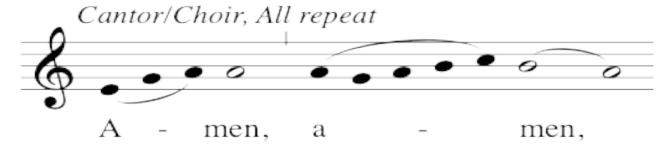


And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption. As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, Father eternal, in songs of never-ending praise:

The cantor sings, and we sing in reply:



**Lord's Prayer** 

Standing at the foot of the throne of the Cross, as our Saviour taught us so we 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.

## **Breaking of the Bread**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

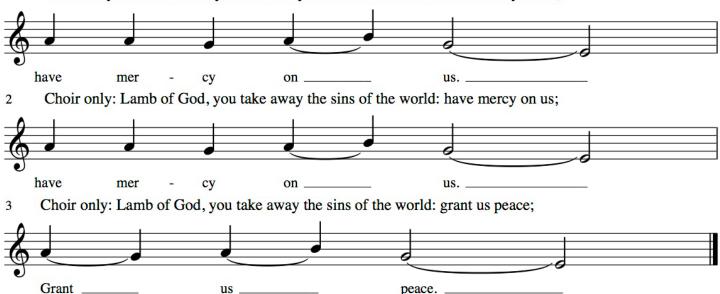
We who are many are one body,

#### for we all share in the one bread

## **Agnus Dei**

The cantor leads us, and we reply:

Choir only: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us;



Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.

Happy are those who are called to his supper

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

## **Invitation to Communion**

Come. This is not the table of The Church, but of The Lord, and all are welcome at His table. Come.

We receive communion at the Chancel Step. All baptised Christians are welcome to receive communion today. As we receive Communion, we listen to the Anthem "A Lenten Walk - Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley" arranged by Hal H. Hopson.

## THE CONCLUDING RITES

## **Post Communion Antiphon & Prayer**

We stand to pray

Father, if this cup cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

Let us pray:

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.** 

**Final Hymn:** 

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name

Come, people, follow where our captain trod, our King victorious, Christ the Son of God: *Lift high the cross...* 

Each newborn servants of the Crucified bear on their brow the seal of him who died: Lift high the cross...

Led on their way by this triumphant sign, The hosts of God in conquering ranks combine: Lift high the cross...

From north and south, from east and west they raise in growing unison their song of praise:

Lift high the cross...

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, draw all to you, let all the nations see: Lift high the cross...

From farthest regions let them homage bring, and on the cross adore their Saviour King: *Lift high the cross...* 

## **Blessing and Dismissal**

May the Father, who so loved the world that he gave his only Son, bring you by faith to his eternal life. **Amen.** 

May Christ, who accepted the cup of sacrifice in obedience to the Father's will, keep you steadfast as you walk with him the way of his cross. **Amen.** 

May the Spirit, who strengthens us to suffer with Christ that we may share his glory, set your minds on life and peace. **Amen.** 

And the blessing of God almighty,

★ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Fr. Graham says:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

As the sanctuary depart, we listen to our organ postlude.

## **ABM Reflection**

Holy Week begins with Jesus taking his city not as a Roman governor would on a decked-out warhorse, but on a donkey, the beast of burden for all the poor. The crowd goes crazy, lining the streets with their clothes and palms and shouting Hosanna, which means 'save us'. By the end of the week things will be radically different. Jesus will die on the cross, virtually alone, nailed there by our sins. But one thing is certain: we will be saved.

- Pray for all who know the pain and desolation of being abandoned by friends and family. May they all find solace and comfort.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the CAPA, the Council of the Anglican Provinces of Africa.

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## THE PARISH DIARY

## Monday 14th April:

## Tuesday 15th April:

10.30am: Chrism Mass - St Paul's Cathedral

## Wednesday 16th April

10.00am: Mass - St. Paul's 2pm: Lenten Study - St. Paul's 7.30pm: Choir Practice - CoR

## Maundy Thursday 17th April

10am: Holy Communion - Oaks 7.30pm: Maundy Thursday - CoR

## Good Friday 18th April

8.00am: Liturgy of the Passion and Mass of the Pre-Sanctified - CoR 10.00am: Solemn Liturgy of the Day - St. Paul's 3.00pm Stations of the Cross - St. John's

## Holy Saturday 19th April

7.30pm Easter Vigil Ceremonies and Solemn Sung Mass - CoR

## Next Sunday: First Sunday of Eastertide (20th April 2025)

Readings: Acts 10.34-43; Psalm 118.19-29; Colossians 3.1-4; Jonah 20.1-9

Roster Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th:

Reader Prayers Assistant Welcome Hospitality

CoR: John H lan B Easter eggs, wine & nibbles

Extra readers Alison K Hamish M Winston D John W

St. Paul's: Alison S Sonia Audrey Easter Eggs

7.30 pm Saturday: The Easter Vigil - CoR 10 am Sunday: Sung Mass - St. Paul's

