

### The Prayer after Communion

Faithful God, may we who share this banquet  
glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
our salvation, life, and hope,  
who reigns as Lord now and for ever. Amen.



# The Parish of Boxmoor

St John's Boxmoor,  
St Stephen's Chaulden & St Francis' Hammerfield

## The Dismissal

*All stand for*

### The Blessing

Christ crucified draw you 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 among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

*All remain standing to sing*

### The Final Hymn

Praise to the Holiest in the height,  
and in the depth be praise:  
in all his words most wonderful,  
most sure in all his ways.

O loving wisdom of our God!  
when all was sin and shame,  
a second Adam to the fight  
and to the rescue came.

O wisest love! that flesh and blood,  
which did in Adam fail,  
should strive afresh against the foe,  
should strive and should prevail;

and that a higher gift than grace  
should flesh and blood refine,  
God's presence and his very self,  
and essence all-divine.

O generous love! that he, who smote  
in Man for man the foe,  
the double agony in Man  
for man should undergo;

and in the garden secretly,  
and on the cross on high,  
should teach his brethren, and inspire  
to suffer and to die.

Praise to the Holiest in the height,  
and in the depth be praise:  
in all his words most wonderful,  
most sure in all his ways.

*Gerontius 117 AMNS*

### The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

♪ **In the name of Christ. Amen.**



## THE PARISH EUCHARIST PALM SUNDAY 2020

## Welcome to our Palm Sunday Service.

This year we are prevented from processing to church from the Playhouse, waving our Palms, due to the Coronavirus pandemic. I hope that you will still be able to take part in this service. Jesus entered into his own city in great joy. Let our voices cry-out, with those of the crowd, and hail Jesus as our King - even in these uncertain and difficult days. I regret that we cannot distribute Palm Crosses this year. If you have last year's please use this as an aide to devotion. If not, please either make/draw a cross and place it on a table in front of you.

We have recorded all the **Hymns** for you to sing along to, and these are available for download via our website - <https://stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk/suspended-services-resources/>. You will also find a **Book of Readings**: The Old Testament and New Testament Readings on pages 3 & 4, and the Gospel beginning on page 5. There is also a suggested form of Intercessions (if this is helpful).

*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.*

## Explanatory Note:

It is still uncertain when Christians first began to make an annual (as opposed to a weekly) memorial of the death and resurrection of Christ. This *Pascha* (a word derived indirectly from *pesach*, Hebrew 'Passover') was at first a night-long vigil, followed by the celebration of the Eucharist at cock-crow, and all the great themes of redemption were included within it – incarnation, suffering, death, resurrection, glorification. Over time, the *Pascha* developed into the articulated structure of Holy Week and Easter.

Through participation in the whole sequence of services, the Christian shares in Christ's own journey, from the triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday to the empty tomb on Easter morning.

Today, the procession with palms, which was already observed in Jerusalem in the fourth century, is accompanied by the reading or singing of the Passion Narrative, in which the whole story of the week is anticipated.

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*During Communion we sing (seated)*

## Communion Hymn

And now, O Father, mindful of the love  
that bought us, once for all, on Calvary's tree,  
and having with us him that pleads above,  
we here present, we here spread forth to thee  
that only offering perfect in thine eyes,  
the one true, pure, immortal sacrifice.

Look, Father, look on his anointed face,  
and only look on us as found in him;  
look not on our misusings of thy grace,  
our prayer so languid, and our faith so dim:  
for lo, between our sins and their reward  
we set the Passion of thy Son our Lord.

And then for those, our dearest and our best,  
by this prevailing presence we appeal:  
O fold them closer to thy mercy's breast,  
O do thine utmost for their souls' true weal;  
from tainting mischief keep them white and clear,  
and crown thy gifts with strength to persevere.

And so we come: O draw us to thy feet,  
most patient Saviour, who canst love us still;  
and by this food, so awful and so sweet,  
deliver us from every touch of ill:  
in thine own service make us glad and free,  
and grant us never more to part with thee.

*Song 1 260 AMNS*

*The Choir sings*

## The Anthem

May the Lord show his mercy upon you;      May the Lord's loving kindness surround  
May the light of his presence be your      you; keep you safe as you journey on  
guide: may he guard you and uphold      your way: may he lead you and inspire  
you; may his spirit be ever by your side.      you as he grants you the gift of each new  
day.

When you sleep may his angels watch      May he bless all your loved ones and  
over you; when you wake may he fill you      cherish them; ev'ry friend, ev'ry stranger  
with his grace: may you love him and      at your door: in the name of his Son our  
serve him all your days then in heaven      Saviour Christ, may God bless you now  
may you see his face.      and evermore.

*John Rutter (b.1945)*

All sit and kneel to say

**The Lord's Prayer**

As our Saviour has taught us,  
so we are bold 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.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

Let us pray with confidence as our  
Saviour has taught us:

**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.**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup

**We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

**The Giving of Communion**

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed 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.**

All remain kneeling or seated to sing (repeating after the choir)

**Agnus Dei**

♪ **Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.**

All are welcome to receive Communion. If you do not usually receive Communion in your own Church, you are welcome to receive a Blessing. To indicate this, please bring this booklet with you. Gluten Free wafers are available on request.

**The Greeting**

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.**

**The Liturgy of the Palms**

*The choir sings*

**The Introit**

Hosanna to the Son of David:  
blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Blessed be the King of Israel.  
Blessed be the Kingdom that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest places.  
Hosanna in the highest heavens.

*Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)*

*The president introduces the celebration*

Dear brothers and sisters 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.

**The Blessing of Palms**

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as Messiah  
to suffer and to die;  
Bless these palms,  
and let them be for us a sign of his victory.  
Grant that we who bear them in his name  
may ever hail him as our King,  
and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life;  
who is alive and reigns now and for ever.  
**Amen.**



*Palm crosses are distributed during*

### **The Hymn**

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

Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die:  
O Christ, thy 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!  
The 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 thy meek head to mortal pain,  
then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

*Winchester New 61ii AMNS*

*All remain standing for*

### **The Palm Gospel**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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

♪ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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.'

*St Matthew 21: 1-11*

This is the Gospel of the Lord,

♪ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit,  
that broken bread and wine outpoured  
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

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.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

♪ **Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

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 Procession

*We process into the church, following the choir and clergy, waving our palms.  
On arrival at St John's we sing*

### The Hymn

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

Thou art the King of Israel,  
thou David's royal Son,  
who in the Lord's name comest,  
the King and blessed one:

The company of angels  
are praising thee on high,  
and mortal men and all things  
created make reply:

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

To thee before thy passion  
they sang their hymns of praise:  
to thee, now high exalted,  
our melody we raise:

Thou didst accept their praises,  
accept the prayers we bring,  
who in all good delightest,  
thou good and gracious King:

*St Theodolph 328 (i) AMNS*

## The Liturgy of the Passion

*All remain standing for*

### The 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 the same 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 Preparation of the Table

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.**

*All remain standing for*

### The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

♪ **His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

♪ **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

♪ **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*These or similar words are said or sung*

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:

♪ **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.**

## Bible Readings

*The Readings which can be found towards the front of the Book of Readings.*

*At the end the reader may say:*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*All stand to sing*

## The Gradual Hymn

All ye who seek for sure relief  
in trouble and distress,  
whatever sorrow vex the mind,  
or guilt the soul oppress,

Jesus, who gave himself for you  
upon the cross to die,  
opens to you his sacred heart:  
O to that heart draw nigh.

Ye hear how kindly he invites:  
ye hear his words so blest:  
'All ye that labour come to me,  
and I will give you rest.'

O Jesus, joy of saints on high,  
thou hope of sinners here,  
attracted by those loving words  
to thee we lift our prayer.

Wash thou our wounds in that dear blood  
which from thy heart doth flow;  
a new and contrite heart on all  
who cry to thee bestow.

*St Bernard 64 AMNS*

## The Passion Reading

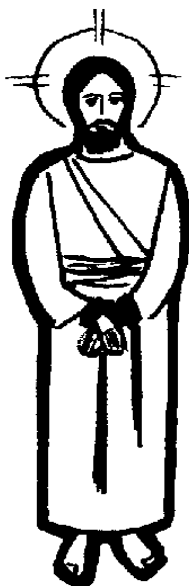
*Since the Gospel reading is very long, you are invited to be seated until indicated to STAND in the Book of Readings. The Passion begins on p5.*

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew  
*(No response is made)*

*At the end*

This is the Passion of the Lord.  
*(No response is made)*

*A moment of silence follows the Passion Reading.*



*All kneel or sit for*

## The Prayers

*One of the following biddings and responses may be used:*

Let us pray to the Lord. Lord, in your mercy. Lord, hear us.  
**Lord, have mercy. Hear our prayer. Lord, graciously hear us**

*At the end:*

Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## The Liturgy of the Sacrament

*All stand for*

## The 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.**

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

*All stand to sing,*

## The Offertory Hymn

*during which the bread and wine are brought to the Altar table.*

*A collection is received.*

How deep the Father's love for us,  
how vast beyond all measure,  
that he should give his only Son  
to make a wretch his treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss;  
the Father turns his face away,  
as wounds which mar the chosen One  
bring many souls to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,  
my sin upon his shoulders;  
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held him there  
until it was accomplished;  
his dying breath has brought me life -  
I know that 'it is finished.'

I will not boast in anything,  
no gifts, no power, no wisdom;  
but I will boast in Jesus Christ,  
his death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from his reward?  
I cannot give an answer;  
but this I know with all my heart,  
his wounds have paid my ransom.

*How deep 144 AM*