

Palm Sunday Procession



Sunday 5 April 2009
St Mary's Church, Cottonstones
St Mary's Singers

The Blessing of Palms

We begin away from church for the Blessing of Palms.

The response is:

**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!**

The celebrant reads the introduction to the service.

The congregation hold up their palms to be blessed.

The Palm Gospel is introduced:

Hear the gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end:

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Before the procession, this responsory is used:

Let us go forth in peace, praising Jesus our Messiah, as did the crowds who welcomed him to Jerusalem.

**The children of Jerusalem welcomed Christ the King.
They carried olive branches and loudly praised the Lord:
Hosanna in the highest!**

**The children of Jerusalem welcomed Christ the King.
They spread their cloaks before him and loudly praised the Lord:
Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Hymn 61

Ride on, ride on in majesty!

We process to the church while we sing.

When we are in the church, we say:

**The children of Jerusalem welcomed Christ the King.
They proclaimed the resurrection of life,
and, waving olive branches, they loudly praised the Lord:
Hosanna in the highest!**

**When the people heard that Jesus was entering Jerusalem,
they went to meet him,
and, waving olive branches, they loudly praised the Lord:
Hosanna in the highest!**

The celebrant reads the opening prayer.

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The Liturgy of the Word

We sit for the first two readings.

After the first and second readings:

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

A dramatised setting of the Passion Gospel is sung by the choir.

*This setting uses traditional plainsong tones for the narrative,
with four-part harmony verses composed by Tomás Luis de Victoria.*

The Sermon

The Prayers of Intercession

We kneel for the Prayers of intercession, during which this or another response is used:

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

The Peace

We stand to share the Peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

We greet each other with a handshake or other appropriate gesture.

The Offertory

During the offertory hymn, the collection is taken. Towards the end of the hymn, the collection and the gifts of bread and wine are brought to the altar.

Hymn 137

There is a green hill far away

As the collection is presented, we say:

**Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.
All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.**

As the bread and wine is presented the Offertory prayers are said. The response is:

Blessed be God for ever.

The Eucharistic Prayer

We remain standing for the Eucharistic Prayer, which begins:

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 thanks and praise.

The celebrant reads the preface. At the end we say:

**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.**

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The Eucharistic Prayer continues.

At the heart of the prayer are the words of Jesus at the Last Supper.

After that:

Great is the mystery of faith.

**When we eat this bread and drink this cup
which you have given us,
we proclaim your death and rising,
till you come again, O Lord.**

At the end of the prayer we say:

Amen.

The Communion Rite

We remain standing and say together the Lord's Prayer:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
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.**

As the bread is broken:

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

Hosanna in the highest!

Then we sing:

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.

The celebrant invites us to Communion in these words:

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,

we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

Hosanna in the highest!

Everyone is welcome to receive communion or a blessing at the altar. Please come forward and stand or kneel at the altar rail. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please bow your head so that we know.

The Anthem

Please don't let this harvest pass

*The choir sings a modern gospel-style arrangement
of a traditional North American spiritual.*

After Communion

We stand for the post-Communion prayer.

Hymn 328

All glory, laud and honour

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Blessing is given.

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Motet

Crucifixus a 8

The choir sings the following text set by Antonio Lotti (1667-1740):

Crucifixus etiam pro nobis sub Pontio Pilato: passus et sepultus est.
(He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, suffered death and was buried.)

The choir and celebrant recess in silence.