Palm Sunday

St Peter’s Church, Maney

THE GATHERING

***Welcome and Introduction***

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.

Grace, mercy and peace

from God and the Lord Jesus Christ

be with you.

**and also with you.**

***Blessing of the palm crosses***

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.

*If you have a palm cross, hold it up as Becky prays a prayer of blessing upon them. There will be some palm crosses in the church porch following the service.*

God our Saviour,

whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as Messiah

to suffer and to die;

let these palms be for us signs of his victory

and 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 with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

**All Amen.**

***The Palm Gospel*** (Matthew 21:1-11)

*delivered to us by the Eggsplorers from St Michael’s*

***The Collect***

Let us pray for a closer union with Christ in his suffering and in his glory;

True and humble king,

hailed by the crowd as Messiah:

grant us the faith to know you and love you,

that we may be found beside you

on the way of the cross,

which is the path of glory.

**Amen**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

***The Passion Reading***: (Matthew 26:14 to end of 27)

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Christ humbled himself and became obedient unto death,

even death on a cross.

Therefore God has highly exalted him

and given him the name that is above every name.

**Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

*The Passion is read by members of St Peter’s congreagtion*

*At the end*

This is the Passion of the Lord

*No response is made*

***Prayers of Intercession***

*Our prayers are brought to us my Trevor Hockin*

Let us bring to the Father our prayers of intercession

through Christ who gave himself for the life of the world.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

***The Peace***

Once we were far off,

but now we are 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 Eucharistic Prayer***

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.**

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 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.**

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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

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 St Peter and 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,

all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,

for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

***The Lord’s Prayer***

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.**

**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**

**forever and ever.**

**Amen.**

***Breaking of the Bread***

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

Every time we eat this bread

and drink this cup,

**we proclaim the Lord’s death**

**Until he comes.**

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.**

*At this moment, Becky will receive communion on behalf of God’s people.*

***Prayer after Communion***

**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.**

THE DISMISSAL

***The Blessing***

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.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**