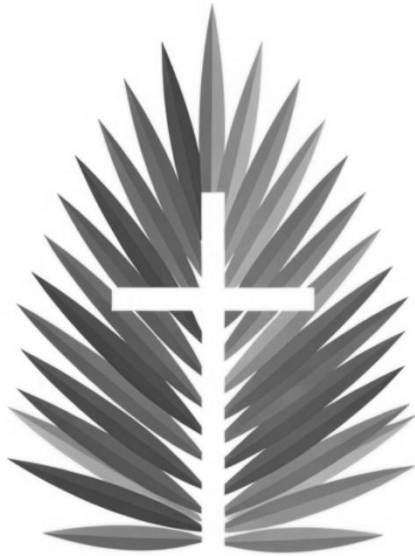


ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH  
LOWESTOFT



# Holy Communion

for Palm Sunday



Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Mass Setting: St. Thomas (D. Thorne)

# Holy Communion service for Palm Sunday

Deacon Rev Pauline

President Canon Simon

Gospel - Passion Reading from St Matthew

## **WELCOME & Introduction (please remain seated)**

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**



**HYMN: 160 - Make way, make way for Christ the King**

**1 Make way, make way, for Christ the King  
in splendour arrives.**

**Fling wide the gates and welcome him into your lives.  
Make way! Make way for the King of kings!  
Make way! Make way and let his kingdom in!**

**2 He comes the broken hearts to heal,  
the prisoners to free.**

**The deaf shall hear, the lame shall dance,  
the blind shall see.**

**Make way! Make way for the King of kings!  
Make way! Make way and let his kingdom in!**

**3 And those who mourn with heavy hearts,  
who weep and sigh,  
with laughter, joy and royal crown  
he'll beautify.**

**Make way! Make way for the King of kings!  
Make way! Make way and let his kingdom in!**

**4 We call you now to worship him  
as Lord of all,**

**to have no other gods but him:  
their thrones must fall!**

**Make way! Make way for the King of kings!  
Make way! Make way and let his kingdom in!**

Graham Kendrick (b.1950)

## **The Blessing of the Palms**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Dear friends 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 people hold up their palms while this prayer is said.*

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 lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## **Reading: Matthew 21: 1-11**

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.'

For the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

**Let us go forth, praising Jesus our Messiah**

**HYMN: 161 - *Ride on Ride on in majesty***

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

**2 *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.***

**3 *Ride on! ride on in majesty!  
The winged squadrons of the sky  
look down with sad and wondering eyes  
to see the approaching sacrifice.***

**4 *Ride on! ride on in majesty!  
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;  
the Father on his sapphire throne  
awaits his own anointed Son.***

**5 *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.***

HENRY HART MILMAN (1791-1868)

## FOR THOSE WHO REMAIN IN CHURCH RATHER THAN GOING ON THE WALK OF WITNESS

This is the day the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

**Give thanks to the Lord for he is good. His mercy endures forever.**

### **Reading: Psalm 118: 19-29**

19. Open for me the gates where the righteous enter,  
and I will go in and thank the Lord.
20. These gates lead to the presence of the Lord,  
and the godly enter there.
21. I thank you for answering my prayer  
and giving me victory!
  
22. The stone that the builders rejected  
has now become the cornerstone.
23. This is the Lord's doing,  
and it is wonderful to see
24. This is the day the Lord has made  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
25. Please Lord, please save us.  
Please Lord, please give us success.
26. Bless the one who comes in the name of the Lord  
We bless you from the house of the Lord.
27. The Lord is God, shining upon us.  
Take the sacrifice and bind it with cords on the altar.
28. You are my God, and I will praise you!  
You are my God and I will exalt you!
29. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!  
His faithful love endures for ever.

*Pause for thought*

## Antiphonal Psalm 148 v 1-2,7,11-end

1. Praise the Lord!  
Praise the Lord from the heavens!  
Praise him from the skies!
2. Praise him all his angels!  
Praise him all the armies of heaven.
7. Praise the Lord from the earth,  
you creatures of the ocean depths,
11. kings of the earth and all people,  
rulers and judges of the earth,
12. young men and young women,  
old men and children.
13. Let them all praise the name of the Lord.  
For his name is very great; his glory towers  
over the earth and heaven!
14. He has made his people strong, honouring  
his faithful ones – the people of Israel  
who are close to him. Praise the Lord !

*Pause for thought*

*Procession returns to church*

**HYMN: 147 - *My song is love unknown***

***1 My song is love unknown,  
my Saviour's love to me,  
love to the loveless shown  
that they might lovely be.  
O who am I  
that for my sake  
my Lord should take  
frail flesh and die?***

**2 He came from his blest throne  
salvation to bestow,  
but men made strange, and none  
the longed-for Christ would know.  
But O my friend,  
my friend indeed,  
who at my need,  
his life did spend.**

**3 Sometimes they strew his way,  
and his sweet praises sing,  
resounding all the day  
hosannas to their King.  
Then "Crucify!"  
is all their breath,  
and for his death  
they thirst and cry.**

**\*4 Why, what hath my Lord done?  
What makes this rage and spite?  
He made the lame to run,  
he gave the blind their sight.  
Sweet injuries!  
Yet they at these  
themselves displease,  
and 'gainst him rise.**

**5 They rise, and needs will have  
my dear Lord made away;  
a murderer they save,  
the Prince of Life they slay.  
Yet cheerful he  
to suffering goes,  
that he his foes  
from thence might free.**

**\*6 In life, no house, no home  
My Lord on earth might have;  
In death, no friendly tomb  
But what a stranger gave.  
What may I say?  
Heaven was his home;  
But mine the tomb  
Wherein he lay.**

**7 Here might I stay and sing,  
no story so divine:  
never was love, dear King,  
never was grief like thine.  
This is my friend,  
in whose sweet praise  
I all my days  
could gladly spend.**

**SAMUEL CROSSMAN (c.1624-1683)**

## **The Collect**

**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.**

**HYMN: 700 - King of kings**

***(During which, those involved with the reading will prepare)***

**1 King of kings, Majesty  
God of Heaven living in me  
Gentle Saviour, closest friend  
Strong Deliverer, beginning and end  
All within me falls at Your throne**

***Your Majesty, I can but bow  
I lay my all before You now  
In royal robes I don't deserve  
I live to serve Your Majesty.***

**2 Earth and Heaven worship You  
Love eternal, Faithful and True  
Who bought the nations, ransomed souls  
Brought this sinner near to Your throne  
All within me cries out in praise.**

***Your majesty, I can but bow  
I lay my all before You now  
In royal robes I don't deserve  
I live to serve Your Majesty  
I live to serve Your Majesty.***

JARROD COOPER

## Dramatic Reading – “The Passion according to Matthew”

*Matthew*      **26:14-27:66**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to St Matthew

***Glory to you, O Lord.***

*Narrator*      One of the Twelve, the man called Judas Iscariot,  
went to the chief priests and said:

*Judas*          What are you prepared to give me if I hand him over  
to you?

*Narrator*      They paid him thirty silver pieces, and from that  
moment he looked for an opportunity to betray him.  
Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the  
disciples came to Jesus to say,

*Crowd*          Where do you want us to make the preparations for  
you to eat the passover?

*Narrator*      He replied:

*'Jesus*           **Go to so-and-so in the city and say to him, 'The  
Master says: My time is near. It is at your house  
that I am keeping Passover with my disciples'.**

*Narrator*      The disciples did what Jesus told them and prepared  
the Passover. When the evening came he was at  
table with the twelve disciples. And while they were  
eating he said:

*Jesus*           **I tell you solemnly, one of you is about to betray  
me.**

*Narrator*      They were greatly distressed and started asking him  
in turn,

*Crowd*          Not I, Lord, surely?

*Narrator*      He answered:

*Jesus*           **Someone who has dipped his hand into the dish  
with me, will betray me. The Son of Man is going  
to his fate, as the scriptures say he will, but alas  
for that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed!  
Better for that man if he had never been born!**

*Narrator*      Judas, who was to betray him, asked in his turn,

*Judas*          Not I, Rabbi, surely?

*Narrator*      Jesus answered:

*Jesus* **They are your own words.**

*Narrator* Now as they were eating, Jesus took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to the disciples and said:

*Jesus* **Take it and eat; this is my body.**

*Narrator* Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them saying:

*Jesus* **Drink all of you from this, for this is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. From now on, I tell you, I shall not drink wine until the day I drink the new wine with you in the kingdom of my Father.**

*Narrator* After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them,

*Jesus* **You will all lose faith in me this night, for the scripture says: I shall strike the shepherd and the sheep of the flock will be scattered. But after my resurrection I shall go before you to Galilee.**

*Narrator* At this, Peter said:

*Peter* Though all lose faith in you, I will never lose faith.

*Narrator* Jesus answered him,

*Jesus* **I tell you solemnly, this very night, before the cock crows, you will have disowned me three times.**

*Narrator* Peter said to him,

*Peter* Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you.

*Narrator* And all the disciples said the same.

Then Jesus came with them to a small estate called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples,

*Jesus* **Stay here while I go over there to pray.**

*Narrator* He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee with him. And sadness came over him, and great distress. Then he said to them:

*Jesus* **My soul is sorrowful to the point of death. Wait here and keep awake with me.**

*Narrator* And going on a little further he fell on his face and prayed:

*Jesus* **My Father, if it is possible let this cup pass me by. Nevertheless, let it be as you, not I, would have it.**

*Narrator* He came back to the disciples and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter:

*Jesus* **So you had not the strength to keep awake with me one hour? You should be awake, and praying not to be put to the test. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.**

*Narrator* Again, a second time, he went away and prayed:

*Jesus* **My father, if this cup cannot pass by without my drinking it, your will be done!**

*Narrator* And he came again back and found them sleeping, their eyes were so heavy. Leaving them there, he went away again and prayed for the third time, repeating the same words. Then he came back to the disciples and said to them,

*Jesus* **You can sleep on now and take your rest. Now the hour has come when the Son of Man is to be betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up! Let us go! My betrayer is already close at hand.**

*Narrator* He was still speaking when Judas, one of the Twelve, appeared, and with him a large number of men armed with swords and clubs, sent by the chief priests and elders of the people. Now the traitor had arranged a sign with them. He had said:

*Judas* The one I kiss, he is the man. Take him in charge.'

*Narrator* So he went straight up to Jesus and said:

*Judas* Greetings, Rabbi,

*Narrator* and kissed him. Jesus said to him,

*Jesus* **My friend, do what you are here for.**

*Narrator* Then they came forward, seized Jesus and took him in charge. At that, one of the followers of Jesus grasped his sword and drew it; he struck out at the high priest's servant, and cut off his ear. Jesus then said:

*Jesus* **Put your sword back, for all who draw the sword will die by the sword. Or do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father who would promptly send more than twelve legions of angels to my defence? But then, how would the scriptures be fulfilled that say this is the way it must be?**

*Narrator* It was at this time that Jesus said to the crowds:

*Jesus* **Am I a brigand, that you had to set out to capture me with swords and clubs? I sat teaching in the Temple day after day and you never laid hands on me.**

*Narrator* Now all this happened to fulfil the prophecies in scripture. Then all the disciples deserted him and ran away.

The men who had arrested Jesus led him off to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled. Peter followed him at a distance, and when he reached the high priest's palace, he went in and sat down with the attendants to see what the end would be.

The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for evidence against Jesus, however false, on which they might pass the death-sentence. But they could not find any, though several lying witnesses came forward. Eventually two stepped forward and made a statement,

*Crowd* This man said: 'I have power to destroy the Temple of God and in three days build it up'.

*Narrator* The high priest then stood up and said to him:

*High priest* Have you no answer to that? What is this evidence these men are bringing against you?

*Narrator* But Jesus was silent. And the high priest said to him:

*High priest* I put you on oath by the living God to tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God.

*Narrator* Jesus answered:

*Jesus* **The words are your own. Moreover, I tell you that from this time onward you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.**

*Narrator* At this, the high priest tore his clothes and said:

*High priest* He has blasphemed. What need of witnesses have we now? There! You have just heard the blasphemy. What is your opinion?

*Narrator* They answered:

*Crowd* He deserves to die.

*Narrator* Then they spat in his face and hit him with their fists; others said as they struck him:

*Crowd* Play the prophet, Christ! Who hit you then?

*Narrator* Meanwhile Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard, and a servant-girl came up to him and said:

*Servant-girl 1* You too were with Jesus the Galilean.

*Narrator* But he denied it in front of them all, saying:

*Peter* I do not know what you are talking about.

*Narrator* When he went out to the gateway another servant-girl saw him and said to the people there:

*Servant-girl 2* This man was with Jesus the Nazarene.

*Narrator* And again, with an oath, he denied it,

*Peter* I do not know the man.

*Narrator* A little later the bystanders came up and said to Peter:

*Crowd* You are one of them for sure! Why, your accent gives you away.

*Narrator* Then he started calling down curses on himself and swearing:

*Peter* I do not know the man.

*Narrator* At that moment the cock crew, and Peter remembered what Jesus had said, 'Before the cock crows you will have disowned me three times.' And he went outside and wept bitterly.

When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people met in council to bring about the death of Jesus. They had him bound, and led him away to hand him over to Pilate, the governor. When he found that Jesus had been condemned, Judas his betrayer was filled with remorse and took the thirty pieces of silver back to the chief priests and elders, saying:

*Judas* I have sinned. I have betrayed innocent blood.

*Narrator* They replied:

*Crowd* What is that to us? That is your concern.

*Narrator* And flinging down the silver pieces in the sanctuary he made off, and went and hanged himself. The chief priests picked up the silver pieces and said:

*Crowd* It is against the Law to put this into the treasury; it is blood money.

*Narrator* So they discussed the matter and bought the potter's field with it as a graveyard for foreigners, and this is why the field is called the Field of Blood today. The words of the prophet Jeremiah were then fulfilled: And they took the thirty silver pieces, the sum at which the precious One was priced by children of Israel, and they gave them for the potter's field, just as the Lord directed me.

Jesus, then, was brought before the governor, and the

governor put to him this question:

*Pilate* Are you the king of the Jews?

*Narrator* Jesus replied:

*Jesus* **It is you who say it.**

*Narrator* But when he was accused by the chief priests and the elders he refused to answer at all. Pilate then said to him:

*Pilate* Do you not hear how many charges they have brought against you?

*Narrator* But to the governor's complete amazement, he offered no reply to any of the charges. At festival time it was the governor's practice to release a prisoner for the people, anyone they chose. Now there was at that time a notorious prisoner whose name was Barabbas. So when the crowd gathered, Pilate said to them,

*Pilate* Which do you want me to release for you: Barabbas or Jesus who is called Christ?

*Narrator* For Pilate knew it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. Now as he was seated in the chair of judgement, his wife sent him a message, *Pilate's wife* Have nothing to do with that man; I have been upset all day by a dream I had about him.

*Narrator* The chief priests and the elders, however, had persuaded the crowd to demand the release of Barabbas and the execution of Jesus. So when the governor spoke and asked them:

*Pilate* Which of the two do you want me to release for you?

*Narrator* They said:

*Crowd* Barabbas.

*Narrator* Pilate said to them:

*Pilate* What am I to do with Jesus who is called Christ?

*Narrator* They all said:

*Crowd* Let him be crucified!

*Narrator* Pilate asked:

*Pilate* Why? What harm has he done?

*Narrator* But they shouted all the louder,

*Crowd* Let him be crucified!

*Narrator* Then Pilate saw that he was making no impression, that in fact a riot was imminent. So he took some water, washed his hands in front of the crowd and

said:

*Pilate* I am innocent of this man's blood. It is your concern.

*Narrator* And the people, to a man, shouted back:

*Crowd* His blood be on us and on our children!

*Narrator* Then he released Barabbas for them. He ordered Jesus to be first scourged and then handed over to be crucified.

The governor's soldiers took Jesus with them into the Praetorium and collected the whole cohort round him. Then they stripped him and made him wear a scarlet cloak, and having twisted some thorns into a crown they put this on his head and placed a reed in his right hand. To make fun of him they knelt to him saying:

*Crowd* Hail, king of the Jews!

*Narrator* And they spat on him and took the reed and struck him on the head with it.

And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the cloak and dressed him in his own clothes and led him away to crucify him.

On their way out, they came across a man from Cyrene, Simon by name, and enlisted him to carry his cross. When they had reached a place called Golgotha, that is, the place of the skull, they gave him wine to drink. When they had finished crucifying him they shared out his clothing by casting lots, and then sat down and stayed there keeping guard over him.

Above his head was placed the charge against him; it read: 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews'. At the same time two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left.

The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said:

*Crowd* So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself! If you are God's son, come down from the cross!

*Narrator* The chief priests with the scribes and elders mocked him in the same way, saying:

*Crowd* He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He put his trust in God; now let God rescue him if he wants him. For he did

say, 'I am the son of God'.

*Narrator*

Even the robbers who were crucified with him taunted him in the same way.

From the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour, Jesus cried out in a loud voice:

*Jesus*

Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?

*Narrator*

That is: 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood there heard this, they said:

*Crowd*

The man is calling on Elijah,

*Narrator*

and one of them quickly ran to get a sponge which he dipped in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it him to drink. The rest of them said:

*Crowd*

Wait! See if Elijah will come to save him.

*Narrator*

But Jesus, again crying out in a loud voice, yielded up his spirit.

*All kneel and pause a moment.*

*Narrator*

At that, the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom; the earth quaked; the rocks were split; the tombs opened and the bodies of many holy men rose from the dead, and these, after his resurrection, came out of the tombs, entered the Holy City and appeared to a number of people.

Meanwhile the centurion, together with the others guarding Jesus, had seen the earthquake and all that was taking place, and they were terrified and said:

*Crowd*

In truth this was a son of God.

*Narrator*

And many women were there, watching from a distance, the same women who had followed Jesus from Galilee and looked after him. Among them were Mary of Magdala, Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of Zebedee's sons.

When it was evening, there came a rich man of Arimathaea called Joseph, who had himself become a disciple of Jesus. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate thereupon ordered it to be handed over. So Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean shroud and put it in his own new tomb which he had hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a large stone across the entrance of the tomb and went

away. Now Mary of Magdala and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the sepulchre.

Next day, that is, when Preparation Day was over, the chief priests and the Pharisees went in a body to Pilate and said to him,

*Crowd*

Your Excellency, we recall that this impostor said, while he was still alive, 'After three days I shall rise again'. Therefore give the order to have the sepulchre kept secure until the third day, for fear his disciples come and steal him away and tell the people, 'He has risen from the dead'. This last piece of fraud would be worse than what went before.

*Narrator*

Pilate said to them:

*Pilate*

You may have your guards. Go and make all as secure as you know how.

*Narrator*

So they went and made the sepulchre secure, putting seals on the stone and mounting a guard.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

***Praise to you, O Christ.***

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION Led by Kathryn (Please sit or kneel)**

*These responses may be used*

Lord, in your mercy

**hear our prayer.**

*at the end*

Merciful Father,

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

***Notices & time of sharing***

## **THE PEACE (please stand)**

Since we are justified by faith,  
we have peace with God  
through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has given us access to his grace.  
the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you  
**And also with you**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## **OFFERTORY HYMN 159 *All glory, laud, and honour* *Omit \*verses 6 & 7***

(During the hymn the bread & wine are brought forward, and the altar is prepared]

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

1. Thou art the King of Israel  
thou David's royal Son,  
who in the Lord's name comest,  
the King and Blessed One.  
*All glory, laud, and honour  
to thee, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children  
made sweet hosannas ring.*

2. The company of angels  
are praising thee on high;  
and mortals men and all things  
created, make reply.  
*All glory, laud, and honour  
to thee, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children  
made sweet hosannas ring.*

**3. The people of the Hebrews  
with palms before thee went;  
our praise and prayer and anthems  
before thee we present.**

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

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

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

**5. Thou didst accept their praises,  
accept the prayers we bring,  
who in all good delightest,  
thou good and gracious King!**

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

**ST THEODULPH OF ORLEANS (c.750-821)**

With this bread that we bring  
**we shall remember Jesus.**

With this wine that we bring  
**we shall remember Jesus.**

Bread for his body, wine for his blood, gifts from God to his table we  
bring.

**we shall remember Jesus.**

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER (please sit or kneel)**

**(The Choir may remain standing)**

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,  
it is our duty and our joy,  
At all times and in all places  
To give you thanks and praise,  
Holy Father, heavenly King,  
Almighty and eternal God,  
Through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

And now we give you thanks  
Because you give us the spirit of discipline  
That we may triumph over evil and grow in grace  
As we prepare to celebrate the Paschal mystery  
With mind and heart renewed

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

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna, in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna, in the highest.***

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
and as we follow his example and obey his command,  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us his body and his blood;  
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.



Therefore, heavenly Father,  
we remember his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross;  
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;  
we look for the coming of your kingdom,  
and with this bread and this cup  
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Christ is the bread of life:

***When we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,  
until you come in glory.***

Accept through him, our great high priest,  
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,  
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts  
in the presence of your divine majesty,  
renew us by your Spirit,  
inspire us with your love  
and unite us in the body of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours for ever and ever Amen



## **The Lord's Prayer**

As we endure the trials of this world,  
we pray for the coming of God's Kingdom  
in heaven and on earth.

### **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 forever. Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ  
**Though we are many, we are one body**  
**Because we all share in one bread.**

*The Agnus Dei*

***Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.***

***Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.***

***Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us peace.***

This is the table of our Lord, where hurts are healed, and all is made new in the love of God. Come not because it is I who invite you, it is our Lord; It is his will that those who want him should meet him here.

All are welcome to come forward to receive the bread and the wine or a blessing. It is helpful for us if you say your name when you come to the front. The choir will receive Holy Communion first at the High Altar, followed by the rest of the congregation who will receive Holy Communion at the Chancel step.

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ  
which he gave for you,  
and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts  
by faith with thanksgiving.

An anthem is usually sung by the Choir and then a Hymn is also sung during communion (please remain seated)

## Anthem Hosanna to the Son of David (Telemann)

### Hymn 489 - From heaven you came

**1 From heaven you came, helpless babe,  
Entered our world, your glory veiled;  
Not to be served but to serve,  
And give your life that we might live.  
This is our God, the Servant King,  
He calls us now to follow him,  
To bring our lives as a daily offering  
Of worship to the Servant King.**

**2 There in the garden of tears,  
My heavy load he chose to bear;  
His heart with sorrow was torn,  
'Yet not my will but yours,' he said.  
This is our God, the Servant King,  
He calls us now to follow him,  
To bring our lives as a daily offering  
Of worship to the Servant King.**

**3 Come, see his hands and his feet,  
The scars that speak of sacrifice,  
Hands that flung stars into space  
To cruel nails surrendered.  
This is our God, the Servant King,  
He calls us now to follow him,  
To bring our lives as a daily offering  
Of worship to the Servant King.**

**4 So let us learn how to serve,  
And in our lives enthrone him;  
Each other's needs to prefer,  
For it is Christ we're serving.  
This is our God, the Servant King,  
He calls us now to follow him,  
To bring our lives as a daily offering  
Of worship to the Servant King.**

GRAHAM KENDRICK (b. 1950)

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

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.

## **THANKSGIVING PRAYER**

**In gratitude, in deep gratitude  
for this moment,  
this meal,  
we give ourselves to you.  
Take us out to live as changed people  
because we have shared the Living Bread  
and cannot remain the same.  
Ask much of us,  
expect much from us,  
enable much by us,  
encourage many through us.  
So, Lord, may we live to your glory,  
both as inhabitants of earth  
and as citizens of heaven. Amen.**

**HYMN 707 - Lift high the cross (omit \* verses).  
2, 3, 4, 5, 6**

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

***1 Come, let us follow where our Captain trod,  
our King victorious, Christ the Son of God:  
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name.***

***7 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
as thou hast promised, draw us unto thee:  
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name.***

***8 Let every race and every language tell  
of him who saves our souls from death and hell:  
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name.***

***9 From farthest regions let them homage bring,  
and on his cross adore their Saviour King:  
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name.***

***10 Set up thy throne, that earth's despair may cease  
beneath the shadow of its healing peace:  
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name.***

***11 For thy blest cross which doth for all atone  
creation's praises rise before thy throne:  
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name.***

GEORGE WILLIAM KITCHIN (1827 – 1912)  
and MICHAEL ROBERT NEWBOLT (1874 – 1956)

## **The Blessing**

Christ give you grace  
To grow in holiness,  
To deny yourselves,  
Take up your cross  
And follow him.

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you, be upon those you love, pray for and care for now and for evermore. **Amen.**

## **THE DISMISSAL**

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