



Order of Service

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working towards being an Inclusive Church

The Liturgy for Palm Sunday

Gathered in a suitable place the ministers enter saying

Hosanna to the Son of David.

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

Behold your king comes to you, O Zion,
meek and lowly, sitting upon an ass.

Ride on in the cause of truth
and for the sake of justice.

Your throne is the throne of God, it endures for ever;
and the sceptre of your kingdom is a righteous sceptre.

You have loved righteousness and hated evil.

Therefore God, your God, has anointed you
with the oil of gladness above your fellows.

Hosanna to the Son of David.

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

Priest Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

ALL and also with you.

Minister 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 people hold up palms or branches
while this prayer is said by the president*



Priest 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.
Amen.

The Palm Gospel

Minister 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.

The Procession

Priest Let us go forth, praising Jesus our Messiah.

*During the
procession all
hold palms or
branches, and
appropriate
hymns, psalms,
or anthems are
sung.*



The Collect

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

Silence is kept.

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.

All AMEN

Sit for the first readings

Each reading ends with the words

Reader This is the word of the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

A hymn or song may be announced

Gospel Acclamation

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 Reading of the Passion

Minister The Lord be with you
All **And also with you.**

Minister The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.
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All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

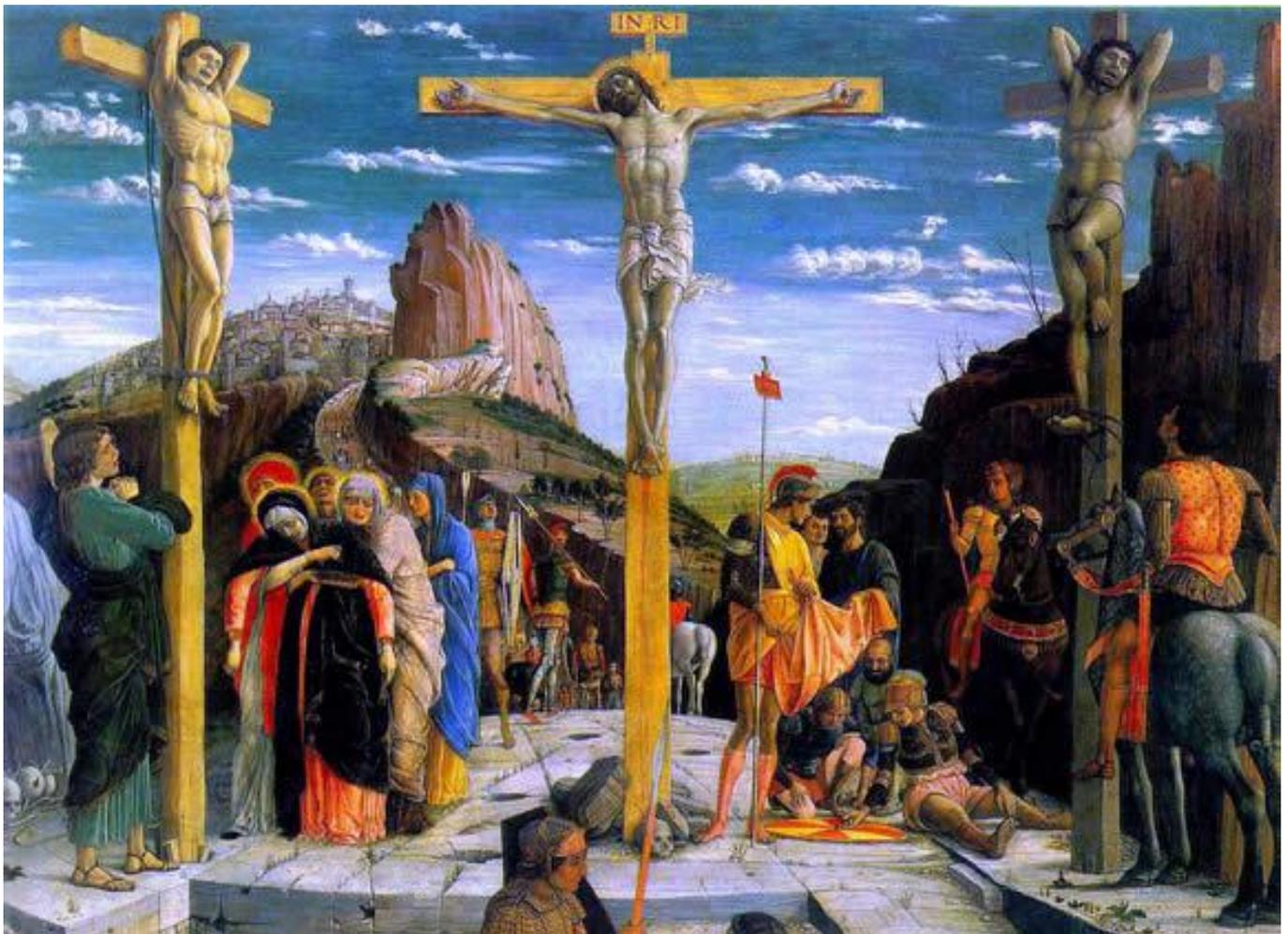
We listen attentively to the reading of the Passion which may be dramatized using several voices

Minister This is the Passion of the Lord.

Sit

SERMON *may be preached but it is often omitted on Palm Sunday*

Silence is kept



Prayers of Intercession *sit, kneel or stand before God*

This form or another form may be used

Minister [We stand with Christ in his suffering.]
For forgiveness for the many times we have denied Jesus,
let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For grace to seek out those habits of sin which
mean spiritual death,
and by prayer and self-discipline to overcome them,
let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For Christian people,
that through the suffering of disunity
there may grow a rich union in Christ,
let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For those who make laws, interpret them, and administer them,
that our common life may be ordered in justice and mercy,
let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For those who still make Jerusalem a battleground,
let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For those who have the courage and honesty to work
openly for justice and peace,
let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For those in the darkness and agony of isolation,
that they may find support and encouragement,
let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For those who, weighed down with hardship, failure, or sorrow,
feel that God is far from them,
let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For those who are tempted to give up the way of the cross,
let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

That we, with those who have died in faith,
may find mercy in the day of Christ,
let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

**All Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.**

Let us pray for ourselves, our hopes and needs, our joys and
our anxieties.....

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
St Matthew and all the saints, we commend ourselves and all
people to your unfailing love.

**Merciful father,
Accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**



Stand

The Peace

Priest 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. *Ephesians 2.13,14*

All The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Minister Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace,



Preparation of the Table

During the preparation we sing the hymn

Priest Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

**All All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.**

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 Eucharistic Prayer

Priest The Lord be with you
All **and also with you**

All Lift up your hearts
All **We lift them to the Lord**

All Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
All **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/singing*:

**All say Holy holy holy Lord
God of power and might
Heaven and earth are full of your glory
Hosanna in the highest**

**All say Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosannas in the highest**



Priest 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.*

Minister Great is the mystery of faith:

**All say Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

Priest 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 the Blessed Virgin Mary,
St Matthew 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.

All AMEN

Sit or kneel for a moment of silent adoration

The Lord's Prayer

Priest As our Saviour taught us so we pray

**All 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.**

Breaking of the Bread

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

**All Though we are many, we are one body,
 because we all share in one bread.**

*As the bread is broken the we sing "**Lamb of God**".*

Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world have mercy on us
Bread of life you take away the sin of the world have mercy on us
Saving 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 your peace

Priest Jesus is the Lamb of God
 who takes away the sin of the world.
 Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

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

Communion Antiphon is said

*If you normally receive Holy Communion
in your Church you are welcome to do so
here at St Matthew's.*

*Please come to the communion rail.
Please hold your hands out clearly in
front of you.*

*If you do not want to receive Holy
Communion please come forward and
keep your head bowed to receive a
blessing.*



Music is used as an aid to prayer during communion and the clearing of the altar

silence is held

Prayer after Communion

Priest *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.

All **Amen.**

All **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.**

Hymn & any notices are given out

The Blessing and Dismissal

Priest The Lord be with you
All **and also with you**

Let us bow our heads and pray for God's 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.

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

Music may be played as the ministers depart, on Sundays you are invited to join us for a cup of coffee and say hello to other people

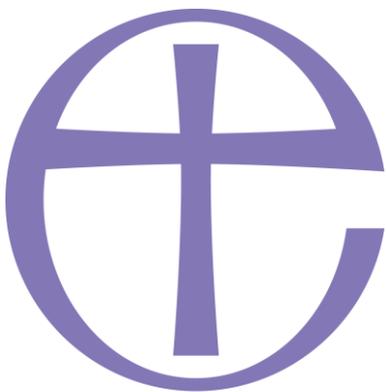


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