

**St Andrew's Gorleston
WORSHIP TOGETHER
10 am - Sunday 13th April 2025
Palm Sunday**



Welcome

Today we remember Jesus entering Jerusalem to complete his work as our Saviour, to suffer, to die and to rise again. Let us go with him in faith and love, and so that, united with him in his sufferings, we may share his risen life.

First Reading

Luke 19:28-40 - Jesus Comes to Jerusalem as King

Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' say, 'The Lord needs it.'" Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They replied, "The Lord needs it." They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road. When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen: "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!" "I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."

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

Words from Psalm 118

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. Let God's people say: "His love endures forever." Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord through which the righteous may enter. I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.

Hymn Make way, make way, for Christ the King

(Process around church)

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!*

He comes the broken hearts to heal,
the prisoners to free.
The deaf shall hear, the lame shall dance,
the blind shall see.

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

We call you now to worship him
as Lord of all,
to have no other gods but him:
their thrones must fall!

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Prayer as we hold up our palm crosses

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.**

Song You are the King of glory

You are the Prince of Peace
You are the Lord of heaven and earth
You're the Son of righteousness
Angels bow down before You
Worship and adore
For You have the words of eternal life
You are Jesus Christ the Lord

*Hosanna to the Son of David
Hosanna to the King of kings
Glory in the highest heaven
For Jesus the Messiah reigns*

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Song Hosanna hosanna

Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna hosanna
Hosanna in the highest

*Lord we lift up Your name
With hearts full of praise
Be exalted oh Lord my God
Hosanna in the highest*

Glory glory
Glory to the King of kings
Glory glory
Glory to the King of kings

*Lord we lift up Your name
With hearts full of praise
Be exalted oh Lord my God
Glory to the King of kings*

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Confession

Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion, and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith. **Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we**

are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

Absolution

May the God of love and power forgive us and free us from our sins, heal and strengthen us by his Spirit, and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The collect for Palm Sunday

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.**

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.

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Second Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

Talk

Hymn Thou didst leave thy throne and thy kingly crown,
when thou camest to earth for me;

but in Bethlehem's home was there found no room
for thy holy nativity:

*O come to my heart, Lord Jesus;
there is room in my heart for thee.*

Heaven's arches rang when the angels sang,
proclaiming thy royal degree;
but in lowly birth didst thou come to earth,
and in great humility:

Thou camest, O Lord, with the living word
that should set thy people free;
but with mocking scorn and with crown of thorn
they bore thee to Calvary:

When the heavens shall ring, and the angels sing,
at thy coming to victory,
let thy voice call me home, saying, 'Yet there is room,
there is room at my side for thee.'

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Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named. We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love. We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high. We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Lord's Prayer

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.

Birthdays & Notices

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:

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Blessing

May the Father, who so loved the world that he gave his only Son, bring you by faith to his eternal life. May Christ, who accepted the cup of sacrifice in obedience to the Father's will, keep you steadfast as you walk with him in the way of his cross. May the Spirit, who strengthens us to suffer with Christ that we may share his glory, set your minds on life and peace. And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

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