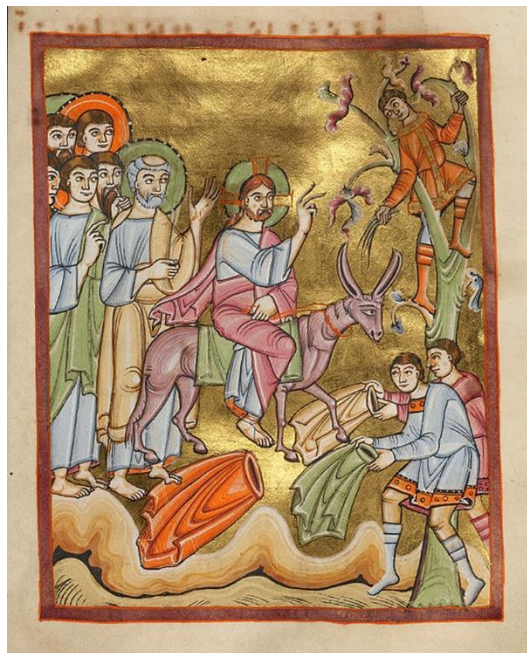




St John's Malone  
Sunday First 10:30am  
Palm Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2023



**Liturgy of Palms**

Reading Mt 21:1-11

Sentence

**HYMN during** the Palm Procession 217 All glory laud and honour

Blessing of Palms

**Liturgy of the Passion**

*Preparation*

**The Greeting**

The Lord our redeemer be with you

All **and also with you.**

**Opening Prayer**

God of our days and years,  
we set this time apart for you.  
Form us in the likeness of Christ  
so that our lives may glorify you.

All **Amen.**

***The Beatitudes***

Let us hear our Lord's blessing on those who follow him.

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.

Blessed are those who suffer persecution for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

*Silence is kept.*

**Prayer of Preparation**

All **Almighty God,**  
**to whom all hearts are open,**  
**all desires known,**  
**and from whom no secrets are hidden:**  
**cleanse the thoughts of our hearts**  
**by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,**  
**that we may perfectly love you,**  
**and worthily magnify your holy name;**  
**through Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

***The Word***

Out of the depths I have called to you, Lord.

Let your ears be open to hear my voice. **All My hope is in God's word.**

If you recorded all our sins who could come before you? **All My hope is in God's word.**

There is forgiveness with you: therefore you shall be feared. **All My hope is in God's word.**

My soul is longing for the Lord, more than those who watch for daybreak. **All My hope is in God's word.**

O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy. **All My hope is in God's word.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**All My hope is in God's word.**

**HYMN Canticle 701 Jubilate**



**Reading From chapters 26 & 27**

The Passion of our Lord according to Matthew

20 When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve;<sup>21</sup> and while they were eating, he said, 'Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.'<sup>22</sup> And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another, 'Surely not I, Lord?'<sup>23</sup> He answered, 'The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me.'<sup>24</sup> The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.'<sup>25</sup> Judas, who betrayed him, said, 'Surely not I, Rabbi?' He replied, 'You have said so.'

26 While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, 'Take, eat; this is my body.'<sup>27</sup> Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, 'Drink from it, all of you;<sup>28</sup> for this is my blood of the<sup>\*</sup> covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.'<sup>29</sup> I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.'

30 When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

**36 Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, 'Sit here while I go over there and pray.'<sup>37</sup> He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated.<sup>38</sup> Then he said to them, 'I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.'<sup>39</sup> And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, 'My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want.'<sup>40</sup> Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, 'So, could you not stay awake with me one hour?<sup>41</sup> Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial;<sup>2</sup> the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.'<sup>42</sup> Again he went away for the**

second time and prayed, 'My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.'<sup>43</sup> Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy.<sup>44</sup> So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words.<sup>45</sup> Then he came to the disciples and said to them, 'Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.<sup>46</sup> Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.'

47 While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people.<sup>48</sup> Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, 'The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him.'<sup>49</sup> At once he came up to Jesus and said, 'Greetings, Rabbi!' and kissed him.<sup>50</sup> Jesus said to him, 'Friend, do what you are here to do.' Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him.<sup>51</sup> Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear.<sup>52</sup> Then Jesus said to him, 'Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword.<sup>53</sup> Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels?<sup>54</sup> But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?'<sup>55</sup> At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, 'Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me.<sup>56</sup> But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled.' Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

27 When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death.<sup>2</sup> They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor.

24 So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, 'I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.'<sup>25</sup> Then the people as a whole answered, 'His blood be on us and on our children!'<sup>26</sup> So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

45 From noon on, darkness came over the whole land<sup>\*</sup> until three in the afternoon.<sup>46</sup> And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, 'Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?' that is, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?'<sup>47</sup> When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, 'This man is calling for Elijah.'<sup>48</sup> At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink.<sup>49</sup> But the others said, 'Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.'<sup>50</sup> Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.<sup>51</sup> At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split.<sup>52</sup> The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised.<sup>53</sup> After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many.<sup>54</sup> Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, 'Truly this man was God's Son!'<sup>\*</sup>

55 Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him.<sup>56</sup> Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

This is the Passion of our Lord.

### **An Affirmation of Faith**

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

**All** Though he was divine,  
he did not cling to equality with God,  
but made himself nothing.  
Taking the form of a slave,  
he was born in human likeness.  
He humbled himself  
and was obedient to death,  
even the death of the cross.  
Therefore God has raised him on high,  
and given him the name above every name:  
that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bow,  
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

**HYMN** 558 Abba Father

**Address**        **'Three Midnights - Three births'**

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

The first commandment is this:

'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,

with all your soul, with all your mind,

and with all your strength.'

The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'

There is no other commandment greater than these.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

**All Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

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.**

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God,  
though we have rebelled against him.

Let us then renounce our wilfulness and ask his mercy  
by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Wash away all my iniquity

**All and cleanse me from my sin.**

Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

Against you, you only have I sinned

**All and done what is evil in your sight.**

Christ, have mercy.

**All Christ, have mercy.**

Create in me a pure heart, O God,

**All and renew a steadfast spirit within me.**

Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

*The priest declares God's forgiveness*

May almighty God,

who sent his Son into the world to save sinners,

bring you his + pardon and peace, now and for ever.

**All Amen.**

A hymn or song(s) may be sung.

**Prayers**

**The Lord's Prayer**

Standing at the foot of the Cross, 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.**

**The Collect**

**Conclusion**

**HYMN 238 Ride on ride on in majesty**

**Final Prayer**

God of compassion,  
through your Son Jesus Christ  
you have reconciled your people to yourself.  
As we follow his example of prayer and fasting,  
may we obey you with willing hearts  
and serve one another in holy love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**





## HOLY WEEK IN ST JOHN'S 2.4.23 – 9.4.23

Please note the following new service arrangements and change of time on  
Easter Day

Palm Sunday 9am	Eucharist;
10:30am	Sunday First with Procession & Blessing of Palms
Monday 10:30am	Holy Communion
Tuesday 10:30am	The Eucharist
Wednesday 10:30am	Holy Communion;
7:30pm	<b>Tenebrae</b>
Thursday 7:30pm	Eucharist for Maundy Thursday with stripping of the altars
	followed by The Watch in the Side Chapel
Good Friday 12noon-3pm	The Three Hours
Easter Day 9am	Eucharist in the Seaver Hall
10am	Festal Eucharist broadcasting live on BBC Radio Ulster (45 mins)



Note there are no services on Thursday morning or on Monday or Tuesday evening.

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