

The Parish of  
Stony Stratford *with* Calverton



**Passion (Palm) Sunday**

*Year B - The Year of St Mark*

2021 Edition

## PASSION SUNDAY (PALM SUNDAY)

### *Pastoral Introduction:*

*(This may be read quietly before the Mass begins)*

*Today, the vestments, altar frontals and other hangings are red. The use of this festive colour reminds us that we celebrate the events of Holy Week, by which, as St Paul tells us "God was reconciling the world to himself." We do not recall this simply as a tragic drama, but as the victory of Christ over sin and death. In this Holy Week we do not simply recall events of the past, but through these liturgies we experience our salvation being worked out through Christ our Lord.*

*In these eight days between Palm Sunday and Easter Day we experience what Jesus Christ achieves for us. We are not simply remembering the historical events of Holy Week, **this is Holy Week!***

*The Mass today has two distinct features: the Procession, and the proclamation of the Passion story from one of the synoptic gospels. The Procession has its origins in 4th century Jerusalem when the Church, with all those on pilgrimage, went out to the Mount of Olives, on the afternoon of Palm Sunday, and then returned into the city in solemn procession, carrying palm branches.*

*The Procession is more than an act of remembrance: it is an act of praise to Christ the King, and an acknowledgement on our part that we are prepared to take up our cross and follow him. Three forms of Procession are included in this booklet: the First Form is used at the Parish Mass, the Second Form is used in inclement weather at the Parish Mass, and the Third Form is used at all other Masses on this day.*

*Following the Procession the Mass begins with the Collect (the Penitential Rite being omitted except when the Third Form of Procession is used). The Passion Gospel is read in dramatic form with the people joining in the crowd parts (or by the Deacon/Celebrant at Masses other than the Parish Mass), reminding us that we all share in the sin which makes the sacrifice of Christ necessary. After the Passion a brief Homily is preached, the Nicene Creed is said, the Prayers of the Faithful are led appropriate to the day. From the Offertory onwards the Mass follows the customary pattern.*

### *Blessing and Dismissal*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Celebrant:

Look, we pray, O Lord, on this your family,  
for whom our Lord Jesus Christ  
did not hesitate to be delivered into the hands of the wicked  
and submit to the agony of the Cross.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

May almighty God bless you,  
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Celebrant: Go in the peace of Christ.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### **Recessional: 'Fantasia in C minor' BWV 562 - J S Bach**

*Please remain seated until the Recessional Music has ceased. This is integral to the liturgy of the Organ Mass and therefore applause is not appropriate. Once concluded, leave the Parish Church of St Mary & St Giles via the Parish Hall; and at All Saints via the West (Tower) door.*

*The Priest will be outside in the churchyard.*

*This is just the beginning of Holy Week. To receive the spiritual benefits of this most holy week in the Church's year be present at the other Masses and Liturgies this week, especially the Mass of the Last Supper on Thursday evening (including the Watch at the altar of repose), the Liturgy of the Passion on Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil & First Mass of Easter on Saturday evening.*

*N.B. Those who come to the Easter Vigil may also receive Holy Communion on Easter Day as these are two different celebrations of Mass.*

**Please hand this Service Booklet into a Sidesman/woman.**

**Thank you.**

keeping their heads bowed as a sign to the Celebrant. The Cantor sings the **Communion Antiphon:**

Father \* if this chalice cannot pass over me unless I drink of it, may thy will be done.

1. I love the Lord for he heard my voice \*  
and my supplications.
2. Because he hath inclined his ear to me \*  
I will call upon him as long as I live.
3. The sorrows of death encompassed me,  
the pains of hell gat hold upon me \*  
I found trouble and sorrow.
4. Then I called on the name of the Lord \*  
O Lord, I beseech thee, deliver me.

**Organ Voluntary during the Distribution of Holy Communion:**  
*'Litany of the Passion' - John Stainer*

*Following the ablutions the celebrant introduces:*

**The Prayer after Communion**

*Stand*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

*All pray in silence for a while, and then the Celebrant says the Prayer after Communion:*

Nourished with these sacred gifts,  
we humbly beseech you, O Lord,  
that, just as through the death of your Son  
you have brought us to hope for what we believe,  
so by his Resurrection  
you may lead us to where you call.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**THE CONCLUDING RITE**

**Organ Voluntary before Mass: 'Passion Chorale' - J S Bach**

**THE PROCESSION**

**Commemoration of the  
Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem**

**Third Form: The Simple Entrance**

*During the current restrictions due to the COVID Pandemic the Lord's entrance is commemorated with the following simple entrance.*

*While the Celebrant goes to the altar, the antiphon is sung by the Cantor.*

**Antiphon:**

Hosanna thou Son of David:  
blessed is he that comest in the name of the Lord.  
King of Israel: Hosanna in the highest.

1. I will confess thee, O Lord, for thou art good \*  
everlasting thy mercy.
2. The stone which the builders did reject \*  
has been made cornerstone.
3. By the Lord hath this been done \*  
marvellous is it in our eyes.

*After the Celebrant venerates the altar, he distributes palms to the Faithful as the following antiphon is sung by the Cantor.*

**Antiphon:**

The children of the Hebrews \* carrying branches from the olive, went on before the Lord, shouting and saying: Hosanna in the highest.

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fulness \*  
the earth and the dwellers therein.
2. Because he hath founded it upon the seas \*  
above the waters he made it firm.
3. Who shall ascend un to the mount of God \*  
who shall stand in his holy place.

4. Innocent in hand and clean of heart \*  
who does not take his name in vain.
5. He shall receive blessing from the Lord \*  
and salvation from his God.
6. This is the generation that seeketh him \*  
seeketh the face of the God of Jacob.

*The Celebrant then goes to his Chair and greets the people. Mass continues in the usual way.*

Celebrant: In the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

Celebrant: The grace and peace of God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

#### *Penitential Rite*

*Celebrant: My brothers and sisters,  
to prepare ourselves to celebrate  
the sacred mysteries  
let us call to mind our sins.*

Celebrant: Remember, Lord your compassion and love,  
for they are everlasting.  
Lord, have mercy.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Celebrant: Remember not the sins of my youth  
or my transgressions,  
but think on me in your goodness, O Lord,  
according to your steadfast love.  
Christ, have mercy.

**All: Christ, have mercy.**

Celebrant: O keep my soul and deliver me;  
Let me not be put to shame,

and graciously grant her peace and unity  
in accordance with your will.  
Who live and reign for ever and ever.

**All: Amen.**

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**All: And also with you.**

*All may bow to those near to them as a sign of peace.*

#### *Breaking of the Bread*

**All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

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

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

#### *Invitation to Communion*

*Taking the host and showing it to the faithful, the Celebrant says aloud:*

Celebrant: Behold the Lamb of God,  
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

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

#### *Communion of Celebrant and People*

*The Celebrant then receives the Body and Blood of Christ and then the Blessed Sacrament is distributed to the people, the minister/s saying:*

The body of Christ.

The blood of Christ.

*Each communicant replies each time Amen, and then receives.*

*During the distribution of the Blessed Sacrament the people may kneel or sit while waiting to go forward to receive Holy Communion and upon returning. Those not receiving Holy Communion may come forward to receive a blessing*

Celebrant: Through him, and with him, and in him,  
O God, almighty Father,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honour is yours,  
for ever and ever.

**All: Amen.**

### THE COMMUNION RITE

#### *The Lord's Prayer*

*The Celebrant invites the people to pray in these or similar words:*

Celebrant: At the Saviour's command  
and formed by divine teaching,  
we dare to say:

**All: 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;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

Celebrant: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,  
graciously grant peace in our days, that,  
by the help of your mercy we may be always free from sin  
and safe from all distress,  
as we await the blessed hope  
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**All: For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours, now and for ever.**

Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles:  
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,  
look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church,

for I have put my trust in you.  
Lord, have mercy.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Celebrant: May almighty God have mercy on us.  
forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life.

**People: Amen.**

### The Mass

Celebrant: Let us pray.

*All pray in silence and then the celebrant 'collects' the peoples prayers:*

Almighty and everlasting God,  
who in your tender love towards mankind  
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.

**People: Amen.**

*We sit for the readings and psalm.*

#### *First Reading*

Lector: A reading from the prophet Isaiah. (50: 4-7)

*The third song of the Servant of the Lord in which he tells us that before preaching his message to suffering humanity he must first learn God's message himself by becoming one with suffering humanity.*

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*Responsorial Psalm*

*(from Psalm 22)*

**R/. My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**

All who see me deride me.

They curl their lips, they toss their heads.

'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;

let him release him if this is his friend.' **R/.**

Many dogs have surrounded me,

a band of the wicked beset me.

They tear holes in my hand and my feet.

I can count every one of my bones. **R/.**

They divide my clothing among them.

They cast lots for my robe.

O Lord, do not leave me alone,

my strength, make haste to help me! **R/.**

I will tell of your name to my brethren

and praise you where they are assembled.

'You who fear the Lord give him praise;

all sons of Jacob, give him glory.

Revere him, Israel's sons.' **R/.**

*Second Reading*

Lector: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians. (2:6-11)

*St Paul tells us that Jesus was the suffering Servant of the Lord. As God he had a right to supreme honour and power while on earth. Yet for our sake he chose suffering and death instead. He was glorified by God in his resurrection.*

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

*Gospel Acclamation*

**Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Christ became obedient for us even to death,

**All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands  
for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

*The Celebrant says the Prayer over the Gifts:*

Through the Passion of your Only Begotten Son, O Lord, may our reconciliation with you be near at hand, so that, though we do not merit it by our own deeds, yet by this sacrifice made once for all, we may feel already the effects of your mercy. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant says the Preface: all join in the acclamation:*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts,**

**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.**

*The Celebrant says the Eucharistic prayer of thanksgiving, recalling the command of Jesus Christ, 'Do this in memory of me'.*

*The celebrant introduces the Eucharistic Acclamation in which all join:*

Celebrant: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,  
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
until you come again.**

*At the Doxology at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer, all join in the Great Amen:*

## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### The Preparation of the Altar and the Gifts

*The Antiphon is sung by the Cantor as the altar is being prepared and gifts of bread and wine are brought forward. The offerings of the people may also be brought forward.*

Insult and rebuke \* have awaited my heart, and I am brought low, and I looked about for those who might sympathise but there was no one: consolation I sought then, and none did I find. And they poisoned my food with gall and for my great thirst, they have given me vinegar!

*The Celebrant says prayers of offering:*

Celebrant: Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.  
through your goodness we have this bread to offer,  
which earth has given and human hands have made.  
It will become for us the bread of life.

**All: Blessed be God for ever.**

Celebrant: Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.  
Through your goodness we have this wine to offer,  
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.  
It will become our spiritual drink.

**All: Blessed be God for ever.**

Celebrant: Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours  
may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

even death on a cross.

Therefore God has highly exalted him  
and bestowed on the name which is above every name.

**Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### The Passion Gospel

Narrator: The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Mark.

15: 1-39

*(N.B. This year the Priest will read the shorter form of the Passion Gospel between the paragraph markers: No dramatic reading takes place, and there is no Greeting or signing of the Book of the Gospels)*

This is the Passion of the Lord.

*(No response is made)*

### Homily

#### *Profession of Faith - The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;  
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting. Amen.**

*The Prayer of the Faithful*

*Intercessor:* 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 discern 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.**

For all who are suffering, especially.....  
let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

For all those who have died, especially.....  
that we with them may find mercy on the day of Christ,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

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