

All Saints' North Hillingdon 24th March 2024



The date of the first observance of Palm Sunday is uncertain. A detailed description of a palm processional celebration was recorded as early as the 4th century in Jerusalem. The ceremony was not introduced into the West until much later in the 9th century.

Jesus travelled to Jerusalem knowing that this journey would end in his sacrificial death on the cross for the sins of all mankind.

As we begin this Holy Week, may we constantly be reminded of its significance and value for our lives today. That very important day in history, when Jesus began His journey towards the cross.

Yet maybe in the midst of busy lives, on the heels of Spring Break, or in all of the upcoming thoughts about Easter, the real meaning of it may, even unintentionally, get missed.

NHWS:HYMNS AT 10 O'CLOCK

Gathering	509	All glory, Laud and honour,
Gradual	205	Christ is made the sure foundation omit vv3,4
Offertory	439	Praise to the Holiest in the height omit *vv
Comm.	94	We sing the praise of him who died
Sending	511	Ride On! Ride On in majesty

Psalm 21: My God, my God why have you forsaken me?

Notices This week

Monday 25 th March 6pm	Revd Ulric
Tuesday 26 th March 6pm	Revd Ulric
Wednesday 27 th March 10am	Revd Ulric
Maundy Thursday 28 th March 7:30 pm	Revd Ulric
Friday 29 th March 10am Stations of the Cross	Followed by Walk of Witness 11am
Friday 29 th March 2pm Veneration of the Cross	Revd Ulric
Saturday 30 th March Easter Eve 8pm	Revd Ulric
Sunday 31 st March: 8 & 10 Easter Sunday	Revd Ulric



THIS WEEK'S INTENTIONS

We hold in your presence all who are being cared for in this parish, for the staff at the care homes for their care and dedication. We name before you all those with particular needs who have asked for our prayers;

Lee Arnold, Vernice Clarke, Linda White, Janet Schlachter, Judy Burrridge, Daphne Dix; Macey Ann Brazil, Veronica Samuels, Gill Mayer; Beverly Leavy, Hazel & Helen Parris, Pearl Syer, Lynn Taylor, Mabel, Mark Callaghan, Susie Bromham, Georgie Isaiah, Marion Fogell, The Reverend Greville Thomas and John Clarke.

May they know your presence with them, and that you are their strength, their healing, and their salvation.

We remember before God those who have died recently: ***Margaret Barnes***

Give strength to those who are left to grieve and help us to share in each other's sorrow.

For those whose anniversary falls at about this time;

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26 th	Fr Clive Pearce Harold Cox
28 th	Peter Lawrence
29 th	Edmund Maunder

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To book Banns of Marriage, Weddings, Baptisms and so on, please come along to Vestry Hour, which normally takes place in church on Saturdays between 10:00 & 11:00 (No appointment is needed.)

Sunday

24 March 2024

Palm Sunday

COLLECT

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.

LITURGY OF THE PALMS

GOSPEL

Either **Mark 11:1-11**

*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Mark.*

When Jesus and his disciples were
approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage
and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives,
Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to
them, "Go into the village ahead of you,
and immediately as you enter it, you will
find tied there a colt that has never been
ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says
to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say
this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back
here immediately.'" They went away and
found a colt tied near a door, outside in the
street. As they were untying it, some of the
bystanders said to them, "What are you
doing, untying the colt?" They told them
what Jesus had said; and they allowed
them to take it. Then they brought the
colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it;
and he sat on it. Many people spread their
cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy
branches that they had cut in the fields.
Then those who went ahead and those who
followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed
is the one who comes in the name of the
Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of
our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest
heaven!" Then he entered Jerusalem and
went into the temple; and when he had
looked around at everything, as it was
already late, he went out to Bethany with
the twelve.

Or **John 12:12-16**

PSALM Psalm 118:1-2. 19-end
(or 118:19-end)

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

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures for ever.
Let Israel now proclaim,
"His mercy endures for ever." **R**

Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it. **R**

I will give thanks to you, for you have
answered me
and have become my salvation.
The stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone. **R**

This is the Lord's doing,
and it is marvellous in our eyes.
This is the day that the Lord has made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it. **R**

Come, O Lord, and save us we pray.
Come, Lord, send us now prosperity.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of
the Lord;
we bless you from the house of the Lord. **R**

The Lord is God; he has given us light;
link the pilgrims with cords
right to the horns of the altar.
You are my God and I will thank you;
you are my God and I will exalt you.
O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures for ever. **R**

LITURGY OF THE PASSION

FIRST READING Isaiah 50:4-9a

*A reading from the book of the prophet
Isaiah.*

The servant of the LORD said: The Lord
GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain the weary
with a word. Morning by morning he
wakens – wakens my ear to listen as those
who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened
my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not
turn backwards. I gave my back to those
who struck me, and my cheeks to those
who pulled out the beard; I did not hide
my face from insult and spitting. The Lord
GOD helps me; therefore I have not been
disgraced; therefore I have set my face
like flint, and I know that I shall not be put
to shame; he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me? Let us stand up
together. Who are my adversaries? Let them
confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps
me; who will declare me guilty?

PSALM Psalm 31:9-16 (or 31:9-18)

R *Into your hands I commend my spirit,
for you have redeemed me, O Lord
God of truth.*

Have mercy on me, Lord, for I am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow,
my soul and my body also.
For my life is wasted with grief,
and my years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of my affliction,
and my bones are consumed. **R**

I have become a reproach to all my
enemies
and even to my neighbours,

an object of dread to my acquaintances;
when they see me in the street they flee
from me. **R**

I am forgotten like one that is dead, out of
mind;
I have become like a broken vessel.
For I have heard the whispering of the
crowd;
fear is on every side;
they scheme together against me,
and plot to take my life. **R**

But my trust is in you, O Lord.
I have said, "You are my God.
My times are in your hand;
deliver me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.
Make your face to shine upon your servant,
and save me for your mercy's sake." **R**

Lord, let me not be confounded
for I have called upon you;
but let the wicked be put to shame;
let them be silent in the grave.
Let the lying lips be put to silence
that speak against the righteous
with arrogance, disdain and contempt. **R**

SECOND READING Philippians 2:5-11

*A reading from the letter of Paul to the
Philippians.*

Let the same mind be in you that was in
Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the
form of God, did not regard equality with
God as something to be exploited, but
emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness. And being
found in human form, he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death
– even death on a cross. Therefore God
also highly exalted him and gave him the
name that is above every name, so that at
the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the
earth, and every tongue should confess that
Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the
Father.

PASSION

Either **Mark 14:1 – end of 15**

Or **Mark 15:1-39 [40-end]**

POST COMMUNION

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.



Walk of Witness

Good Friday, March 29th 2024



10.30 am Walk commences at Crescent Parade (opposite BP garage)

Stopping at:

- St Bernadette's RC (approx 10.40)
- North Hillingdon Methodist (approx 10.53)
- All Saints Anglican (approx 11.03)

And ends with a short service at Hillingdon Circus.

Teas and coffees will be served afterwards in the All Saints Church Large Hall.

Please do join us if you can!

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A day of triumph

Patsy McGregor *reflects on* Psalm 118:1-2, 19-end and John 12:12-16

As we flew in by helicopter to the Madagascar rainforest, a large crowd gathered to see the hovering machine land on the football pitch. Singing at the top of their lungs, having walked miles to greet us, people were ecstatic in anticipation of the new church and health clinic. Palm branches were woven into festive green arches and placed at the village entrance. Yet for all that, this was not quite the dignified arrival you might imagine. My husband slipped in a mud puddle and – whoosh – he was suddenly flat on the ground, covered in mud. The crowd broke out in laughter, and happily everyone saw the humour in the situation.

Today's Gospel tells of a humble man riding into Jerusalem on a young donkey, amid cheers and waving palm branches. Many of those waving branches had doubtless seen Jesus' miracles and heard his teachings in Galilee. There is a sense that they are responding to the psalmist's exhortation to: "Bind the festal procession with branches... O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good."

But what was Jesus feeling while all of this was going on? Knowing what he did about where this path was leading, were his feelings out of kilter with the atmosphere of triumphant joy that surrounded him and the colt?

Has someone ever congratulated you for something and you thought, in the back of your mind, "If you only knew..."? ☹️

Dear Lord, thank you for making that final journey. I will rejoice, being glad in this day because you have made it and because I know that your journey ultimately ends in the triumph of life over death. Amen.



Entry of Jesus in Jerusalem by Charles Blakeman, St Etheldreda's Church, London

The Church Fathers

Part 2, Ignatius and Polycarp

by Richard Gunning

Richard Gunning continues our look at the early Church Fathers.

The fact that being a Christian was a capital offence seemed actually to encourage some of the early Fathers to provoke the authorities. Ignatius (c. 35-108), Bishop of Antioch, ordered that his friends should not try to obtain his release from Roman captivity as he wanted to suffer as Jesus had. He predicted that he would be thrown to beasts, which, if later reports are to be

believed, indeed came to pass. His friend Polycarp (c. 69-155) had been a disciple of the apostle John, who had ordained him Bishop of Smyrna. Some scholars believe that Polycarp (which means "much fruit" in Greek) was responsible for the assembly and publication of the New Testament. When in old age Polycarp was hauled before the authorities and asked to renounce his faith, he said: "These eighty-six years I have been the Lord's servant, and he has never let me down. Shall I revile him now?" ☹️

Palm Sunday

by Lisa Tulfer

A single reference in John's Gospel has given rise to the traditions celebrated in many churches today. The other Gospels mention people spreading their robes and leafy branches on the road, giving Jesus a kind of early version of the red carpet treatment. Only John specifies palm trees. In different climates, seasonally available greenery such as willow or olive is used in Palm Sunday processions.

In many churches, the palm crosses carried today will be

burned to provide the ashes for next year's Ash Wednesday services. And in England in Shakespeare's time, a straw and rag effigy known as Jack o' Lent (possibly representing Judas Iscariot, or harking back to pre-Christian spring rites) was created on Ash Wednesday, paraded around the parish to be pilloried and abused, then finally burned on Palm Sunday.

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“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.”

Matthew 5:6