

Romsey Abbey

The Parish Church of
St Mary and St Ethelflaeda



Palm Sunday

The Eucharist with Procession of Palms
Sunday 28th March 2021

Welcome to Romsey Abbey!

Due to Covid safety measures, our Palm Sunday service this year takes place entirely inside the Abbey with the Palm Procession led by the ministers only.

Today's Mass Setting is by Byrd for three voices.

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The Commemoration of the Lord's Entry into Jerusalem

Please stand as the ministers enter.

The Greeting

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

Introduction

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.

Hold up your 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.**

The Palm Gospel

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (11.1-11)

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Procession

Let us go forth, praising Jesus our Messiah.

Hymn: 509 *Choir only*

The hymn is sung by the choir only. Please stand but remain in your places as the ministers only process around the church. Thank you.

*All glory, laud, and honour
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.*

2. Thou art the King of Israel,
thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name
comest,
the King and blessed one:

3. The company of angels
are praising thee on high,
and mortal men and all things
created make reply:

4. The people of the Hebrews
with palms before thee went:
our praise and prayer and anthems
before thee we present:

5. To thee before thy passion
they sang their hymns of praise:
to thee now high exulted
our melody we raise:

*All glory, laud, and honour
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.*

The 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. **Amen.**

Please sit.

The Liturgy of the Word
Reading

Isaiah 50.4-9a

With the Lord on our side we have nothing to fear.

At the end

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn: 84 *Please stand. Choir Only.*

It is a thing most wonderful,
Almost too wonderful to be,
That God's own Son should come from heaven,
And die to save a child like me.

And yet I know that it is true;
He chose a poor and humble lot,
And wept and toiled and mourned and died,
For love of those who loved him not.

It is most wonderful to know
His love for me so free and sure;
But 'tis more wonderful to see
My love for him so faint and poor.

And yet I want to love thee, Lord;
O light the flame within my heart,
And I will love thee more and more,
Until I see thee as thou art.

William Walsham How (1823-1897)

The Passion Reading

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.

All **Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

The Passion Reading is long so you may prefer to sit. The reading will be interspersed with the choir singing the following verses:

My song is love unknown,
My Saviour's love to me;
Love to the loveless shown,
That they might lovely be.
O who am I,
That for my sake
My Lord should take
Frail flesh, and die?

Sometimes they strew His way,
And His sweet praises sing;
Resounding all the day
Hosannas to their King:
Then "Crucify!"
Is all their breath,
And for His death
They thirst and cry.

Here might I stay and sing,
No story so divine;
Never was love, dear King,
Never was grief like Thine.
This is my Friend,
In whose sweet praise
I all my days
Could gladly spend.

At the end

This is the Passion of the Lord.

No response is made. A moment of silence is kept.

Merciful Father
Accept these prayers
For the sake of your Son
Our saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Peace

Please Stand

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.

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

We share a virtual sign of peace

Offertory Hymn: *Choir only*

I will sing the wondrous story
of the Christ who died for me;
how he left his home in glory
for the cross of Calvary;
*Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
of the Christ who died for me;
sing it with the saints in glory,
gathered by the crystal sea.*

I was lost but Jesus found me,
found the sheep that went astray;
threw his loving arms around me,
drew me back into his way.
*Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
of the Christ who died for me;
sing it with the saints in glory,
gathered by the crystal sea.*

Days of darkness still come o'er me;
sorrow's paths I often tread,
but the Saviour still is with me;
by his hand I'm safely led.
*Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
of the Christ who died for me;
sing it with the saints in glory,
gathered by the crystal sea*

Francis H Rowley (1854-1952)

Offertory Prayer

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.

*There will be no collection bags passed around during this hymn.
Please leave your donations in the sealed buckets at the back of
church or use the contactless points or QR code to make a
donation Thank you.*

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
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 singing

*The Choir sing the **Sanctus***

*Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt caeli et terra
gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.*

*Holy, holy, holy Lord God
of hosts.
Heaven and earth are
full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.*

*Benedictus qui venit in
nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.*

*Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

Please sit or kneel as the prayer continues

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:

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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free. You are the Saviour of the world.

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth. Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are
yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray
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.
For Thine is the Kingdom,
the Power and the Glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen

Breaking of the Bread

Every time we eat this bread
and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death
until he comes.

Giving of Communion

Draw near with faith.
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.
Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith with
thanksgiving.

*The choir sing the **Agnus Dei***

*Agnus Dei,
qui tolis peccata mundi*

miserere nobis

*Lamb of God,
who takes away the sins of
the world
have mercy on us.*

*Agnus Dei,
qui tolis peccata mundi*

dona nobis pacem.

*Lamb of God,
who takes away the sins of
the world
grant us peace*

All are welcome to receive communion or a blessing. Communion will be distributed in one kind only, that is the wafer and not the wine without. The sidespersons will direct you.

During Communion the choir will sing Adoramus Te by Lassus.

*Adoramus te, Christe
et benedicimus tibi.
Quia per tuam sanctum
cruce[m] redemisti mun-
dum. Dominum,
miserere nobis.*

*We adore thee O Christ,
and we bless thee,
because by thy holy cross
thou hast redeemed the
world. O Lord,
have mercy upon us.*

Communion Hymn: 268 Choir only

*Of the glorious body telling,
O my tongue, its mysteries sing,
and the blood, all price excelling,
which the world's eternal King,
in a noble womb once dwelling,
shed for this world's ransoming.*

*Given for us, for us descending,
of a virgin to proceed,*

man with man in converse blending,
scattered he the gospel seed,
till his sojourn drew to ending,
which he closed in wondrous deed.

Word-made-flesh, by word he maketh
bread his very flesh to be;
man in wine Christ's blood partaketh:
and if senses fail to see,
faith alone the true heart waketh
to behold the mystery.

Glory let us give and blessing
to the Father and the Son,
honour, might and praise addressing,
while eternal ages run;
ever too his love confessing,
who, from both, with both is one. Amen.

Prayer after 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.
Amen.

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: 425 (omit v4,5)

O love, how deep, how broad, how high!
How passing thought and fantasy
that God, the Son of God, should take
our mortal form for mortals' sake.

He sent no angel to our race
of higher or of lower place,
but wore the robe of human frame
and he himself to this world came.

For us baptized, for us he bore
his holy fast, and hungered sore;
for us temptations sharp he knew;
for us the tempter overthrew.

All honour, laud, and glory be
O Jesu, virgin-born, to thee,
all glory, as is ever meet,
to Father and to Paraclete. Amen.

*O amor quam ecstaticus Anonymous Latin,
Tr Benjamin Webb (1819-1885) and others*

The Blessing

Christ crucified draw you to himself,
to find in him a sure ground for faith,
a firm support for hope,
and the assurance of sins forgiven;
and the Blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

The Dismissal

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

Voluntary: All glory, laud and Honour - Bach

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

Please would you leave your order of service on the seat you were sitting on to assist those who will be wiping chairs down afterwards.

Details of services for Holy Week are on page 16.

Clergy will go directly outside after the service. Please be patient as the sidespersons manage our exit from the Abbey safely according to Covid guidelines.

If you would like to contribute to this week's collection, please leave your donation in one of the sealed buckets as you leave or use one of the contactless points.

Thank you

Public Worship for Holy Week and Easter at the Abbey

Services are also Livestreamed

Monday in Holy Week

8pm Sung Compline

Tuesday in Holy Week

8pm Sung Compline

Wednesday in Holy Week

8pm Sung Compline

Maundy Thursday

7.30pm Eucharist with Stripping of the Sanctuary.
(Booking required)

9.00pm Zoom Compline with Stations of the Cross

Good Friday

10am Devotions at the Cross
(Booking required)

Easter Eve

8pm The Easter Vigil with Eucharist
(Booking required)

Easter Day 21st April

8am Holy Communion (not Livestreamed)

10am Easter Day Festal Eucharist,
(Booking required)

6.30pm Easter Choral Evensong



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