

LINCOLN CATHEDRAL



THE ORDER FOR THE BLESSING OF PALMS, READING OF THE PASSION AND SUNG EUCHARIST ON PALM SUNDAY

!! Please note that this service begins within the castle !!

**10.30am
2 APRIL 2023**

WELCOME TO LINCOLN CATHEDRAL

This service, and the other sung services during the week, are available online and we welcome all those both near and far joining our worship as it is live streamed at: <https://www.facebook.com/Lincoln.Cathedral>

Any indications for sitting, kneeling or standing are given for guidance. If you need to sit at any point during the service, please feel free to do so.

All baptised Christians who usually receive communion are invited to do so. Please follow the directions of the stewards. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please carry this service booklet as a signal to the priest.

This service begins outside the Crown Court building within the castle, where the congregation is invited to gather ready to begin at 10 30am. If you are able, please bring branches with you to represent the palms that were strewn before Christ on his entry into Jerusalem. From the castle we will process to the front of the cathedral where the Gospel of the Passion will be read, before continuing into the cathedral for the Eucharist of Palm Sunday.

In the case of wet weather, we will begin inside the west end of the cathedral and process into seats in the nave of the cathedral during the first processional hymn. In this situation, the second procession (after the reading of the Passion) will not take place.

THE ORDER FOR SUNG EUCHARIST AND BLESSING OF PALMS

The Gathering

At 10 30am the choir sing the introit:

Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Music: Richard Lloyd

The congregation face the ministers for the beginning of the service.

GREETING

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

All **and also with you.**

The president introduces the celebration:

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.

The people hold up palms or branches while this prayer is said by the president:

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.

All **Amen.**

GOSPEL READING **MATTHEW 21.1-11**

Gospeller The Lord be with you
All **and also with you.**

Gospeller Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew.
All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the end of the Gospel the reader says
This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE PROCESSION

President Let us go forth praising Jesus our Messiah.

During the singing of the processional hymn, the choir, ministers and congregation process from the castle to the parvis in front of the west end of the cathedral:

***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.**

**Do thou direct our footsteps upon our earthly way,
And bring us by thy mercy to heaven's eternal day.**

**Within that blessed City thy praises may we sing,
And ever raise hosannas to our most loving King.**

Words: Theodulph of Orleans, translated by J.M. Neale

Music: M. Teschner, harmonised by J.S. Bach

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hark, all the tribes hosanna cry,
Thy humble beast pursues his 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!
Thy 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.**

Words: Henry Milman

Music: Musicalishes Hand-buch, Hamburg

When the choir, ministers and congregation are gathered in front of the west front of the cathedral, the service continues:

COLLECT

President Let us pray for a closer union with Christ in his suffering and in his glory.

Silence is kept.

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.

All

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

For those who are unable to stand throughout the readings please do take advantage of the stone benches that surround the parvis.

FIRST READING PHILIPPIANS 2.5-11

At the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord

All **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Choir Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

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

Choir Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, beath on a cross. But God raised him on high and gave him the name which is above all names.

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

PASSION READING MATTHEW 27.11-54

*Please join in fully in the parts in **bold** type.*

Evangelist The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Evangelist: Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him,

Pilate: Are you the King of the Jews?

Evangelist: Jesus said,

Jesus: You say so.

Evangelist: But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him,

Pilate: Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?

Evangelist: But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them,

Pilate: Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?

Evangelist: For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him,

Pilate's wife: Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.

Evangelist: Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them,

Pilate: Which of the two do you want me to release for you?

Evangelist: And they said,

Crowd: Barabbas.

Evangelist: Pilate said to them,

Pilate: Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?

Evangelist: All of them said,

Crowd: Let him be crucified!

Evangelist: Then he asked,

Pilate: Why, what evil has he done?

Evangelist: But they shouted all the more,

Crowd: Let him be crucified!

Evangelist: 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,

Pilate: I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.

Evangelist: Then the people as a whole answered,

Crowd: His blood be on us and on our children!

Evangelist: So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying,

Soldiers: Hail, King of the Jews!

Evangelist: They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him. As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they

had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.' Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

Crowd: You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.

Evangelist: In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying,

Crowd: He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.'

Evangelist: The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice,

Jesus: Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?

Evangelist: that is,

Jesus: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Evangelist: When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

Crowd: This man is calling for Elijah.

Evangelist: 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. But the others said,

Crowd: Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.

Evangelist: Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. 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,

Centurion: Truly this man was God's Son!

At the end of the Passion the Evangelist says

This is the Passion of the Lord.

No response is made.

*After a short time of silent reflection, the choir, ministers and congregation process to the body of the nave, whilst singing the following **Processional Hymn**:*

**Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle,
Sing the ending of the fray,
O'er the Cross, the victor's trophy,
Sound the loud triumphant lay:
Tell how Christ, the world's Redeemer,
As a Victim won the day.**

**God in pity saw man fallen,
Shamed and sunk in misery,
When he fell on death by tasting
Fruit of the forbidden tree:
Then another tree was chosen
Which the world from death should free.**

**Therefore when the appointed fullness
Of the holy time was come,
He was sent who maketh all things
Forth from God's eternal home:
Thus he came to earth, incarnate,
Offspring of a maiden's womb.**

**Thirty years among us dwelling,
Now at length his hour fulfilled,
Born for this, he meets his Passion,
For that this he freely willed,
On the Cross the Lamb is lifted,
Where his life-blood shall be spilled.**

**Bend thy boughs, O Tree of Glory,
Thy too rigid sinews bend;
For awhile the ancient rigour
That thy birth bestowed, suspend,
And the King of heavenly beauty
On thy bosom gently tend.**

Thou alone wast counted worthy
This world's Ransom to sustain,
That a shipwrecked race might ever
Thus a port of refuge gain,
With the sacred blood anointed
From the Lamb for sinners slain.

He endured the nails, the spitting,
Vinegar and spear and reed;
From that holy Body pierced
Blood and water forth proceed:
Earth and stars and sky and ocean
By that flood from stain are freed.

To the Trinity be glory,
To the Father and the Son,
With the co-eternal Spirit,
Ever Three and ever One,
One in love and one in splendour,
While unending ages run. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Stand

THE PEACE

The president introduces the Peace.

President Once we were far off, but now in union with Christ we have
been brought near through the shedding of Christ's blood, for
he is our peace.

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

PRAYER AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

*During the preparation of the altar the **Offertory Hymn** is sung:*

**Ah, holy Jesu, how hast thou offended,
That man to judge thee hath in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,
O most afflicted.**

**Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesu, hath undone thee.
'Twas I, Lord Jesu, I it was denied thee:
I crucified thee.**

**Lo, the good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;
The slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered;
For man's atonement, while he nothing heedeth,
God intercedeth.**

**For me, kind Jesu, was thy incarnation,
Thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation;
Thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion,
For my salvation.**

**Therefore, kind Jesu, since I cannot pay thee,
I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee,
Think on thy pity and thy love unswerving,
Not my deserving.**

*Words: J. Heerman, translated Robert Bridges
Music: harmonised by J.S.Bach*

Let us pray.

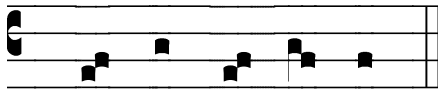
Jesus, true vine and bread of life, ever giving of yourself that
the world might live.

Let us share your death and passion;
make us perfect in your love.

All

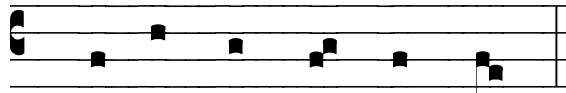
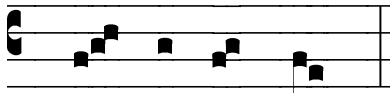
Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER (B)



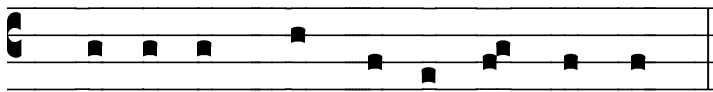
President The Lord be with you.

All **and al - so with you.**

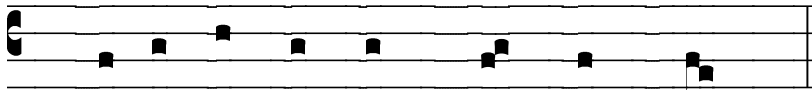


President Lift up your hearts.

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



President Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



All **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 sings the **Sanctus & Benedictus***

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus

Dominus Deus Sabaoth.

Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.

Hosanna in excelsis.

Benedictus qui venit

in nomine Domini.

Hosanna in excelsis.

Holy, holy, holy,

Lord God of hosts.

heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he that cometh

in the name of the Lord.

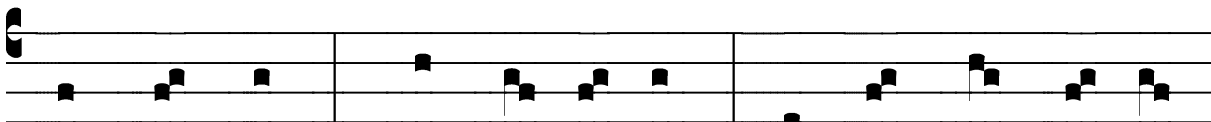
Hosanna in the highest.

Setting: Missa sexti toni Croce

President Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood
of our Lord Jesus Christ;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
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.

Great is the mystery of faith:



Christ has died. Christ is ris-en. Christ will come a-gain.

President And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of
the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection
and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
As we offer you this our sacrifice
of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of Mary the Virgin,
Hugh of Lincoln and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

President Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour taught us

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.
For thine is the kingdom, the power,
and the glory, for ever and ever.
Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

President We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

All **Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

THE GIVING OF COMMUNION

The president invites the people to receive communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.

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

President If you are worshipping with us online, I invite you to make your spiritual communion, praying that by God's grace, united with all the baptised and with Christ who gave his life for us, you may be filled with his indwelling presence.

Act of Spiritual Reception to say at home:

O loving God, in union with Christian people throughout the world and across the centuries gathered to make Eucharist, hearing your holy Word and receiving the Precious Body and Blood of your dear Son, I offer you praise and thanksgiving. Even though I am exiled from tasting the Bread of Heaven and drinking the Cup of Life I pray that you will unite me with all the baptised and with your Son who gave his life for us. Come Lord Jesus, dwell in me and send your Holy Spirit that I may be filled with your presence. Amen.

*The choir sings the **Agnus Dei***

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi
miserere nobis*

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi
miserere nobis*

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi
dona nobis pacem.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins
of the world: have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins
of the world: have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins
of the world: grant us thy peace.

Setting: Missa sexti toni *Croce*

*Anthem during the distribution of communion: O sacrum convivium **Thomas Tallis***

O sacrum convivium, in quo Christus
sumitur;
recolitur memoria passionis ejus;
mens impletur gratia;
et futurae gloriae nobis pignus datur.

O sacred banquet, wherein Christ is
received;
the memorial of his passion is renewed;
the soul is filled with grace;
and a pledge of future glory is given to us.

Organ music during the distribution of communion: Herzlich thut mich verlangen

(2nd setting) *J. Brahms*

Stand

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

President Let us pray.

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.

All

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.**

The Dismissal

The congregation sings the Post-communion Hymn:

**All for Jesus! all for Jesus!
This our song shall ever be;
For we have not hope, nor Saviour,
If we have not hope in Thee.**

**All for Jesus! Thou wilt give us
Strength to serve Thee hour by hour;
None can move us from Thy presence
While we trust Thy love and power.**

**All for Jesus! at Thine altar
Thou wilt give us sweet content;
There, dear Saviour, we receive Thee
In thy holy Sacrament.**

**All for Jesus! Thou hast love us;
All for Jesus! Thou hast died;
All for Jesus! Thou art with us;
All for Jesus, glorified!**

**All for Jesus! all for Jesus!
This the Church's song shall be
Till, at last the flock is gathered
One in love, and one in Thee.**

*Words: W. J. Sparrow-Simpson
Music: John Stainer*

President The Lord be with you
All **and also with you**

President May the Father,
who so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
bring you by faith to his eternal life.

All **Amen.**

May Christ,
who accepted the cup of sacrifice
in obedience to the Father's will,
keep you steadfast as you walk with him the way of his
cross.

All **Amen.**

May the Spirit,
who strengthens us to suffer with Christ
that we may share his glory,
set your minds on life and peace.

All **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Gospeller Go in the peace of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Organ Postlude: Valet will ich dir geben (BWV736) J.S.Bach

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