

THE CRUCIFIXION

SENTENCE

And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.
Philippians 2.8

Minister My God, my God, look upon me.
All **Why hast thou forsaken me?**

Sit

CHOIR Drop, drop slow tears Leighton
Drop, drop, slow tears, and bathe those beautiful feet which brought from Heaven the news and Prince of Peace: cease not, wet eyes, His mercy to entreat; to cry for vengeance sin doth never cease. In your deep floods drown all my faults and fears; nor let His eye see sin, but through my tears.

GOSPEL John 19 verses 16-30

SILENCE

COLLECT

Almighty God, we beseech thee graciously to behold this thy family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed, and given up into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the cross, who now liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

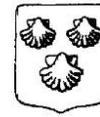
Stand

HYMN 67 When I survey the wondrous Cross ...

Sit

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Please stand as the choir and clergy depart in silence



The Church of St James the Greater
Leicester

Palm Sunday



Music and Readings for Holy Week

ENTERING JERUSALEM

Please remain sitting as the choir & ministers enter in silence

GOSPEL Matthew 21.1-9

CHOIR Hosanna to the Son of David

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Hosanna to the Son of David,
Blessed be the King that cometh
In the name of the Lord, Hosanna.
Thou that sittest in the highest heav'ns,
Hosanna in excelsis Deo.

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

Stand

HYMN 60 All glory, laud and honour ...

During which palm crosses are collected by the congregation

GETHSEMANE

SENTENCE

Burnt-offerings and sacrifice for sin hast thou not required: then said I, Lo, I come, in the volume of the book it is written of me, that I should fulfill thy will,
O my God.
Psalms 40.6-8

Minister I will receive the cup of salvation.
All **And call upon the name of the Lord.**

Sit

READING 'The Agony' by George Herbert (1593 – 1633)

CHOIR And they came to a place named Gethsemane Stainer

GOSPEL MARK 14 verses 32-50

SILENCE

COLLECT

Lord Jesus Christ, who in the Garden of Gethsemane didst pray with agony and bloody sweat that thy Father's will be done; grant that the same mind be formed also in us, that dying to sin and selfishness we may rise to life with thee: who now livest and reignest with the same Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

Stand
HYMN 63 My song is love unknown ...

THE TRIAL

SENTENCE

I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair:
I hid not my face from shame and spitting. *Isaiah 50.6*

Minister Give sentence with me, O God,
and defend my cause against the ungodly people.

All **O deliver me from the deceitful and wicked man.**

Sit

CHOIR The Crown of Roses Tchaikovsky

When Jesus Christ was yet a child,
He had a garden small and wild,
Wherein He cherished roses fair,
And wove them into garlands there.

Now once, as summer time drew nigh,
There came a troop of children by,
And seeing roses on the tree,
With shouts they pluck'd them merrily.

"Do you bind roses in your hair?"
They cried, in scorn, to Jesus there.
The Boy said humbly: "Take, I pray,
All but the naked thorns away."

Then of the thorns they made a crown,
And with rough fingers press'd it down,
Till on his forehead fair and young,
Red drops of blood, like roses sprung.

GOSPEL Matthew 27 verses 11-26

SILENCE

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant, that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Stand
HYMN 68 O sacred head, surrounded ...