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**This week at the Church of
St James the Greater
Leicester**

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**28 MARCH 2021
PALM SUNDAY**

Prayer for the Week

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.

Our Prayers are asked for:

All prevented from worshipping with us, remembering this week

Conceição Fernandes : Gwen Leather :
Marilyn Dorum : Margaret Norman
and all those currently unable to attend services.

Unwell

Michael Quigley : Ann Blanchard : Anthony Green :
Owen Shepherd : Josephine Chizema

Recovering

The Very Reverend Derek Hole

Welcome to St James the Greater

Sunday 28TH March 2021

10:30am

Welcome to our weekly online service. To be able to join us please ensure you have downloaded Zoom to your computer, mobile phone or tablet and click on the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81897708742?pwd=OXV5UIBkZ2ZlYWtjMTYveVU5RjEzQT09>

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Passcode: 364834

A Service of Morning Prayer For Palm Sunday

*Please join in the responses in **bold type**, but ensure your microphone is muted.*

Preparation

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

All: **And also with you.**

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.

All: **Hosanna to the Son of David.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

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 sacrifice of God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart God will not despise. Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion, and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

All:
**Lord God,
we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore us to the joy of your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

May the Father of all mercies
cleanse you from your sins,
and restore you in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Blessed is the Lord,

All: for he has heard the voice of our prayer;

therefore, shall our hearts dance for joy

All: and in our song will we praise our God.

Blessed are you, Lord our God,
creator and redeemer of all;
to you be glory and praise for ever.
From the waters of chaos, you drew forth the world
and in your great love fashioned us in your image.
Now, through the deep waters of death,
you have brought your people to new birth
by raising your Son to life in triumph.
May Christ your light ever dawn in our hearts
as we offer you our sacrifice of thanks and praise.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

All: Blessed be God for ever.

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence, O God,
set our hearts on fire with love for you;
now and for ever.

All: Amen.

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.

You can follow The Passion Narrative in the attachment included with your email copy of the bulletin

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

At the end

This is the Passion of the Lord.

No response is made

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;

All: By your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong.

All: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

We preach Christ crucified, the power of God and the wisdom of God.

All: By your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you; by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

Gospel Canticle

The Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah) is said:

All:

- 1. Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,
who has come to his people and set them free.**
- 2. He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,
born of the house of his servant David.**
- 3. Through his holy prophets God promised of old
to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all that hate us,**
- 4. To show mercy to our ancestors,
and to remember his holy covenant.**
- 5. This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,**
- 6. Free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.**
- 7. And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,**
- 8. To give his people knowledge of salvation**

by the forgiveness of all their sins.

9. In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
10. To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Luke 1.68-79

All:

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

A sermon is preached

The Creed

All:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and 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 the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Prayers

Intercessions are offered.

For forgiveness for the many times we have denied Jesus,
let us pray to the Lord.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

For grace to seek out 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.**

That we, with those who have died in faith,
may find mercy in the day of Christ,
let us pray to the Lord.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

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

The Collect is said.

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 Lord's Prayer is said

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has 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 Conclusion

The Blessing

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.**

Let us bless the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

You are welcome to stay online for a chat – feel free to remain logged in while you make a drink!

Wednesday 31st March 2021

6:30pm

A Service of Compline

Welcome to our weekly online service of Compline for Holy Week, which this week is led by Angela Jagger. To be able to join us please ensure you have downloaded Zoom to your computer, mobile phone or tablet and click on the link below:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74599337834?pwd=MmIYeWphbDJTU3FCTlpmcCtzdHdTZz09>
Meeting ID: 745 9933 7834 **Passcode: C7hFQN**

A copy of the Order of Service can be downloaded from the church's website by visiting: <http://www.stjamesthegreater.org.uk/resources/Order%20of%20Service%20-%20Online%20Compline.pdf>

You can join in the responses, but just make sure you've muted your microphone. There will also be some parts sung by a small group from the choir and the words of the service will also be shown on screen.

The Vicar Writes ...

Holy week is always one of the great imaginative exercises of our faith. We meet crowds, cheering today, jeering on Friday, we see justice and friendship betrayed, rejoicing and heartbreak, the washing of feet and the breaking of bread.

This year that imaginative exercise is perhaps harder, without our processions and palms, with no hymns, no bread and wine shared. Yet in the heartbreak so many have endured this year, perhaps God is closer to us than ever, if we can find the way to recognize him.



FELLOW CITIZENS OF HEAVEN Did you know that during his time as our Vicar at St James the Greater and then as Provost of Leicester, Derek Hole has delivered the address at over 200 funerals. Working in collaboration with Graham Jagger, Derek has collated fifty of these addresses into a newly published book, 'Fellow Citizens of Heaven'.

The book is published by the Friends of St James the Greater and is available to buy online from lulu.com. You'll find more details on the book and how to order your copy on the flyer attached with your copy of the bulletin. Congratulations to Derek, and Graham, for all your efforts in putting Fellow Citizens of Heaven together over the last few months.

Holy Week Services

As we're unable to open for services this Holy Week and Easter all our services will be online. Below you'll find details of services and devotional music that we will be offering, as well as our regular Wednesday evening service of Compline.

MAUNDY THURSDAY At 7:30pm the Vicar will lead an online service as we commemorate the Last Supper and mark the beginning of the Easter Triduum. If you were with us at the start of Lent for our Ash Wednesday, this service will follow a similar format. The full order of service and Zoom details for the service will be emailed out to everyone who receives the bulletin on Thursday.

GOOD FRIDAY Paul Jenkins and the Knighton String Quartet will be performing 'Seven Last Words', a meditation on Good Friday in words and the music of Joseph Haydn. Their performance will be recorded in church on Good Friday and be available to watch on our Facebook page and YouTube channel later in the day.

EASTER SUNDAY We will celebrate the end of Lent and the resurrection of Jesus with online worship at 10:30am. Full details of our service will be in next week's bulletin.

In addition to our services, there are other online events being hosted in Leicester during Holy Week, these include:

HOLY WEEK TOGETHER: A CRY FROM THE CROSS Each day from Palm Sunday to Holy Saturday, the Cathedral will publish (on their social media and website) a meditation available from 12 noon. These films include bible readings, music, poetry and prayers. Bishop Guli will reflect each day on Jesus's last words from the cross using her experience as a Christian from Iran but who

now lives here. Dean David will conclude the films on Holy Saturday with a reflection on all that Bishop Guli has explored. They are offered as a resource for reflection this Holy Week as we journey again with Jesus.

MAUNDY THURSDAY DIOCESAN EUCHARIST On 1st April, clergy and lay ministers of the diocese would usually gather in Leicester Cathedral for the Diocesan (Chrism) Eucharist, with the renewal of ordination vows and blessing of the oils. Unfortunately, due to the continuing high numbers of COVID cases in Leicestershire, the difficult decision has been made to move the service online for a second year.

The Bishops and those with other key roles to play in the service will be in the Cathedral and the service will be livestreamed through the Cathedral's YouTube and Facebook page at 11:00am, and also available to watch later. Bishop Martyn will preside and the preacher will be The Rt Revd Rob Freeman, one of our Honorary Assistant Bishops. You'll be able to download the order of service from the diocesan website from 29th March onwards.

LEICESTERSHIRE AT THE CROSS 2021 On Good Friday, many churches and denominations from around Leicestershire, along with the Bishop of Leicester, are coming together for 'Leicestershire at the Cross'. This will be an amazing event, with many people involved. We are invited to come and enjoy powerful music, words and performances, as we celebrate and remember the cross of Jesus Christ. Everyone is welcome to join, as we celebrate Jesus as a county this Good Friday. The event will be streamed on the **Praying for Leicestershire YouTube channel** on Friday 2nd April (streaming from 5.45pm, with the event beginning at 6pm).

LENT APPEAL At the start of Lent, we launched our Lent Appeal for 2021. In most years, we would usually support the Bishop's Lent Appeal. However, this year with churches in Leicester and Leicestershire unable to open, an appeal isn't being held. Because of this, we'd like to encourage you to take this opportunity to help a charity of your choice.

We know many of you already support charities both locally, nationally and abroad. However, if you're unsure of a charity to back, or would like to help a different one, maybe you'd like to consider making a donation to one of the fantastic organisations listed below. We've included a link to their website to allow you to learn more about them.

- **Open Hands** Is a Leicester charity, whose primary purpose is to show compassion, support and care to those in need, to invest hope in and through

people and to empower individuals to work towards a better future.

<https://www.openhandsleicester.org.uk/>

- **Leicester South Foodbank** This is the nearest foodbank to St James and we've supported them in previous Harvest Thanksgiving and Christmas appeals. <https://leicestersouth.foodbank.org.uk/>
- **One Roof** Provide accommodation, support and advice to people who are homeless, destitute refugees, asylum seekers and vulnerably housed in Leicester. <https://www.oneroof.org.uk/>
- **Menphys** Is a local charity that provides a range of specialist services to support children and young adults with additional needs and disabilities, and their families. <https://www.menphys.org.uk/>
- **After 18** Is a charity which specialises in supporting unaccompanied asylum-seeking children and young refugees under 25 to adjust to living in Leicestershire, consider their options and prepare for their future. <https://www.after18.org.uk/>
- **Christian Aid** Whilst Christian Aid week will take place in late May, last year's appeal was greatly impacted by the first Covid lockdown and they still need our support. <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/>

The last twelve months have been difficult for all of us, but this Lent it would be good if we could show our Christian charity by displaying our support for those who are less fortunate as ourselves.

Dates For Your Diary

ONLINE HOUSE GROUPS The last house group of Lent, led by Val Bailey, takes place this coming Monday, 29th March at 2:30pm. Where they'll be discussing the hymn 'Praise to the Holiest in the Height'. You can join the Zoom meeting by using the details below:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/4049355092?pwd=ZU5aZ2JaTWlBK0V3aHZUTlp4bGVGUT09>

Meeting ID: 404 935 5092

Passcode: 6Hyy6R

TEA AT THE VICARAGE With the Chrism Eucharist taking place this week, we'll be taking a break with our regular Thursday catch-up's. These will restart after Easter, so watch out for more details in next week's bulletin.

LENT COURSE Our online Lent Course has now finished. However, Bible Study will recommence after Easter on Friday 9th April at 7:00pm during Lent. To join us, you just need to click on the following link:

<https://tinyurl.com/yxz8dv3r>. It doesn't matter if you've been unable to attend any of the previous sessions, you

CONTACTING THE TEAM Andrew can be contacted by email at: revdaquigley@gmail.com or 0116 254 4113. The Church Office can be contacted by email at: office@stjamesthegreater.org.uk or by telephoning 0116 254 2111 and leaving a message. Please don't hesitate to get in touch, further details are on our website www.stjamesthegreater.org.uk

YOUR GIVING TO ST JAMES Did you know that in a normal year over 35% of the church's income is made up of regular Direct Debits and Standing Orders from members of the congregation?

If you already give by Direct Debit or Standing Order, thank you! Of course, if you are able to increase the amount you give, that would be very welcome. We do not hold Gift Aid declarations for some people and if this applies to you, we will be in touch to ask if you can fill one in for us.

If you are not already a regular giver, please consider starting a Direct Debit through the Church of England's Parish Giving Scheme. They offer a very friendly service and will help you set everything up over the phone. They make sure that Gift Aid tax relief is claimed (this adds 25p to every £1 that you give), and they pass every penny of your donation straight through to St James the Greater.

You can contact the Parish Giving Scheme on 0333 002 1271 (local call rates apply).

Resources for Home Worship

Broadcast Media

Daily Service	Monday – Friday at 9.45am	Radio 4 LW
Choral Evensong	Wednesday at 3.30pm and Sunday at 3pm	Radio 3
Sunday Worship	Sunday at 8.10am	Radio 4
Lent Worship	Sunday morning – check schedule for time	BBC 1
Songs of Praise	Sunday – check schedule for time	BBC 1

There is also a service on Radio Leicester at 8:00am on a Sunday morning

Online

www.churchofengland.org

www.leicestercathedral.org

DAILY HOPE TELEPHONE SERVICE offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line. The line – which is available 24 hours a day on 0800 804 8044 –

has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services during the period of restrictions in mind. This is a Freephone number.

Options available include materials also available digitally by the Church of England's Communications team such as Prayer during the Day and Night Prayer updated daily, from Common Worship, and a recording of the Church of England weekly national online service. A section called Hymn Line offers callers a selection of hymns, updated daily. An option entitled 'Hymns We Love', provides an increasing range of hymns and reflections on them. More options have been added.

The options are detailed below:

1. Hymns we love – one each day with a spoken reflection based on it.
2. Hymn line – favourite hymns on a repeating loop.
3. Chair exercises – a different set of exercise for each day of the week.
4. Daily Reflection for these times – read by Pam Rhodes.
5. Access to more options (6 – 9).
6. Weekly service from C of E.
7. Morning and Evening Prayer from Common Worship.
8. Latest Government advice on Coronavirus.
9. Mother's Union Midday Service.

Pressing 0 returns you to the top menu (1 – 5) and * gives access to the full text of the Archbishop of Canterbury's introduction. It is helpful to have the telephone on speakerphone to avoid having to hold the handset for a long time.

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