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This week at the **Church of
St James the Greater**
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24th MARCH 2024
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

Marilyn Dorum : Mollie Drake : Anne Sylvester : Nina French
Anthony Green : Gillian Boorne : Josephine Chizema : Ann Blanchard
and all those currently unable to attend services.

Those who are unwell and who are recovering

Isobel Ross : Rex Woolhouse : Penny Judge : Mark Sadler : Nicola Shilton :
Andrew King : Mandy Stephensen : Revd David Clark : Sue Ingle :
Caroline Beardsmore

Rest in peace: Douglas Smith : Vincent Beeslee (58)

Welcome to St James the Greater

08:30 Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel

Common Worship Order 1 (Traditional)

President: The Reverend Philip Norwood

Assisted by: William Woolley

Churchwarden: Paul Jenkins

A card reader donation machine is available.

10.30

Sung Eucharist

See order of service

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Assisted by: David Kibert and Angela Jagger

Churchwardens: April Rule and Janet Burton

Sidesperson: Rachel Pratt

Servers: David Kibert, Charles Samuel and William Simpey

Setting: Rawsthorne Festive Eucharist

THE PASSION NARRATIVE MARK 14.32 – 15.41

Post Communion Prayer

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.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Please be aware of those remaining to listen.

Everyone is invited for refreshments at the back of church after the service.

18:30

Music and Readings for Palm Sunday

See special order of service

Officiant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Churchwarden: Simon Edwards

Server: William Woolley, Tony Chizema and Lydia Doughty

Readings

Matthew 21.1-9

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them." And he will send them immediately.' ⁴This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

⁵ 'Tell the daughter of Zion,

Look, your king is coming to you,

humble, and mounted on a donkey,

and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

'Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

The Agony – George Herbert

Philosophers have measur'd the mountains,

Fathom'd the depths of the seas, of states, and kings,

Walk'd with a staffe to heav'n, and traced fountains:

But there are two vast, spacious things,

The which to measure it doth more behove:

Yet few there are that found them; Sinne and Love.

Who would know Sinne, let him repair

Unto mount Olivet; there shall he see

A man so wrung with pains, that all his hair,

His skinne, his garments bloudie be.

Sinne is that presse and vice, which forceth pain

To hunt his cruell food through ev'ry vein.

Who knows not Love, let him assay,
And taste that juice, which on the crosse a pike
Did set again abroach; then let him say
If ever he did taste the like.
Love in that liquor sweet and most divine,
Which my God feels as blood; but I, as wine.

Mark 14.32-50

They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, 'Sit here while I pray.' He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. And he said to them, 'I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake.' And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. He said, 'Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want.' He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, 'Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.' And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. He came a third time and said to them, 'Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.'

Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, 'The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard.' So when he came, he went up to him at once and said, 'Rabbi!' and kissed him. Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to them, 'Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled.' All of them deserted him and fled.

Matthew 27.11-26

Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus said, 'You say so.'¹² But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer.¹³ Then Pilate said to him, 'Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?'¹⁴ But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

¹⁵ Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. ¹⁶ At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. ¹⁷ So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, 'Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?' ¹⁸ For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. ¹⁹ While he was sitting on the judgement seat, his wife sent word to him, 'Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.' ²⁰ Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. ²¹ The governor again said to them, 'Which of the two do you want me to release for you?' And they said, 'Barabbas.' ²² Pilate said to them, 'Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?' All of them said, 'Let him be crucified!' ²³ Then he asked, 'Why, what evil has he done?' But they shouted all the more, 'Let him be crucified!'

²⁴ 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, 'I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.' ²⁵ Then the people as a whole answered, 'His blood be on us and on our children!' ²⁶ So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

John 19.16-30

Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

So they took Jesus; ¹⁷ and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. ¹⁸ There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. ¹⁹ Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, 'Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.' ²⁰ Many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. ²¹ Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, 'Do not write, "The King of the Jews", but, "This man said, I am King of the Jews."' ²² Pilate answered, 'What I have written I have written.' ²³ When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. ²⁴ So they said to one another, 'Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it.' This was to fulfil what the scripture says, 'They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots.'

²⁵ And that is what the soldiers did.

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother,

'Woman, here is your son.' ²⁷Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

²⁸ After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfil the scripture), 'I am thirsty.' ²⁹A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. ³⁰When Jesus had received the wine, he said, 'It is finished.' Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

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A card reader donation machine is available at the back of church.

The Vicar Writes This week we follow the final steps into darkness, from acclaim and adulation to betrayal and trial, death and burial. The daily services this week enable us to re-enter the story in its fulness. Let us faithfully follow and watch with love until the very end – which is of course not the end.



The Week Ahead

Tuesday - Friday

08:00 **Morning Prayer** in the Lady Chapel

Monday 25th

18.30 **Said Compline**

Tuesday 26th

18.30 **Said Compline**

Wednesday 27th

18.30 **Said Compline**

19.00 **Youth Group**

Thursday 28th

11.00 **Chrism Mass** at the Cathedral

19.30 **Liturgy of the Last Supper**

Friday 29th

13.15 **Shared lunch in the Hall**

14.00 **Stations of the Cross**

19.30 **Tenebrae**

Sunday 31st March

Easter Day

07.00 Dawn Service	President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley Readings: Genesis 7.1-5, 11-18, 8.6-19, 9.8-13, Genesis 22.1-18 and Exodus 14.10-15.1
10:30 All Age Eucharist	President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley Readings: Acts 10.34-43 and Mark 16.1-8
18:30 Festal Evensong	Officiant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley Readings: Ezekiel 37.1-14 and Luke 24.13-35

MINSTER COMMUNITIES: the Diocese is progressing its plans for the reorganisation of its parishes. There will be a meeting after the 10.30 service today (Sunday the 24th) to outline the process, and to seek two representatives from St. James to be part of this.

EASTER FLOWERS Yellow envelopes marked specially for donations towards the cost of Easter arrangements are on the back tables. Please place the envelopes in the brown baskets provided. If possible, please Gift Aid your donation. Thank you.

MAUNDY THURSDAY FOOT WASHING There is a list at the back of church to sign up if you are willing to have a foot washed by the Vicar during the Maundy Thursday Eucharist. We need twelve volunteers before the day.

GOOD FRIDAY 'WALK OF WITNESS' We are delighted that a group of churches, charities and organisations in Leicester are bringing back an event to the city centre on Good Friday.

The 'Walk of Witness' from Victoria Park to Gallowtree Gate, starts at 9am, stopping at various points to pray, followed by a crucifixion drama by the Manna Theatre Company.

Organisers are appealing for people to volunteer on the day, particularly marshalls and first aiders. If you can help, please contact Revd Lorraine Burke on missions@ntcgthelighthouse.org.

GOOD FRIDAY LUNCH Before the service of the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, a simple lunch will be served in the large hall at 1.15pm. Please sign the sheet at the back of the church if you would like to join us.

PARISH EASTER LEAFLETS Thank you to those who helped deliver the Easter leaflets to houses in the Parish.

ST. JAMES' YOUTH GROUP Meeting alternate Wednesdays from 7.00pm – 8.30pm. All young people in school years 8-13 are welcome to join us for games, food and a short discussion based on a Bible passage. See fliers on back tables at church. The next Youth Group will meet on **Wednesday 27th March**.

Resources for Home Worship

Broadcast Media

Daily Service	Monday – Friday at 9.45am	Radio 4 LW*
Sunday Worship	Sunday at 8.10 am	Radio 4
Songs of Praise	Sunday at 1.15 pm	BBC 1
Choral Evensong	Sunday at 3 pm and Wednesday at 4 pm	Radio 3
Compline in Lent	Monday at 9.30 pm	Radio 3

Online at www.churchofengland.org and www.leicestercathedral.org

* From April 2024 the Daily Service will only be available on Radio 4 Extra, which is a digital channel available on DAB radio, Freeview 708, Freesat 708, Sky 0126, Virgin Media 910 and online at <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006wzfs>

DAILY HOPE TELEPHONE SERVICE - Freephone 0800 804 8044

New funding has been secured by the charity 'Faith in Later Life', which has allowed the Daily Hope Telephone Service to reopen. The charity is welcoming donations at:

www.faithinlaterlife.org.uk/donate

The options available from a telephone keypad are:

1. Hymns we love – reflections on favourite hymns
2. How to support Daily Hope
3. Spring reflections by Pippa Cramer
4. Morning and Evening Prayers
5. Weekly Church of England Service
6. Sleep Well with Daily Hope
7. Easter message from Alex Drew

It is helpful to have the telephone on speakerphone to avoid having to hold the handset.

Vicky Roe.

Pastoral Assistant

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