

Welcome to St Mary's Church, Boxford



The Liturgy of Palm Sunday



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**Diocese of St Edmundsbury
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Commemoration of the Lord's Entry into Jerusalem

The service begins at the Cross

Palms are blessed and handed around the congregation.

The following anthem is sung by the President.

All 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

The Greeting

The president greets the people

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

All and also with you.

cf 1 Timothy 1.2

Introduction

The president introduces the celebration using these or other appropriate words

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 their palms 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 lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

All Amen.

The Palm Gospel

When the Gospel is announced, this response is used

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

At the end

All This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

The Procession into Church

Let us go forth, praising Jesus our Messiah.

All process to church whilst singing.

Hymn – All Glory Laud and Honour (no 13)

Invitation to confession

Remain Standing!

Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden,
and I will give you rest.

God shows his love for us

in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Let us then show our love for him

by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

President Show mercy on us loving Father. We have sinned against you, please make us a-new. In your love and your grace you forgive us.

Lord have mercy

All **Lord have mercy**

All **Lord have mercy**

President Look not on our failings, Lord Jesus. We have sinned against, please make us a-new. By your life and your death you redeem us.

Christ have mercy

All **Christ have mercy**

All **Christ have mercy**

President Come fill our hearts Holy Spirit. We have sinned against you, please make us a-new. Forgive us and heal us and save us.

Lord have mercy

All **Lord have mercy**

All **Lord have mercy**

The congregation are invited to cross themselves whilst the president declares God's absolution by saying:

Almighty God,

who forgives all who truly repent,

have mercy upon you,

pardon and deliver you from all your sins,

confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,

and keep you in life eternal;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Collect

Remain Standing!

The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words 'Let us pray' or a more specific bidding.

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

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 Liturgy of the Word

Please Sit!

Readings

At the end the reader may say

All This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

At the end the reader may say

All This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Hymn

Please Stand!

The Passion Reading

When the Gospel is announced everyone turns to face and may make the sign of the cross

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.**

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

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

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.

At the end

All This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Prayers of Intercession

Please Kneel or Sit!

Let us bring to the Father our prayers of intercession through Christ who gave himself for the life of the world.

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

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.

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.

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.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who still make Jerusalem a battleground, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who have the courage and honesty to work openly for justice and peace,

let us pray to the Lord.

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.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who, weighed down with hardship, failure, sorrow or sickness may feel that God is far from them, feel his merciful love and compassion especially...

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who are tempted to give up the way of the cross, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who have died, especially...

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

Lord, have mercy.

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

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Hymn

Remain Standing!

Preparation of the Table

Taking of the Bread and Wine

The gifts of the people are gathered and presented. The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

The president takes the bread and wine and says:

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.

The president now washes her/his hands and privately says a prayer of benediction to ensure that they are cleansed from the sin of the world and worthy to be used in God's service at the Altar.

Pray, my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands,
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good, and the good of all his Church. Amen**

The Eucharistic Prayer

Remain Standing!

The president says

The Lord is here.

All **His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

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

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*:

All sing **Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord,
Holy is the Lord God Almighty,
Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord,
Holy is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come
Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord**

Setting: Colin Hand

The president recalls the Last Supper,

Please Sit or Kneel!

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us his body and his blood;

*(We ask God to transform these holy gifts for our spiritual and
physical benefit. We make the sign of the cross.)*

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.

We make the sign of the cross.

All To you be glory and praise for ever.

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. *We make the sign of the cross.*

All To you be glory and praise for ever.

Therefore, heavenly Father,
 we remember his offering of himself
 made once for all upon the cross;
 we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
 we look for the coming of your kingdom,
 and with this bread and this cup
 we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

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

Accept through him, our great high priest,
 this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
 and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
 in the presence of your divine majesty,
 renew us by your Spirit,
 inspire us with your love
 and unite us in the body of your Son,
 Jesus Christ our Lord.

All To you be glory and praise for ever.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
 we worship you, Father almighty,
 in songs of everlasting praise:

**All Blessing and honour and glory and power
 be yours for ever and ever.
 Amen.**

The holy gifts are elevated towards heaven one final time, just as heaven is brought closer to earth through our prayer and petition. God transforms these gifts, making them Christ's Body and Blood for us. At this moment the veil between heaven and earth is at its thinnest. Holiness is in our midst. We may choose to make the sign of the cross!

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Remain Seated!

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

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

Agnus Dei

All Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is the Lord,
 Jesus is the Lord God Almighty
 Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is the Lord,
 Jesus is the Lord God Almighty
 Who was and is and is to come
 Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is the Lord

Setting: Colin Hand

Giving of Communion

The president says the invitation to communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God
 who takes away the sin of the world.
 Blessed 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.

All Most merciful Lord,
 your love compels us to come in.
 Our hands were unclean,
 our hearts were unprepared;
 we were not fit
 even to eat the crumbs from under your table.
 But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,
 and share your bread with sinners.
 So cleanse and feed us
 with the precious body and blood of your Son,
 that he may live in us and we in him;
 and that we, with the whole company of Christ,
 may sit and eat in your kingdom.
Amen.

*The president receives together with and on behalf of the Church
 and the people; no less connected, albeit from afar.*

Prayer after Communion

Remain Seated!

Silence is kept.

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 courage to follow you
 and to proclaim you as Lord and King,
 to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

All 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

Please Stand!

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 ...

Make the sign of the cross as we ask God to bless our lives in his service

Hymn

Remain Standing!

A minister says

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*Refreshed and nourished through our engagement with God in the
Sacrament, we depart to live as active and visible Christians in the world.*

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