



**Palm Sunday 29th March 2026**  
**we meet at the stocks at 9.50am**

## **At the stocks**

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

Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth;

**All Serve the Lord with gladness!**

Come before him with joyful songs;

**All Give thanks to him and praise his name! Amen.**

**Hosanna to the Son of David.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Let us go forth, praising Jesus our Messiah.**

*At the west door of the Church everyone inside the Church is invited to stand and we say together the prayer below, then the first hymn is sung. During the singing of this hymn the people are invited to walk from the west door through the Church, out through the vestry door and round the Church re-entering through the west door. Everyone is encouraged to join as we begin our journey remembering Jesus' journey into Jerusalem, waving our branches as we go.*

**All Lord Jesus, you rode into your city in triumph on this day, receiving the shouts and the welcome of many people. Come into this church today. Receive our welcome. Come to rule in our hearts and minds.**

## **Hymn**

*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:**

*All glory, laud, and honour .....*

**The company of angels  
are praising thee on high,  
and mortal men and all things  
created make reply:**

*All glory, laud, and honour .....*

The people of the Hebrews  
with palms before thee went:  
our praise and prayer and anthems  
before thee we present:

*All glory, laud, and honour .....*

To thee before thy passion  
they sang their hymns of praise:  
to thee now high exalted  
our melody we raise:

*All glory, laud, and honour .....*

Thou didst accept their praises,  
accept the prayers we bring,  
who in all good delightest,  
thou good and gracious King.:

*All glory, laud, and honour  
to thee, Redeemer, King!  
to whom the lips of children  
made sweet hosannas ring.*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All Amen.**

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

**All and also with you.**

My sisters and brothers 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.

## **Collect or special prayer for Palm Sunday**

True and humble King, hailed by the crowd as Messiah; grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory.

**All Amen.**

### **Reading** Philippians 2:5-11

For the gift of your holy word

**All Thanks be to God.**

### **Hymn**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
Hark, all the tribes hosanna cry;  
O Saviour meek, pursue thy 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 winged squadrons of the sky  
look down with sad and wondering eyes  
to see the approaching sacrifice.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
The 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.**

## Gospel 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.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

### The Creed

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

**All Though he was divine,  
he did not cling to equality with God,  
but made himself nothing.  
Taking the form of a slave,  
he was born in human likeness.  
He humbled himself  
and was obedient to death, even the death of the cross.  
Therefore God has raised him on high,  
and given him the name above every name:  
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,  
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### Prayers of Intercession

To the words 'Lord hear us,' would you please respond '**Lord graciously hear us**'.

Merciful Father,

**All accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

# Prayers of Penitence

## Invitation to Confession

Let us come together to a moment of confession. Imagine Jesus entering our presence just as he entered Jerusalem some 2,000 years ago. Envision the palm branches, the donkey, the shouts of "hosanna." Understanding who he is and knowing who we are...

## Prayer of Confession

We pray together

**All O God, you know us well. We are quick to speak of faith, but slow to live it fully. We shout "hosanna" as Jesus approaches, as did the people of Jerusalem many years ago; but we do not want him to come too close - not close enough to really see...**

## Silent Confession

And we pray together...

**All O God, you know us well. We are quick to claim faith in Jesus as our Lord and Saviour; but, like the throng who greeted his entry into Jerusalem, we are fickle, slow to live fully and everywhere as faithful disciples. We know where we fail...**

## Silent Confession

And we pray together...

**All O God, you know us well. We are quick to want the blessings of faithfulness; but, like the Twelve who spent the last week with him, we are slow to accept the pain and suffering of authentic Christ-like living. Forgive our weakness and fear...**

## Silent Confession

*The president says*

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 notices are given.*

## **Blessing of Palms**

Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

**All It is right to give you our thanks and praise.**

As he entered Jerusalem as Messiah to suffer and to die, the Hebrews acclaimed Jesus the Messiah and King with palm branches in their hands, crying 'Hosanna in the highest.'

May your blessing be upon these palms as signs of his love for us and grant that we who carry them in his name may ever call him our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**All Amen.**

## **The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

### **The Peace**

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

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**All and also with you.**

*All may acknowledge one another with the words 'The peace of the Lord be with you'.*

**Hymn** during which a collection will be taken for the work of this Parish. At the end of the service the contactless giving machine will be available at the back of church should you prefer to make a donation in this way.

**There is a hope that burns within my heart,  
that gives me strength for every passing day;  
a glimpse of glory now revealed in meagre part,  
yet drives all doubt away:  
I stand in Christ, with sins forgiven;  
and Christ in me, the hope of heaven!  
My highest calling and my deepest joy,  
to make his will my home.**

**There is a hope that lifts my weary head,  
a consolation strong against despair,  
that when the world has plunged me in its deepest pit,  
I find the Saviour there!  
Through present sufferings, future's fear,  
he whispers 'courage' in my ear.  
for I am safe in everlasting arms,  
and they will lead me home.**

**There is a hope that stands the test of time,  
that lifts my eyes beyond the beckoning grave,  
to see the matchless beauty of a day divine  
when I behold his face!  
When sufferings cease and sorrows die,  
and every longing satisfied.  
then joy unspeakable will flood my soul,  
for I am truly home.**

## **Preparation of the Table**

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.

**All Amen.**

## **Eucharistic Prayer**

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.**

*The president praises God for his mighty acts and all respond*

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

*The president recalls the Last Supper*

**All Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life: Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

*The prayer continues and leads into the doxology, to which all respond*

**All Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Lord Jesus, remember us in your kingdom and teach us pray

**All Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

## **Breaking of the Bread**

*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.**

## **Agnes Dei**

**All Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us peace.**

## **Giving of Communion**

*Before the Distribution the president says*

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**All Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

*The president and people receive communion. Everyone is very welcome to receive the bread and wine whether you've been baptised or confirmed. Please come forward at the direction of the Church Wardens. For reason of hygiene the Church of England does not allow intinction (dipping bread into the wine). If you don't feel able to take the wine from the common cup today please just receive the bread, which will be the full presence of Christ for you. Please come forward at the direction of the Church Wardens At the distribution of the bread and wine these words will be said*

The body of Christ keep you in eternal life  
The blood of Christ keep you in eternal life

The communicant replies **Amen**

After the choir anthem please join in with the singing of the hymn

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest  
hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest  
Lord we lift up your name,  
with our hearts full of praise  
Be exalted, O Lord my God  
Hosanna in the highest**

**Glory, glory, glory to the King of Kings  
Glory, glory, glory to the King of Kings  
Lord we lift up your name,  
with our hearts full of praise  
Be exalted, O Lord my God  
Glory to the King of Kings**

## **Prayer after Communion**

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**

**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**

**Hymn**

**Make way, make way,  
for Christ the King in splendour arrives;  
fling wide the gates  
and welcome him into your lives.**

*Make way, make way,  
for the King of kings;  
make way, make way,  
and let his kingdom in!*

**He comes the broken hearts to heal,  
the prisoners to free;  
the deaf shall hear, the lame shall dance  
the blind shall see.**

***Make way, make way,.....***

**And those who mourn with heavy hearts,  
who weep and sigh,  
with laughter, joy and royal crown  
he'll beautify.**

***Make way, make way,.....***

**We call you now to worship him  
as Lord of all,  
to have no gods before him  
their thrones must fall.**

***Make way, make way,  
for the King of kings;  
make way, make way,  
and let his kingdom in!***

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 of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you, and those whom you love and pray for, today and always.

**All Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

## **NOTICES**

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**REFRESHMENTS** everyone is welcome to the hall today to join us for refreshments.

**ELECTORAL ROLL** We are now reviewing our Electoral Roll to make sure it is up to date and everyone who is a member of the Parish, over 16 years of age and baptised is on the Roll. If you have never been

asked then there is a form to complete and returned to either the Electoral Roll Officer (Carol Jennings) or to Canon Sandra. Please do check on the list at the back of church to make sure that you are on the list. The Roll will be open until Easter Sunday.

**APCM** this is an important meeting in the Church's year when we look back at 2025 and forward. The meeting this year is Monday 20th April at 7.30pm at St John's Church Hall. Everyone is welcome.

At the APCM we will also be inviting people to come onto the PCC of the Parish. This is governing body of the Church and it is therefore important that we have representatives of the three churches. All three churches currently have vacancies so please do think and pray about whether you might serve the parish in this way. People serve for a term of 3 years.

**WEDNESDAY COFFEE** do join us from 10.00-12noon every Wednesday at St James's. Everyone is welcome.

**LAST WORDS OF LOVE** This year we are putting on this very moving act of worship tonight at St John's at 4pm. The choir have been practising very hard for this service so please do come and support our choir.

**EASTER GARDEN** At St John's we put our Easter Garden under the altar, this year we need some help putting this together. This needs to be done on Holy Saturday, usually in the morning but not necessarily. It would be great if a couple of people were able to help with this.

**HELP WITH THE EASTER EGG HUNT** As you know we put on an Easter Egg hunt after Sunday service on Easter Day. This is very popular and attracts many people from the community. We need some help this year in two ways. Firstly we need someone to help Julie Coles put up the posters around the village before the 10am service. Secondly, some help giving out sheets to people and then helping them to choose an Easter Egg. We close this at around 1pm so some help from 11.30am would be great. Please speak to Canon Sandra after this service.

**GOOD FRIDAY PILGRIMAGE** We will be putting on the Good Friday Pilgrimage at St John's again this year from 10.00am - 1.00pm. We do need people to steward this event, at least two people for every hour. There is a sign up sheet at the back of church if you are able to help in this way.

**GOOD FRIDAY LUNCH HELPERS** In order to put on the lunch we need some volunteers to help with this event, put up tables, serve lunch and clear away afterwards. There's a sign up sheet or let Sandra or Ruth know if you can help. We begin set up at around 11am.

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BAILDON (CTIB) – GOOD FRIDAY: WALKING THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

You are invited to gather outside St. Aidan's Church at 8.45am (for 9am) on Good Friday (3rd April). We are going to walk gently up Baildon Road, and Browgate, arriving at the Methodist Church around 10.15am. We will be carrying a large wooden cross and praying the stations at various locations along the route, including outside all churches which form CTiB. Refreshments and café worship at the Methodist Church from 10.15am. All are most welcome.

**EASTER DAY FLOWERS AT ST JOHN'S** Don't forget on Easter Day we bring our Christmas Cross alive again. Please bring small bunches of flowers to church to make sure this happens.

**CHOCOLATE HAMPER DRAW** Do get your tickets this morning for our Chocolate Hamper Draw. First prize is a luxury hamper, second prize is a £20 voucher kindly donated by Gather, with many other chocolate. Tickets cost £1 each or £5 for a book from any choir member. We will draw this on Easter Day after the service, tickets to be drawn by mystery guest - watch this space!!

**CHOCOLATE DONATIONS** We are hoping to out-sell last year's 500 Chocolate Hamper Draw tickets to raise valuable funds for the parish. We need prizes! Can you help us by donating Easter eggs, boxes of chocolates, chocolate treats or anything connected with chocolate? There are collection boxes in each church for your kind donations

**CONFIRMATION** Our Confirmation Service this year will be on Sunday 19th July at St John's Church in the afternoon. This is a Deanery Service so we will likely be joined by those across our deanery and beyond who wish to be confirmed. Please put this date in your diary as it would be lovely to come and support those in our parish making this amazing step on their Christian journey. This is for anyone, no matter how old, who wants to make this public declaration of faith. This is open to any young people who are Year 6 (and regular church attenders) or above. If you would like to consider this please speak to Canon Sandra or Rev Ruth.

**EVENT TO SUPPORT LOCAL CANCER CHARITY** Ladies, do you fancy some new clothes but have no room in your wardrobe? We are holding a 'Swishing Party' in St John's hall on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00pm to raise funds for Cancer Support Yorkshire, a small Bradford-based charity providing complementary therapy to support those undergoing treatment for cancer. Come along with up to three good quality items of women's clothing or accessories you no longer need and leave with the same number of items of your choice completely free of charge, and guilt-free knowing your unwanted items will be recycled. There will be light refreshments and we will be joined for a short, informative and entertaining presentation from the wonderful Breast Care team at St Luke's hospital. Tickets price £10 are available in advance from Sheila Matthews or, subject to availability, at the door. Contact: matthewssheila@hotmail.com Tel. 01274 925576. In the meantime, now is the time to sort out your wardrobe. Additionally, if you have a portable clothes rail you would be willing to lend, please get in touch.

**ATRIAL FIBRILLATION AND BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS - WEDNESDAY 8TH APRIL ST JAMES'S HUB 1130-1230.** Bradford District and Craven Health Care Partnership along with Bradford Council Neighbourhood Wardens and the Bingley Bubble Community Partnership teams will be offering the above checks. Just come along, no need to make an appointment, they are here to give advice and to signpost you in the right direction if required.

**DANCE WITH DEANA WEDNESDAY 15TH APRIL ST JAMES'S HUB 1200-1245.** Following the successful tester day in early March, the dance sessions will start on the above date and will be held weekly (except for the first Wednesday in the month). The sessions are aimed to help improve your balance, help with fall prevention, boost your overall health and fitness and generally give you more confidence in yourself. Easy to follow routines which can be done standing or seated, plus some sing along time to add fun to the occasion. No need to book, £4 per session, pay on the door.

## **HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES IN THE PARISH**

### **Palm Sunday 29th March**

4.00pm Last Words of Love at St John's

### **Tuesday 31st March at St John's**

7.30pm Sounds of Holy Week

### **Thursday 2nd April (Maundy Thursday) at St John's**

7.30pm Holy Communion including sharing a light supper together as we journey together to Gethsemane and the arrest of Jesus

### **Friday 3rd April (Good Friday) at St John's**

9.00am Walk of Witness from St Aidan's Church

10.00am- 1.00pm Good Friday Pilgrimage

2.00pm Last Hour at the Cross

### **Sunday 5th April (Easter Day)**

6.30am Dawn Service at St John's followed by breakfast

8.30am Easter Communion at St John's

9.30am Easter Communion at St Hugh's

10.00am Easter Communion at St John's with Sunday School followed by the Easter Egg Hunt

10.30am Easter Communion at St James's