Holy Week Services



Holy Week Reflection Monday, 6pm – 6.45pm Follow the story of Holy Week with scripture readings and prayer.



Holy Week Reflection Tuesday, 6pm – 6.45pm Our biblical readings will continue, with a focus on the Lenten story.



Holy Week Taizé Service Tuesday, 7pm – 7.45pm

A special service in the candle-lit church, with simple chants and silence.



Holy Week Reflection Wednesday, 6pm – 6.45pm

A refection with readings focusing on the events of the following days.



Maundy Thursday: Last Supper Thursday, 6pm – 6.45pm

An informal service of Holy Communion, just as Jesus did for his disciples.



Holy Week Meditation Thursday, 7pm – 8pm

Following the Last Supper, there will be a hour of silent meditation.



Good Friday: In Front of the Cross Friday, 12 noon – 1pm

The events of Good Friday will be told in readings, with silence and hymns.

AA Group: Open Meetings in the Church Centre in English on Tuesdays & Fridays at 6pm. Please call more information: 0690 41 98 95 or 0690 54 17

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St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church

Palm Sunday 25th March 2018

Dear Friends,

Today we join Jesus as he enters Jerusalem. He entered majestically, hearing cries from all the people: 'Hosanna in the highest!'

However, he did not just sit back and accept all this praise, as his sights were set on what he must do; his intentions were faithful to God, who sustains him – just as God can sustain us when difficult times are ahead.

As we will hear in the Gospel, soon the crowds will disperse, to be replaced by tormentors; the adulation will cease, and he will be faced with betrayal, humiliation, torture and death.

However for us as Christians, that is only half the story!

Do try to make it to one of the services during the forthcoming week ... it will help us all to prepare for, and to understand, the true message behind Holy Week and then Easter Sunday, when we will all celebrate together. With blessings,

Philip

Opening Hymn: All Glory, Lord and Honour

Refrain: 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.

3. The people of the Hebrews,
With palms before thee went;
Our prayer and praise and anthems,
Before thee we present. 2. The company of angels, Are praising thee on high; And mortals, joined with all the things, Created, make reply.

4. To thee, before thy passion,They sang their hymns of praise;To thee, now high exalted,Our melody we raise.

Today's Other Hymns

Gradual: Here I am Lord #235 **During Communion:** Break Bread; Kum Ba Yah #289 **Recessional:** The Lord of the Dance #228

The Gospel of the Passion according to Mark

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate.

Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered him, "You say so."

Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again, "Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you." But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed. Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them,

anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had

Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom.

Then he answered them, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again, "Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?"

They shouted back, "Crucify him!"

Pilate asked them, "Why, what evil has he done?"

But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him!"

So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him.

And they began saluting him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him. They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. **[Please stand]**

Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take. It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him.

The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left.

Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!"

In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah."

And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down."

Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said,

"Truly this man was God's Son!"

Palm Sunday by Christina Rossetti

I lift mine eyes, and see Thee, tender Lord, in pain upon the tree, Athirst for my sake and athirst for me.

"Yea, look upon Me there, Compassed with thorns and bleeding everywhere, For thy sake bearing all, and glad to bear."

I lift my heart to pray: Thou Who didst love me all that darkened day, Wilt Thou not love me to the end alway?

"Yea, thee My wandering sheep, Yea, thee My scarlet sinner slow to weep, Come to Me, I will love thee and will keep."

Yet am I racked with fear: Behold the unending outer darkness drear, Behold the gulf unbridgeable and near!

"Nay, fix thy heart, thine eyes, Thy hope upon My boundless sacrifice: Will I lose lightly one so dear-bought prize?"

Ah, Lord; it is not Thou, Thou that wilt fail; yet woe is me, for how Shall I endure who half am failing now?

"Nay, weld thy resolute will To Mine: glance not aside for good or ill: I love thee; trust Me still and love Me still."

Yet Thou Thyself hast said, When Thou shalt sift the living from the dead Some must depart shamed and uncomforted.

"Judge not before that day: Trust Me with all thy heart, even tho' I slay: Trust Me in love, trust on, love on, and pray."

2018 Worshippers Fund: We are an entirely self-funded Church and we are therefore dependent on the generosity and regular giving of our congregation – both resident and visitors alike.

As we did last year, we are asking our regular worshippers to consider making a contribution towards our annual expenses of the Church, which we expect will be higher in 2018 than in previous years given the extra burden following Hurricane Irma. We are suggesting a donation of \$250 per worshipper or \$500 per family to help us. In 2017 the Worshippers Fund raised over \$20,000. There are three ways to donate:

- 1. Send a check to the Friends (envelopes are available in the Church and the address is listed below)
- 2. Online via the Church website (see back page)
- 3. Directly to the Church (please see or contact Philip for details).

Methods 1 and 2 are donations to our US 501(3)c, which are tax deductible for US citizens.

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