



# St John the Evangelist

Scottish Episcopal Church, Jedburgh  
*A community of welcome in the Borders*

**13 April 2025**

**Palm Sunday**



**10.00 EUCHARIST**

*Celebrant: **Revd. Andi Hofbauer***

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## THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

### Welcome and Introduction

*We move to gather outside, but if you prefer please remain in church.*

### Greeting

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:

**And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

### Introduction

Dear friends in Christ, in our observance of Lent we have been preparing, by self-examination and spiritual discipline, to celebrate the mystery of our Lord's death and resurrection. In baptism we are marked with the cross of Christ. Today we begin the solemn celebration of our salvation through his death on the cross and his resurrection to glory. We now recall our Lord's entry as king into Jerusalem, to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us follow him, that, as we died with Christ in our Baptism, so we may share his risen life.

## **Collect**

Assist us mercifully with your help, Lord God of our salvation: that we may enter with joy into the celebration of those mighty acts whereby you give us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Gospel of the Palms:** Luke 19:28-40

*At announcement*    **Glory to Christ our Saviour**

*At end*                    **Praise to Christ our Lord**

**Blessing of the Palms** - *Palm crosses are held high*

Almighty and everlasting God, may these palms and branches be for us a sign of Christ's victory over sin and death; and may we who have been baptised in his name, worship him as king, obey him as Lord, and follow him in the way of the Cross, which leads to eternal life. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The Procession**

Almighty God, whose Son entered not into glory before he was crucified, may we, walking in the way of the cross, find it to be for us the way of life: through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Let us proceed in peace.

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

**Hymn 509**        All glory, laud and honour

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

2. 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 company of angels  
Are praising thee on high;  
And mortal men and all things  
created make reply ...

4. The people of the Hebrews  
With palms before thee went;  
Our praise and prayer and anthems  
Before thee we present ...

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

6. Thou didst accept their praises,  
Accept the prayers we bring,  
Who in all good delightest,  
Thou good and gracious King. ...

Collect

Almighty and ever-living God, in tender love for all our human race you sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take our flesh and suffer death upon a cruel cross. May we follow the example of his great humility and share the glory of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

1<sup>st</sup> reading: Isaiah 50:4 – 9a (p. 707, pew Bible)

2<sup>nd</sup> reading: Philippians 2:5 - 11 (p. 211, pew Bible)

**Hymn 511** Ride on, ride on in majesty

## **THE LITURGY OF THE PASSION**

*We sit for the reading of The Passion Gospel according to Luke (Luke 23.1-49)*

Silence is kept

Intercessions

Peace (page 6, blue service book)

**Hymn 79** The royal banners forward go

## **LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT**

*(page 7, then page 20, blue service book)*

***At Communion:*** *there is hand gel on the way to the altar rail for those who wish to handle the chalice themselves. Please do not intinct (dip your wafer in the wine).*

Prayer after We use prayer (c) on page 30:

Communion **“Loving God ...”**

**Hymn 84** It is a thing most wonderful

Blessing and Dismissal

***We pray especially today for***  
Grace Lancaster, Linda Grant, Elizabeth Bentley

## ***Dear Friends and people of God,***

The Palm Sunday service is intense: we celebrate the triumphal entry of Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a donkey to the shouts of 'Hosanna'. And then, then later in the service we have the reading of the Passion, the story which tells us of Jesus' final hours. Talk about a contrast of emotions in one service.

There was a big crowd in Jerusalem that day. Lots of people who didn't even know who Jesus was. It was at Passover time, when many Jews from far and wide would be there celebrating this special feast. And Jesus, knowing the mood of the city just before Passover, knowing the prophecies of how the Messiah would enter Jerusalem and knowing what would come later, rides into the city on a donkey with his disciples beside him.

And on this Palm Sunday the Spirit of God descended. 'Hosanna' they shouted 'Hosanna in the highest Heaven'. But Jesus knew what was to come on the following Friday. He knew that they would soon shout out 'Let him be crucified!'

And yet here we are today, the Sunday before that Friday. With our palm leaves and branches – singing praises to Jesus. But we also cheer with a heart heavy with the knowledge of what is to come.

Jesus knew that Judas would betray him, that Peter would deny him, that the disciples would abandon him and that the crowd would call for his death. He knew what was to come – and yet he ate and drank with Judas, he prayed with Peter, he called the disciples his friends. He knew and yet he taught in the marketplace and healed those who came to him.

Jesus knew - and we know. So today I would like you to have the image of a palm cross in your mind (and perhaps

in your hand if you read this as you wait for the service to start or read it again at home). Look at what you hold in your mind (and your hand): The palm cross of 'hosanna'! The palm cross of this 'day of acceptance' as our Lord knows the pain that is to come (and so do we). The palm cross which is an empty cross. A cross which signifies resurrection, a cross which indicates forgiveness and love and peace, a cross which promises life in all its fullness, for us and all creation.

So, Hosanna Jesus! Hosanna, blessed are you who have come in the name of the Lord to save and deliver your people. Blessed be your name – now and forevermore. Hosanna in the highest heaven.

***With my love and prayers as we enter Holy Week: Andi***

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*Our welcomers have the key to the front door.*

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*Christ's entry into Jerusalem – Ivory plaque (10<sup>th</sup> Century)*



## **Holy Week and Easter 2025 @ St John's Jedburgh**

### **Palm Sunday 13 April 2025**

10.00am Sung Eucharist with Blessing of Palms

### **Tuesday of Holy Week:**

10.00am Said Eucharist

### **Wednesday of Holy Week:**

11.30am Chrism Eucharist at St Mary's Cathedral,  
Edinburgh

### **Maundy Thursday 17 April 2025**

7.00pm Maundy Thursday Service with the Parish Church  
*Service held at Kenmore Hall*

### **Good Friday 18 April 2025**

12.30pm Walk of Witness  
2.00pm Holy Hour and Liturgy of Good Friday

### **Holy Saturday 19 April 2025**

7.00pm Easter Vigil

### **Easter Day 20 April 2025**

10.00am Easter Day Eucharist