KINGTON PARISHES



A FAMILY EUCHARIST FOR PALM SUNDAY YEAR B



THE GATHERING

THE GREETING

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

All: and also with you.

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 palms are blessed with this prayer

Please hold up palms or branches while this prayer is said

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 is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

Mark 11. 1-11

When Jesus and his disciples were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" just say this, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately." 'They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some

of the bystanders said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

THE COLLECT

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 forever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

READINGS

Philippians 2. 5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN: All glory laud and honour

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:

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

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

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

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

Thy sorrow and thy triumph grant us, O Christ, to share, that to the holy city together we may fare:

For homage may we bring thee our victory o'er the foe, that in the Conqueror's triumph this strain may ever flow:

GOSPEL READING

Hear the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. *All:* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Mark 15. 1-39 (Read From The Message)

This is the Passion of the Lord.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

We stand with Christ in his suffering.

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

All: 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.

All: 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.

All: 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.

All: Lord, have mercy.

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

All: Lord, have mercy.

For those who have the courage and honesty to work openly for justice and peace, let us pray to the Lord.

All: 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.

All: Lord, have mercy.

For those who, weighed down with hardship, failure, or sorrow, feel that God is far from them, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

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

All: Lord, have mercy.

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

All: Lord, have mercy.

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

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

THE PEACE

Once we were far off, but now in union with Christ Jesus we have 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.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

Jesus, true vine and bead 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 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.

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation; in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away you did not reject us, but came to meet us in your Son.

All: You embraced us as your children and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

All: He opened his arms of love upon the cross and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends he took bread, and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

All: Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his body is the bread of life.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.

All: Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his blood is shed for all.

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

All: As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.

With your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

All: Holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Standing at the foot of the cross, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

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

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

ALL: Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us. Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.

GIVING OF COMMUNION

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

We welcome anyone who is a communicating member of the Christian church to receive communion. We also welcome those who do not wish to receive communion, but would like to receive a special blessing. To indicate this, please bring this order of service with you.

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. **Amen**

BLESSING

May the Father, who so loved the world that he gave his only Son, bring you by faith to his eternal life. **Amen.**

May Christ, who accepted the cup of sacrifice in obedience to the Father's will, keep you steadfast as you walk with him the way of his cross. **Amen.**

May the Spirit, who strengthens us to suffer with Christ that we may share his glory, set your minds on life and peace. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

ALL: In the name of Christ. Amen.

HYMN: Ride on, ride on in majesty

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, your power and reign.

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Services next week, 4th April, Easter Day

8.30am	Holy Eucharist	Huntington
8.30am	Holy Eucharist	Kinnerton
* 10.00am	Holy Eucharist	Kington
10.00am	Holy Eucharist	Titley
6.00pm	Holy Eucharist	Old Radnor

For your prayers: Please pray for our Diocese of Hereford, our Bishop Richard, Derek our Archdeacon and Guy Wilkinson, Rural Dean. Please pray for Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui, The Diocese of Bari – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Kaduna Province), The Diocese of Baringo – The Anglican Church of Kenya, The Diocese of Barrackpore – The (united) Church of North India, The Diocese of Bath & Wells – The Church of England (Canterbury Province), The Diocese of Bathurst – The Anglican Church of Australia (New South Wales Province), The Diocese of Bauchi – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Jos Province). Porvoo: Church of Ireland: Diocese of Armagh; Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark: Diocese of Funen. Please pray for Beryl Gundy, Ann Aubrey, Heather Wilsher, Ruby Hughes, Howard Meadows, Barbara Hammond, Owen Traylor, all who have recently died & all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

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