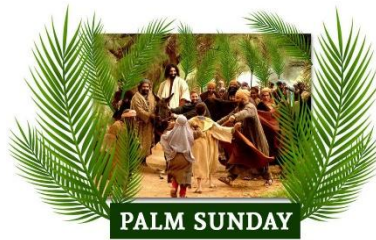




PALM SUNDAY- 13 APRIL 2025

ORDER OF SERVICE



A very warm welcome to everyone who has joined us for our worship service this morning.



PROCESSION

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**

Fr. Ray: Dear friends in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing by works of love and self-sacrifice for the celebration of our Lord's Paschal Mystery. Today we come together to begin this solemn celebration in union with the whole 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 that, united with him in his sufferings, we may share his risen life.

Blessing of the Palms

Eternal God bless these palms to our use: grant that we who have received them may ever hail as King, and love as Saviour your Son Jesus Christ

Revd Karen: A reading from the Gospel according to Luke

All: **Glory to Christ our Saviour**

Revd. Karen: Luke 19:28-40

Revd. Karen: This is the Gospel of Christ

All: **Praise to Christ our Lord**

Ds. Hennie: My brothers and sister, we have heard how the crowds who welcomed Christ to Jerusalem cut branches from the trees to do him honour. During the precession, let us hold up our palms/branches, and praise Christ our King and Saviour.

All: Let us go forth in peace
In the name of the Lord

IN THE CHURCH

INTROIT HYMN: MP 9 All glory, laud and honour

THE COLLECT

Let us pray

All: Eternal Father, your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ fulfilled your will by taking our nature and giving his life for us: help us to follow the example of his humility by walking in the way of the cross; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

ST. AUGUSTINE AND BRIXTON CHURCH PRAYER

All: Lord our God, thank you for calling St Augustine's and Brixton Church to be your churches in our city. Help us to welcome you in all people, to praise you in prayer and worship, to love you, through serving these congregations and community, to travel and grow in faith together, to be a community of love and service in our world through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PRAYER

All: God of grace and God of love, we thank you for these our children. Help them to focus their hearts and minds now on what they are about to learn. Inspire and guide our Sunday school teachers as they teach and lead these children in the way of your love and grace. Thank you for your faithfulness and loving kindness. Amen

THE WORD OF GOD

Sunday School: **FIRST READING:** Isaiah 50:4-9a

Ds Joe: **PSALM:** Psalm 31: 9-18

Have mercy upon me O Lord for I am in trouble:
my eye wastes away for grief
my throat also and my inward parts.

**For my life wears out in sorrow and my years with sighing:
my strength fails me in my affliction and my bones are consumed**

I am become the scorn of all my enemies:
and my neighbours wag their heads in derision.

**I am a thing of horror to my friends:
and those that see me in the street shrink from me.**

I am forgotten like a dead man out of mind:
I have become like a broken vessel.

**For I hear the whispering of many:
and fear is on every side;**

While they plot together against me:
and scheme to take away my life.

**But in you Lord have I put my trust:
I have said 'You are my God.'**

All my days are in your hand:
O deliver me from the power of my enemies and from my persecutors.

**Make your face to shine upon your servant:
And save me for your mercy's sake**

Amen

Margaret Halgryn: SECOND READING: (Afrikaans) Philippians 2:5-11

GRADUAL HYMN MP 102 Come thou long expected Jesus

Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art:
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.
Born thy people to deliver,
born a child, and yet a king,
born to reign in us for ever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit
raise us to thy glorious throne.

Parish Ministers: THE GOSPEL: Luke 22:14—23:56

All: THE NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God
the Father, the Almighty
maker of heaven and earth
Of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ
the only Son of God
eternally begotten of the Father
God from God, Light from Light
true God from true God
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord the giver of life
who proceeds from the Father and the Son
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Revd. Karen: SERMON

Charity: THE PRAYERS (APB p175)

THE PEACE

**Ds Hennie: The peace of the One who humbled himself and became obedient to
death – even death on a cross, be with you always (Philippians 2: 8)**

Peace be with you.

OFFERTORY HYMN: MP 580 Ride on ride on in majesty

DIE AANBIEDING VAN DIE OFFERGAWES

**Revd. Karen: Bron van alle lewe, die hemel en die aarde is U s'n, tog het U vir ons
heerskappy oor alle dinge gegee. Ontvang die vrugte van ons arbeid
wat in liefde geoffer word; in die naam van Jesus Christus onse Here.
Amen**

DIE ONTVANGS VAN DIE BROOD EN WYN

Ds Hennie: Here God van die hele skepping, geseënd is U. Deur U goedheid kan ons hierdie brood offer. Die aarde het dit opgelewe en mensehande het dit gebak. Dit word vir ons die brood van die lewe.

Geseënd is God vir ewig

Ds Joe: Here God van die hele skepping, geseënd is U. Deur U goedheid kan ons hierdie wyn offer. Dit is die vrug van die wynstok en die werk van mensehande. Dit word vir ons die beker van verlossing.

Geseënd is God vir ewig

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Fr. Ray: The Lord be with you
And also with you

Lift up your hearts
We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
It is right to give God thanks and praise

Ds Joe: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

Ds. Hennie: In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of the evil one, and banish the darkness of sin and death. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name:

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

Fr. Ray: Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, 'Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you.'
In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me.'

So we proclaim the mystery of faith

Christ has died

Christ is risen

Christ will come again.

Fr. Ray: Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we bring before you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your Holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours, Most High God with the Son and the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever. **Amen**

DIE HERE SE GEBED

Soos Christus ons geleer het sê on vrymoediglik

All: **Ons vader wat woon in die hemel, geheilig sy u Naam,
Laat u ryk kom, u wil geskied, soos in die hemel so ook op die aarde.
Gee ons vandag ons dag se brood en vergeef ons al ons skulde,
net soos ons vergewe die wat teen ons sondig.
Laat kom ons nie in die versoeking, maar verlos ons van die bose.
Want U is die ryk en die sterkte en die ere,
vir ewig en ewig, amen. Vir ewig en ewig, amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Fr. Ray: The bread which we break
is it not a sharing of the body of Christ?

All: **We, who are many, are one body
for all partake of the one bread.**

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

grant us your peace.

THE COMMUNION

All: We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord trusting in our own righteousness but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table but you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us.

Fr. Ray: Draw near and receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shared for you. Feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION HYMNS: SOF 53 Broken for me
SOF 51 Breathe on me breath of God

PRAYERS (Fr. Ray, Dominee Hennie, Ds. Joe, Revd. Karen)

CONCLUSION

Ds. Hennie: Give thanks to the Lord for the Lord is gracious.
The Lord's mercy endures forever

All: Father almighty we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out into the world in the power of the Holy Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

PRAYER FOR AFRICA

**All: God, bless Africa
 protect our children
 transform our leaders
 heal our communities
 restore our dignity
 and give us peace;
 for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen**

NOTICES

Fr. Ray **FINAL BLESSING**

RECESSIONAL HYMN: MP 649 The King of love my Shepherd is

DISMISSAL

Ds. Joe: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All: In the name of Christ. Amen.