

St. Thomas à Becket
Anglican Church Hamburg

Sunday 28th March 2021
Palm Sunday

A reminder that the clocks go forward this weekend, so you need to 'get up an hour earlier' on Sunday morning.

- **Service Details Sunday 21st March**

- 10.30 Liturgy for Palm Sunday, with blessing of Palms and Passion Gospel**

- Click here to join the congregation, from 10.15 onwards
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85272524481?pwd=S3o5cmhaZTZyVkJPNUlrZlVhSHphZz09>
Zoom Meeting ID: 852 7252 4481
Passcode: 198947

- **Notices and News**
- **The Week ahead**

This weekend we celebrate Palm Sunday, recalling our Lord's triumphal entry into the city of Jerusalem, and then in the second part of the liturgy, looking ahead to the coming events of Holy Week with a live and dramatized reading of the Passion Gospel.

Our main Sunday morning service will once again be on Zoom, starting at 10.30 (you can log on any time from 10.15 onwards) and using the link given at the top of this page. Please feel free to share the link with others you may know, who might also like to join the worship.

Now, ask anyone about Palm Sunday, and the one thing they will remember is that Jesus rode into Jerusalem on the back of a humble donkey. Accordingly, this week I've been out to record a short video for us, with a two year old donkey called Mabel. She will be part of our Palm Sunday service this year too, so please do tune in if you'd like to meet her.

Lastly, I invited you all to make your own 'palm' cross ahead of Sunday too, so please have yours ready and bring it to the service for blessing. And if you've not made one yet, there's still time – use paper, twigs, leaves, pretty much anything you like, and give free rein to your creativity; as you remember in tangible form, the sacrifice of our Lord and the means of our salvation.

All best wishes and every blessing under heaven. Revd Jules A. Barnes



Liturgy for Palm Sunday

Palm Gospel: John 12:12-16

The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord - the King of Israel!' ¹⁴Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written:¹⁵ 'Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!' ¹⁶His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him.

NT reading: Philippians 2:5-11

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with

God as something to be exploited,⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form,⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross.⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The dramatised Passion Gospel, based on Mark chapters 14 and 15 will also be read in the service.

The Collect 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.
Amen

Notices and News

Great to meet you at our first Zoom service together last week. Thank you to everyone who came along to join the congregation, and for being part of the joyous and prayerful atmosphere that held us together. I look forward to all our worship together over the coming weeks and months, and to welcoming more and more of you to the gatherings. The Zoom links will always be in this weekly sheet (send us your email address if we don't already have it – this is how we are distributing it), and it would be great if you could forward them to others you know personally, who might also like to join in. Thank you! And please see the details of our upcoming Holy Week and Easter services in the 'Week Ahead' section of this sheet...

STB Fundraising group. It was good to meet with this group during the week. It is relatively new, but as we all know, our church relies entirely on donations and the income we can generate from events. So, thinking about how we can remain financially viable for our future ministry and mission, is an essential part of our endeavours.

Wednesday Morning Prayer (Common Worship), coming soon. Every Wednesday at 08.30 on Zoom, starting from 7th April. Why not think about starting your morning with this short said service, of Scripture, quietness and prayer. It will last about 20 minutes and really sets you up for the day ahead. If you have any questions, do get in touch and I will try to answer them.

The week ahead

Services on Zoom: Holy Week and Easter

Thursday 1st April, Maundy Thursday, 19.00

The Lord's Supper and (optional) Watch
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87160578400?pwd=Z0ZSRjArdEhBQVNMeVhPVzhNNk5Xdz09>
Meeting ID: 871 6057 8400 Passcode: 535484

Friday 2nd April, Good Friday, 11.00

Liturgy of the Cross
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88122549470?pwd=K3pMRTIBbDdORi81NWJvUkpyd29RZz09>
Meeting ID: 881 2254 9470 Passcode: 511258

(Easter Saturday – no Evensong this week)

Sunday 4th April, Easter Day, 10.30

Easter Liturgy for Easter Day
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85272524481?pwd=S3o5cmhaZTZyVkJPNUIrZlVhSHphZz09>

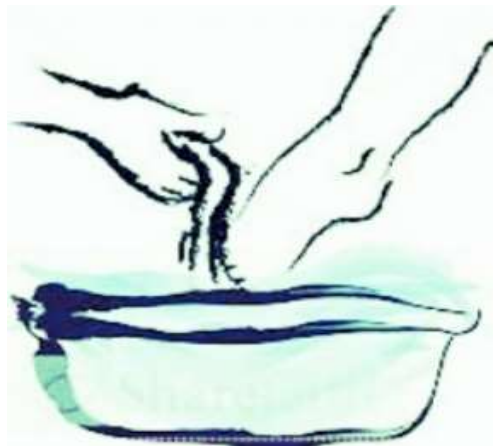
Further details of these services here:

Maundy Thursday 19.00

The Lord's Supper and (optional) Watch

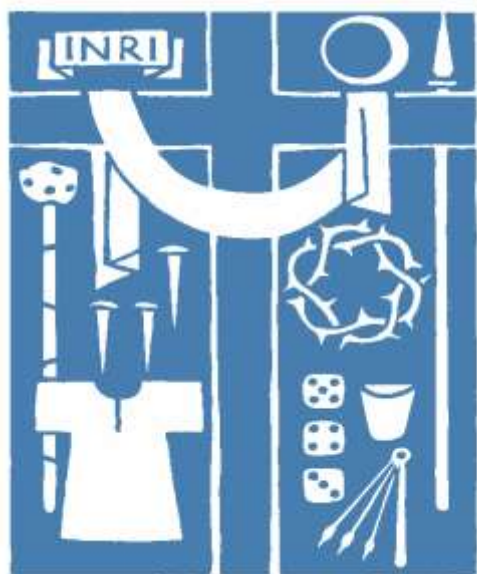
This will be our first celebration of the Eucharist together, as we recall Jesus' example of humble, loving service, and the institution of the Lord's Supper.

At the end of the service, and as we move into the Garden of Gethsemane, there is the option of taking part in the concluding 'watch' - keeping silence together in solidarity with our Lord. You can leave the Watch whenever you want.



Good Friday Liturgy of the Cross, 11.00

As we contemplate our Lord's last hours on the cross, this service is a combination of scripture, beautiful hymns, plainsong and silences. It also includes the 'Reproaches', the Adoration of the Cross and the Coventry Litany of reconciliation.



Easter Day, Sunday 4th April, 10.30
Service of Light, Renewing of Baptismal Vows and the Eucharist of Easter Day.

And a note about the Easter Day fanfare!
Please bring something with you to the 10.30 service that makes a really big noise for this (short) section of the liturgy: a football rattle, bells, a gong, a drum, klaxon, whatever you have. As we welcome back Christ in his glorious and miraculous Easter resurrection, the tradition is to make a huge, joyous and unfettered noise at the fanfare. And we all join in!



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