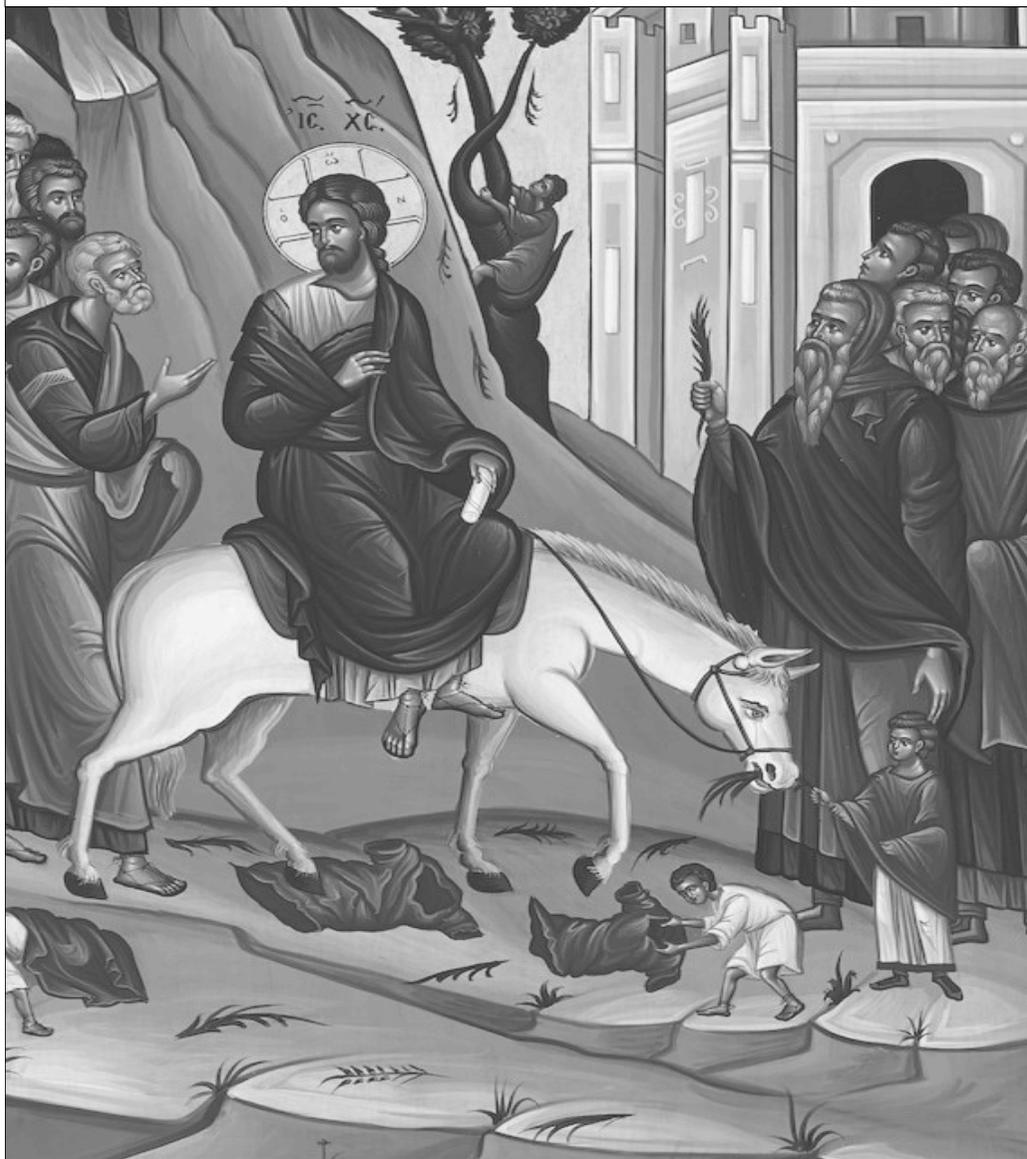


The Anglican Parish of
St MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS



Palm Sunday—Passion Sunday
29 March 2026

From the Vicar...

Dear friends,

Before we get to this Sunday just a few reminders as we enter into the busyness of Holy Week. Please do look at the notices. We are still looking for people for the foot washing at Maundy as well as the Watch on Maundy Thursday night. Sign-up sheets will be in church. Every Easter we have a working bee to make sure the church is looking pristine for our celebrations. This is taking place on Holy Saturday 4 April from 10am. It is usually about two hours. If you have any tools such as leaf blowers and rakes etc., please bring them with you. There will be polishing and cleaning in the church as well.

We now arrive at one of the holiest times in our calendar with the start of Holy Week. The liturgy that we will celebrate this Sunday consists of two interlinked parts. The first is the Liturgy of The Palms and then the Liturgy of The Passion. There is often some confusion about why we have both a commemoration of Palm Sunday and The Passion on the same day. Last year I referenced Father Bosco on his blog, which I will do again as he explains this well "Let's keep in mind the early church practice of a catechumen period (up to three years – Apostolic Tradition 2:17) of formation prior to baptism at the Easter Vigil. Lent was the final, intense run-up to Easter baptism companioned by the already-baptised faithful. The catechumenate decreased and the penitential, rather than baptismal, focus of Lent grew. The last two weeks of Lent became a period focusing on Christ's suffering ("Passiontide") complete with the veiling of cross and statues. This began on "Passion Sunday" (5th Sunday of Lent); Palm Sunday was the "Second Sunday in Passiontide"! The latter began with a Solemn Procession of Palms (with Matthew's Gospel version); the Mass itself proclaimed Matthew's Passion." The liturgical changes that took place in the Roman Catholic Church at Vatican 2 influenced many churches and the Liturgical Movement that accompanied it. This developed a stronger focus on Holy Week.

With this history in mind, the purpose of the Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord liturgy is to move us through a set of themes that prepares us to enter more deeply into Holy Week. The two Gospel readings present contrasting pictures of a day encompassing both triumph and tragedy. From the first Gospel reading, we see the joy of Jesus entering Jerusalem and getting an enthusiastic welcome from the crowds:

Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

These are words we continue to sing during the Eucharistic Prayer at every Mass. But the picture very soon changes to darkness, to suffering and death. In a way this very drama speaks to the situation we find ourselves in. The power of 'the crowd' can be seen in the polarisation of our societies and how quickly we turn on each other. Jesus' Passion reveals to us how we need more than ever his message of love and reconciliation.

We will be meeting in the Parish Hall at 9.45am for the start of the Liturgy of the Palms. For those who don't wish to join the Procession you can gather in the church as usual prior to 10am.

May we know God's presence and blessing as we enter this holiest of weeks.

Blessings,
Fr Jordan



Copies of the music for the mass setting and hymns are available from the Sides People.

Palm Sunday—Passion Sunday

29 March 2026

Celebrant 8.00 am: Fr Robert Jamieson
Celebrant 10.00 am: Fr Jordan Greatbatch **Organist:** Daniel Cooper
Sidespeople: Joy Coulter, Carol Fraser

Mass Setting: St Mary's Mass Anthony Caesar

Blessing of Palms, Procession and Solemn Mass The Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem

Ki te ingoa o te ✠ Matua, me te Tamaiti, me te Wairua Tapu. **Āmine.**
(In the name of the ✠ Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**)

The Lord be with you. **The Lord bless you.**

Prophetic Anthem: "The Children of the Hebrews" Plainsong

Dear friends in Christ, for five weeks of Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of our Lord's paschal mystery. Now we come together with the whole Church to begin this solemn celebration. Today Christ entered in triumph into his own city, to complete his work as our Messiah: to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us remember with devotion this entry which began his saving work, and follow him with a lively faith.
(The palms are distributed).

Let us Pray.

Almighty ever-living God, sanctify ✠ these branches and palms with your blessing, that we, who follow Christ the King in exultation, may reach the eternal Jerusalem through him. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**
(The palms are blessed with Holy Water).

The Lord be with you. **The Lord Bless you.**
A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew ✠ **Praise and Glory to God.**

Palm Gospel: Matthew 21:1-11 Fr Robert Jamieson
When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:
"Tell the daughter of Zion, look, your king is coming to you, humble and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

This is the Gospel of Christ. **Praise to Christ the Word.**

Praising Jesus our Messiah, let us go forth in peace. **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Process to the Church

Processional Hymn: 509

Refrain: All glory, laud and honour
To thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.

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

Thou art the King of Israel,
Thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest,
The King and blessed One... Refrain

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

The company of angels
Are praising thee on high,
And mortal men and all things
Created make reply...Refrain

Do thou direct our footsteps
Upon our earthly way,
And bring us by thy mercy
To heaven's eternal day...Refrain

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

Within that blessed City
Thy praises may we sing,
And ever raise hosannas
To our most loving King...Refrain

The procession stops outside the West door, and the following Anthem is sung.

Prophetic Anthem: "O Jerusalem"

Plainsong

The Priest knocks on the door of the church three times and the procession continues.

Entrance Hymn: 511

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hark, all the tribes hosanna cry,
Thy humble beast pursues his 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 wingèd squadrons of the sky
Look down with sad
and wondering eyes
To see the approaching sacrifice.

The Liturgy of the Passion

Collect:

Almighty and everlasting 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 in 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.**

First Reading: *(sit)* Isaiah 50: 4–9a

Richard Thompson

The servant of the Lord said: The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he awakens— awakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm: 31

R: My trust is in you, O Lord: I will be glad, and rejoice in your mercy.

In you Lord I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame. Deliver me in your righteousness. Incline your ear to me, come quickly to my rescue. **R.**

Be to me a rock of refuge a stronghold to keep me safe. You are to me a rock and a fortress. For your name's sake, lead me and guide me. **R.**

Release me from the net they have secretly laid for me for you O Lord are my strength but my trust is in you; O Lord you are my God, my fortunes are in your hands. **R.**

By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share
in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this wine to offer,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become our spiritual drink. **Blessed be God for ever.**

Offertory Hymn: 86

My song is love unknown,
My Saviour's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown,
That they might lovely be.
O, who am I,
That for my sake
My Lord should take
Frail flesh, and die?

Sometimes they strew his way,
And his sweet praises sing;
Resounding all the day
Hosannas to their King.
Then 'Crucify!'
Is all their breath,
And for his death
They thirst and cry.

He came from his blest throne,
Salvation to bestow:
But men made strange, and none
The longed-for Christ would know.
But O, my Friend,
My Friend indeed,
Who at my need
His life did spend!

They rise, and needs will have
My dear Lord made away;
A murderer they save,
The Prince of Life they slay.
Yet cheerful he
To suffering goes,
That he his foes
From thence might free.

Here might I stay and sing,
No story so divine;
Never was love, dear King,
Never was grief like thine!
This is my Friend,
In whose sweet praise
I all my days
Could gladly spend.

Pray, sisters and brothers,
that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty One.

**May the Lord receive the sacrifice at your hands,
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

Through the Passion of your Only Begotten Son, O Lord, may our reconciliation with you be near at hand, so that, though we do not merit it by our own deeds, yet by this sacrifice made once for all, we may feel already the effects of your mercy. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord is here.

God's Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to offer thanks and praise.

It is right indeed, it is our joy and our salvation, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise through Christ your only Son.

For, though innocent, he suffered willingly for sinners and accepted unjust condemnation to save the guilty. His Death has washed away our sins, and his Resurrection has purchased our justification.

Therefore with the faithful who rest in him, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing.....

(Sung)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

All glory and thanksgiving to you, holy Father. Send your Holy Spirit, that these gifts of bread and wine which we receive may be to us the body and blood of Christ, and that we, filled with the Spirit's grace and power, may be renewed for the service of your kingdom.

On the night before he died, your Son Jesus Christ took bread; when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup; when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them, and said: Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins; do this as often as you drink it, to remember me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

(Sung)

**Glory to you, Lord Christ: your death we show forth;
your resurrection we proclaim; your coming we await.
Amen! Come, Lord Jesus.**

Therefore, loving God, recalling your great goodness to us in Christ, his suffering and death, his resurrection and ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate our redemption with this bread of life and this cup of salvation. Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving which we offer through Christ, our great high priest.

United in Christ with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise:

(Sung)

**Blessing, honour and glory be yours,
here and everywhere, now and for ever. Amen.**

As Christ teaches us we pray: *(Sung)*

**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.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and for ever.
Amen.**

Eucharistic Ministers: Fr Peter Williams, Hugh Munro

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.

(Sung)

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us your peace.**

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

This is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Happy are we who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

All baptised Christians are welcome to receive Communion, leave your seat by the side aisle and come down the central aisle and form two lines according to which side you are seated. To receive the Sacrament please cup your hands and the Priest will place it on your palm. Gluten free wafers are available, please ask.

Communion Motet: Pueri Hebreorum Tomas Luis de Victoria

Communion Hymn: 269

The heavenly Word proceeding forth
Yet leaving not his Father's side,
And going to his work on earth,
Had reached at length life's eventide.

In birth man's fellow-man was he,
His meat while sitting at the board;
He died, our ransom to be,
He reigns to be our great reward.

By false disciple to be given
To foemen for his blood athirst,
Himself, the living bread from heaven,
He gave to his disciples first.

O saving Victim, opening wide
The gate of heaven to man below;
Our foes press hard on every side,
Thine aid supply, thy strength bestow.

In twofold form of sacrament,
He gave his flesh, he gave his blood,
That man, of soul and body blent,
Might wholly feed on mystic food.

All praise and thanks to thee ascend
For evermore, blest One in Three;
O grant us life that shall not end,
In our true native land with thee. Amen.

Prayer after Communion:

Nourished with these sacred gifts, we humbly beseech you, O Lord, that, just as through the death of your Son you have brought us to hope for what we believe, so by his Resurrection you may lead us to where you call. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Notices

Blessing:

May you find in the cross a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven.

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

The Mass is ended. Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.

Amen. We go in the name of Christ.

Final Hymn:

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We sing the praise of him who died,
Of him who died upon the Cross;
The sinner's hope let men deride,
For this we count the world but loss.

The Cross! it takes our guilt away;
It holds the fainting spirit up;
It cheers with hope the gloomy day,
And sweetens ev'ry bitter cup.

Inscribed upon the Cross we see
In shining letters, 'God is love';
He bears our sins upon the Tree;
He brings us mercy from above.

It makes the coward spirit brave,
And nerves the feeble arm for fight;
It takes its terror from the grave,
And gilds the bed of death with light;

The balm of life, the cure of woe,
The measure and the pledge of love,
The sinner's refuge here below,
The angels' theme in heaven above.

Organ Voluntary:

Prelude and Fugue in A minor

J Stanley

7.00 pm

Stations of the Cross
Motets and Readings for Passiontide

Please pray for...

The Sick:

Hilary Anderson, Margaret Wallis, Fr Geoff Paterson, Jo Burnside, Ann Jinman,
Terry & Betsy McKay.

Claire & John Preston, Lois Peters, Denis Coulter, Betty Mechen, Suzanne Keys,
Ghislaine Brewer-Quirke, Lesta Smithson, John Bertken, Peter Easterbrook, Anne Fenton,
David & Sandra, Philip Souter, Andrew Lawson, Ashley Forman.

Anniversaries: (Tues) Jean Troon (Wed) Mary Holderness

Health & Safety Regulations: In an emergency, use the closest exit and assemble in the drop-off zone.
In an earthquake, drop down and shelter behind or under a pew, covering your head.
Follow instructions.

NOTICES

THIS WEEK

Meditation Group—Wednesday 12.00 noon in the church. Contact: Therese Aitchison 0212516282.

Lent Study—Both study groups will return on 1 May 2025.

Pray the Rosary—Thursday 12.00 noon.

Sunday Lunch—Sunday 5 April 12.00 noon, Pegasus Arms. RSVP to Ros 0272428282 by Wednesday 1 April.

Inasmuch Basket—please continue to donate staple household groceries to support the work of the **City Mission**.

Foot washing and The Prayer Vigil— Sign up sheets are at the back of the church for Maundy Thursday Foot washing and for the Prayer Vigil.

Working Bee—There will a working bee at 10.00am on Saturday 4 April 2026 in readiness for Easter Sunday. Please come along if you can.

Flowers for the Floral Cross—Please bring in flowers for the Floral Cross on Easter Sunday. Volunteers required to help the children assemble the Cross. Please talk to Fr Jordan.

Rite of Reconciliation (Confession) - Fr Jordan and Fr Robert are available to offer the Rite of Reconciliation in the lead up to Easter. Please contact either to request a time.

Online Services

facebook.com/SMAAChristchurch

Sunday 10.00 am Solemn Mass

All readings are the NRSVUE version, unless otherwise stated.
Propers come from the Roman Catholic Missal 1998.
Liturgy taken from The New Zealand Prayer Book.

NEXT WEEK**EASTER DAY**

5 April 2026

8:00 am Mass **Celebrant:** Fr Robert Jamieson **Server:** Hugh Munro
10.00 am Mass **Celebrant:** Fr Jordan Greatbatch

Preacher: Fr Robert Jamieson

Servers: **SD:** Fr Peter Beck **MC:** Sung Bae
Th: Robert Calvert-Griffin **Cr:** Eyob Habte
Ac: Thomas Visakan, Georgia Caughey

First Reading: Brenda Withell Acts 10:34-43

Second Reading: Kate Churchill Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel: Fr Robert Jamieson John 20:1-18

Eucharist Ministers: Fr Peter Beck, Margaret Maclagan

Sides people: Joy Coulter, Maria Light

Intercessions: Johann Williams

Offertory: Gloria Moyle, Brenda Withell

Morning Tea: Carol Fraser, Pat Pilkington

Sacristan: Toni Stewart

Sacristy: Working Bee

Livestream: Hugh Munro

Flowers: Flower arranging team

Evensong Readers: Ros Calvert, Therese Aitchison

Evensong Server: Robert Calvert-Griffin

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**The Anglican Parish of
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HOLY WEEK SERVICES**

This Sunday	Palm Sunday - 29 March 2026
8.00 am	Low Mass
10.00 am	High Mass (9.45am gather in the Parish Hall for Liturgy of Palm Sunday procession to the church)
7.00 pm	Stations of the Cross
Monday	Monday in Holy Week
12.35 pm	Mass
Tuesday	Tuesday in Holy Week
12.35 pm	Mass
Wednesday	Wednesday in Holy Week
12.00 noon	Meditation Group
12.35 pm	Mass
Thursday	Maundy Thursday
12.00 noon	Rosary Group
7.00 pm	High Mass of the Last Supper, Foot washing, Procession to the Altar of Repose. The Prayer Vigil
Friday	Good Friday
12.00 noon	Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
Saturday	Holy Saturday
8.00 pm	Easter Vigil with Baptism Renewal of Baptismal Vows High Mass of the Resurrection
Next Sunday	Easter Day - 5 April 2026
8.00 am	Low Mass
10.00 am	High Mass
7.00 pm	Evensong and Benediction

