



**St. Michael and All Angels
Amersham on the Hill**



**HOLY EUCHARIST
PALM SUNDAY**

A warm welcome to this service

This booklet is designed for use on Palm Sunday and includes guidance notes. Do please ask a "Welcomer" if you need any further help.

The first part of this service commemorates, with the procession of palms, the triumphal entry of our Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday at the beginning of Holy Week. It is followed by the reading of The Passion Narrative, in which the whole story of Holy Week is anticipated with a rich complex of themes: humble Christian service expressed through Christ's washing of his disciples' feet, the institution of the Eucharist, the perfection of Christ's loving obedience through the agony of Gethsemane.

Commemoration of the Lord's entry into Jerusalem

Hymn

Please stand, if able.

During the hymn, the clergy carry the palms and the greenery brought by the congregation into the sanctuary, placing them in front of the altar.

The Greeting

President 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.
Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you.
All **and also with you.**

Introduction

Please remain standing, if able.

President Dear friends in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of Christ'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 stand with him in faith and love, so that, united with him in his sufferings, we may share his risen life.

The congregation hold up their palm crosses for this prayer and the sprinkling.

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.

All **Amen.**

The Palm Gospel

Deacon Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N*
All **Glorify to you, O Lord.**

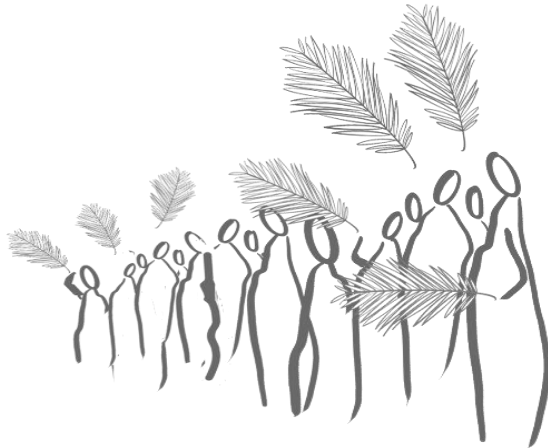
The Gospel is proclaimed.

All This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn of Praise

Please remain standing, if able.

President Let us stand, raising our palms high and waving them in praise of
Jesus our Messiah.



The Collect

Please remain standing, if able.

President 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 for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Please sit.

(Readings and Psalm on Notice Sheet)

Psalm

Choir – all sing responses.

Reading

For the word of the Lord

All

Thanks be to God.

Hymn

Please stand, if able.

The Passion Gospel

Please sit.



A time of silence for reflection

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Offertory Hymn

*The gifts of the people are gathered and presented.
The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.
The President takes the bread and wine.*

President Jesus, true vine and bread of life,
ever giving yourself that the world might live,
let us share your death and passion:
make us perfect in your love.

All **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer B

Please remain standing, if able.

All The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.

All Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

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

It is indeed right and just,
our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
For as the time of his passion and resurrection draws near
the whole world is called to acknowledge
his hidden majesty.

The power of the life-giving cross
reveals the judgement that has come upon the world
and the triumph of Christ crucified.

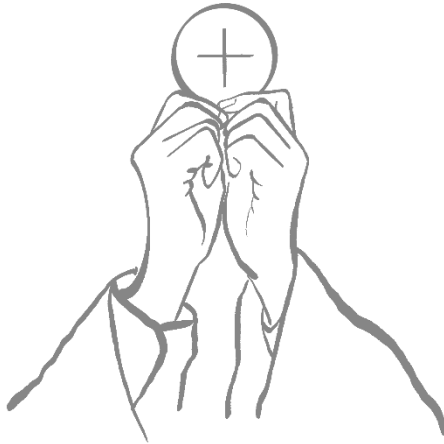
He is the victim who dies no more,
the Lamb once slain, who lives for ever,
our advocate in heaven to plead our cause,
exalting us there to join with angels and archangels,
for ever praising you and singing/saying:

All

**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.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.



In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:

Drink this, all of you;
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,
in remembrance of me.



Deacon
All

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:
**Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of St. Michael and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Please sit or kneel.

In our own language, let us pray for the forgiveness of our sins, as Jesus taught us:

All

**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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

President

Every time we eat this bread
and drink this cup,

All

**we proclaim the Lord's death
until he comes.**



Agnus Dei

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.**

or

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

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have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

Giving of Communion

President 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.

*All are welcome to receive communion or a blessing.
After receiving the bread and the wine please respond "Amen"
or, if you would like a blessing, please place your hands across
your chest.*

Post Communion Hymn

Please stand, if able.

Prayer after Communion

President 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 courage to follow you
and to proclaim you as Lord and King,
to the glory of God the Father.

All **Faithful God,
may we who share this banquet
glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
our salvation, life and hope,
who reigns as Lord now and for ever.
Amen.**



Notices and Banns

The Dismissal

Blessing

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

All

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.

All

Amen.

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

All

Amen.

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

All

Amen.

Deacon

Grant us the faith to know you and love you,
that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross.

All

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Recessional hymn verse

All sing

**Now let us from this table rise,
renewed in body, mind and soul,
with Christ we die and live again,
his selfless love has made us whole.**



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