

St German's Church

25 March 2018 - Palm Sunday (Lent VI)



Today we begin Holy Week with a celebration of the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. Much of this week is simply following the journey of Jesus on the last week of his earthly life. Today's worship begins with joy but ends in the great sadness and tragedy of his death. Yet Holy Week also has a transformation - Joy - Suffering and Passion - Grief - New Hope at Easter. Please journey with us as we accompany our Lord to the cross (and the empty tomb).

Parish Notes:

Palm Sunday - The special services of holy week begin this evening with Evensong and Benediction here in St German's at 7pm. Please join us.

Holy Week and the Triduum - The services this week are the most important of the year. The faithful are encouraged to attend if possible. If there are only some service you can make it is the Triduum services that have the most beauty, power and prominence. Poster and leaflets with service times are now available. Please take one.

Sick Visits - If you know of anyone who'd like home (or hospital) communion for Easter please contact Fr Phelim.

Cardiff Churches Nightshelter Thank you again to all who prayed for, supported and got involved. A special thank you to Peter, Hilary, Richard and Angela who helped each and every week. We look forward already (mostly) to opening again in December 2018.

Flowers for Easter - If you'd like to make a contribution to the cost of our Easter flowers please contact Angela Parry.

Rose Vestments - Thank you to Heather Shephard for her very generous gift of new rose coloured vestments for use during Advent III and Lent III.

Confirmation Classes - The next meeting will be this Thurs 19 April at 6:20pm in St Saviour's. This is also for those wanting to deepen their understanding of faith.

Lent Lunches - Thank you to Fr Malcolm for leading the talks each Friday and for all who supported and gave so generously to Christian Aid during our Lenten lunches.

Social Events - Parish lunch on Sun 8 April; Night at the Races & Bingo on Saturday 28 April at 7:15pm

Recently Departed: Terence Wheeler, John Vincent Brown *RIP*

Today's Hymns: 14 All glory laud and honour; 583 Ride on, ride on in majesty; 463 My song is love unknown; 32 And can it be

This week:

Mon 26:

7pm Sung Mass (St S)

Tues 27:

10am Mass (St S)

7pm Sung Mass with the Elizabeth Singers (St G)

Wed 28:

10am Mass (St G)

7pm Sung Mass (St S)

Holy Thur 29:

10 am Chrism Mass

(Llandaff Cathedral)

5:15pm Mass & Washing of the Feet (St S)

7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper & Washing of the Feet (St G)

Good Friday 30:

9:30am All Age (St S)

10am Stations (St G)

12pm Stations (St S)

3pm Gd Fri Liturgy (St G)

Holy Sat 31:

7:45pm The Easter Vigil (St G.)

Sun 1 April: Easter Sunday

St Saviour's:

6am The Dawn Vigil

9:30 Sung Mass;

St German's:

11:00 am Sung Mass

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READINGS THIS WEEK

Isa 50:4-7

Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20,
23-24

Phil 2:6-11

Mark 15:1-39

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Col 3:1-4

John 20:1-9

PSALM RESPONSE

My God, my God,
why have you
forsaken me? (4vv)

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 for ever.

FIRST READING

The First reading is from the prophet
Isaiah. .

The Lord has given me
a disciple's tongue. So that I may
know how to reply to the wearied
he provides me with speech.
Each morning he wakes me to hear,
to listen like a disciple. The Lord
has opened my ear. For my part, I
made no resistance, neither did I
turn away. I offered my back to
those who struck me,
my cheeks to those who tore at my
beard; I did not cover my face
against insult and spittle. The Lord
comes to my help, so that I am
untouched by the insults. So, too, I
set my face like flint; I know I shall
not be shamed.

This is the word of the Lord.

Isaiah 50

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*My God, my God, why have you
forsaken me?*

All who see me deride me.
They curl their lips, they toss their
heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save
him;
let him release him if this is his
friend.'

Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my
feet
I can count every one of my bones.

They divide my clothing among
them.
They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me!

I will tell of your name to my
brethren
and praise you where they are
assembled.
'You who fear the Lord give him
praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons.

Psalms 22

SECOND READING

The Second Reading is from Paul's
letter to the Philippians.

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus
did not cling to his equality with
God but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave
and became as men are; and being
as all men are, he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death, death on a
cross. But God raised him high
and gave him the name which is
above all other names so that all
beings in the heavens, on earth and

in the underworld, should bend the
knee at the name of Jesus and that
every tongue should acclaim Jesus
Christ as Lord, to the glory of God
the Father.

This is the word of the Lord.

Phil 2

THE PALM GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel
according to St Mark.

When they drew near to Jerusalem,
to Bethphage and Bethany, at the
Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of
his disciples, and said to them,
'Go into the village opposite you,
and immediately as you enter it
you will find a colt tied, on which no
one has ever sat; untie it and bring
it. If any one says to you, "Why are
you doing this?" say, "The Lord has
need of it and will send it back here
immediately.'"

And they went away, and found a
colt tied at the door out in the open
street; and they untied it. And those
who stood there said to them,
'What are you doing, untying the
colt?' And they told them what Jesus
had said; and they let them go.
And they brought the colt to Jesus,
and threw their garments on it; and
he sat upon it. And many spread
their garments on the road, and
others spread leafy branches which
they had cut from the fields.
And those who went before
and those who followed cried out,
'Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord! Blessed is
the kingdom of our father David that
is coming! Hosanna in the highest!

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Mark 11

***The Reading of the Passion will
be in multiple voices.***

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

Key: N. Narrator. ✠ Jesus. O. Other single speaker. C. Crowd, or more than one speaker.

N. First thing in the morning, the chief priests together with the elders and scribes – in short, the whole Sanhedrin – had their plan ready. They had Jesus bound and took him away and handed him over to Pilate.

Pilate questioned him:

O. Are you the king of the Jews?

N. He answered,

✠ It is you who say it.

N. And the chief priests brought many accusations against him. Pilate questioned him again:

O. Have you no reply at all? See how many accusations they are bringing against you!

N. But, to Pilate's amazement, Jesus made no further reply.

At festival time Pilate used to release a prisoner for them, anyone they asked for. Now a man called Barabbas was then in prison with the rioters who had committed murder during the uprising. When the crowd went up and began to ask Pilate the customary favour, Pilate answered them

O. Do you want me to release for you the king of the Jews?

N. For he realised it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed Jesus over. The chief priests, however, had incited the crowd to demand that he should release Barabbas for them instead. Then Pilate spoke again:

O. But in that case, what am I to do with the man you call king of the Jews?

N. They shouted back,

C. Crucify him!

N. Pilate asked them,

O. Why? What harm has he done?

N. But they shouted all the louder,

C. Crucify him!

N. So Pilate, anxious to placate the crowd, released Barabbas for them and, having ordered Jesus to be scourged, handed him over to be crucified.

The soldiers led him away to the inner part of the palace, that is, the Praetorium, and called the whole cohort together. They dressed him up in purple, twisted some thorns into a crown and put it on him. And they began saluting him,

C. Hail, king of the Jews!

N. They struck his head with a reed and spat on him; and they went down on their knees to do him homage. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the purple and dressed him in his own clothes.

They enlisted a passer-by, Simon of Cyrene, father of Alexander and Rufus, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross. They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha, which means the place of the skull.

They offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he refused it. Then they crucified him, and shared out his clothing, casting lots to decide what each should get. It was the third hour when they crucified him. The inscription giving the charge against him read: 'The King of the Jews.' And they crucified two robbers with him, one on his right and one on his left.

The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said,

C. Aha! So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself: come down from the cross!

N. The chief priests and the scribes mocked him among

themselves in the same way.

They said,

C. He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the king of Israel, come down from the cross now, for us to see it and believe.

N. Even those who were crucified with him taunted him.

When the sixth hour came there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice,

✠ Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?

N. which means, 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood by heard this, they said

C. Listen, he is calling on Elijah.

N. Someone ran and soaked a sponge in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it him to drink, saying:

O. Wait and see if Elijah will come to take him down.

N. But Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

All kneel and pause for a moment.

And the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The centurion, who was standing in front of him, had seen how he had died, and he said,

O. In truth this man was a son of God.