

# St Mary's Church, Walkley



**The Church on the Road:**  
*Inclusive, Eucharistic, a safe place to be with God*

## Palm Sunday

**10<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

### **Welcome to St Mary's Church, Walkley**

At the moment we are not quite back to our usual way of worship. You will notice that:

- Half the seating is still arranged for people who want to keep physical distance.
- We will be singing only a little – at the beginning and towards the end of the service, whilst wearing face-coverings.
- There won't be a Gospel procession. Instead, the president (the priest leading the service) will read the Gospel from the front of the altar.
- We won't be able to share the Peace in the usual way. Instead, we will stay in our places and wave, nod or bow to each other.

## The Gathering

*We stand.*

*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.

## The Greeting

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

*All* **and also with you.**

*President* Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing by works of love and self-sacrifice for the celebration of our Lord'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 go with him in faith and love, so that, united with him in his sufferings, we may share his risen life.

*President* 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: Luke 19. 28 - 40

*Minister* Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
*All* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Minister* After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.  
When Jesus had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, 'Go

into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this: "The Lord needs it." ' So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' They said, 'The Lord needs it.' Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

'Blessed is the king  
who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Peace in heaven,  
and glory in the highest heaven!'

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.' He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.'

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

*President* Let us go forth, praising Jesus our Messiah.

*We remain standing to sing a hymn, please remain masked.*

## **The Collect**

*President* Let us pray for a closer union with Christ in his suffering and in his glory.

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.

*All* **Amen.**

*We sit.*

## **The Reading: Isaiah 50. 4 - 9a**

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

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 wakens—  
wakens 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?

All of them will wear out like a garment;  
the moth will eat them up.

*Reader*  
*All*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*We remain seated as we read the narrative of Christ's passion together. Please join in with the text in bold, the parts of the Disciples, the Men, the Priests and Soldiers.*

## The Gospel Reading: John 12. 1 - 8

*Evangelist* Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.  
Christ humbled himself and became obedient unto death,  
even death on a cross.

Therefore God has highly exalted him  
and given him the name that is above every name.

*All* **Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

Philippians 2.8,9

*Evangelist* The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

When the hour came, Jesus took his place at the table, and the  
apostles with him. He said to them,

*Jesus* I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer;  
for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.

*Evangelist* Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said,

*Jesus* Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now  
on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God  
comes.

*Evangelist* Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he  
broke it and gave it to them, saying,

*Jesus* This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of  
me.

*Evangelist* And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying,

*Jesus* This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.  
But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the  
table. For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but  
woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!

*Evangelist* Then they began to ask one another which one of them it could be  
who would do this.

A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to  
be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them,

*Jesus* The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority  
over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the  
greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader  
like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table  
or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am  
among you as one who serves.

You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

*Evangelist* Jesus said to Simon Peter,

*Jesus* Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.

*Peter* Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!

*Jesus* I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me.

When I sent you out without a purse, bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?

*Disciples* **No, not a thing.**

*Jesus* But now, the one who has a purse must take it, and likewise a bag. And the one who has no sword must sell his cloak and buy one. For I tell you, this scripture must be fulfilled in me, 'And he was counted among the lawless'; and indeed what is written about me is being fulfilled.

*Disciples* **Lord, look, here are two swords.**

*Jesus* It is enough.

*Evangelist* He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he said to them,

*Jesus* Pray that you may not come into the time of trial.

*Evangelist* Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed,

*Jesus* Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done.

*Evangelist* Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground.

When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, and he said to them,

*Jesus* Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial.

*Evangelist* While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; but Jesus said to him,

*Jesus* Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?

*Evangelist* When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked,

*Disciples* **Lord, should we strike with the sword?**

*Evangelist* Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said,

*Jesus* No more of this!

*Evangelist* And he touched his ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him,

*Jesus* Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!

*Evangelist* Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house. But Peter was following at a distance. When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said,

*Servant-girl* This man also was with him.

*Evangelist* But he denied it:

*Peter* Woman, I do not know him.

*Evangelist* A little later someone else, on seeing him, said,

*Bystander 1* You also are one of them.

*Peter* Man, I am not!

*Evangelist* Then about an hour later yet another kept insisting,

*Bystander 2* Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean.

*Peter* Man, I do not know what you are talking about!

*Evangelist* At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, 'Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times.' And he went out and wept bitterly.

Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; they also blindfolded him and kept asking him,

*Men* **Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?**

*Evangelist* They kept heaping many other insults on him.

When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. They said,

*Priests* **If you are the Messiah, tell us.**

*Jesus* If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I question you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God.

*Priests* **Are you, then, the Son of God?**

*Jesus* You say that I am.

*Priests* **What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!**

*Evangelist* Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him.

*Priests* **We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.**

*Pilate* Are you the king of the Jews?

*Jesus* You say so.

*Pilate* I find no basis for an accusation against this man.

*Priests* **He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.**

*Evangelist* When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them,



*Pilate* You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him.

*Evangelist* Then they all shouted out together,

*Priests* **Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!**

*Evangelist* This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder. Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting,

*Priests* **Crucify, crucify him!**

*Evangelist* A third time he said to them,

*Pilate* Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.

*Evangelist* But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said,

*Jesus* Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us'; and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?

*Evangelist* Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said,

*Jesus* Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.

*Evangelist* And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him.

*Priests* **He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!**

*Evangelist* The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine.

*Soldiers* **If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!**

*Evangelist* There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him.

*Robber 1* Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!

*Evangelist* But the other rebuked him.

*Robber 2* Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

*Jesus* Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.

*Evangelist* It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said,

*Jesus* Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.

*Evangelist* Having said this, he breathed his last.

When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said,

*Centurion* Certainly this man was innocent.

*Evangelist* And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid.

It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments.

On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

*Evangelist* This is the Passion of the Lord.

*We keep silence.*

*We stand.*

## **The Creed**

*President* Let us declare our faith in God,

*All*        **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 from 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.**

*We sit or kneel.*

## **The Prayers of Intercession**

*Intercessor* let us pray to the Lord.  
*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

*All* **Holy God,  
holy and strong,  
holy and immortal,  
have mercy upon us.**

*We stand.*

## **The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

### **The Peace**

*President* Once we were far off,  
but now in union with Christ Jesus we have been brought near  
through the shedding of Christ's blood,  
for he is our peace.

*Ephesians 2.13,14*

*President* The peace of the Lord be always with you  
*All* **and also with you.**

*Minister* Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*We remain in our seats, sharing the peace through waves to those  
around us as the altar is prepared.*

## The Eucharistic Prayer

*President* The Lord is here.

*All* **His Spirit is with us.**

*President* Lift up your hearts.

*All* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*President* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All* **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*President* 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 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.**

*President* Accept our praises, heavenly Father,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
and as we follow his example and obey his command,  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us his body and his blood;  
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.

*All* **To you be glory and praise for ever**

*President* 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.

*All* **To you be glory and praise for ever**

*President* Therefore, heavenly Father,  
we remember his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross;  
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;  
we look for the coming of your kingdom,  
and with this bread and this cup  
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

*Minister* Jesus Christ is Lord:

*All* **Lord, by your cross and resurrection  
you have set us free.  
You are the Saviour of the world.**

*President* Accept through him, our great high priest,  
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,  
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts  
in the presence of your divine majesty,  
renew us by your Spirit,  
inspire us with your love  
and unite us in the body of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **To you be glory and praise for ever.**

*President* Through him, and with him, and in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty,  
in songs of everlasting praise:

*All* **Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

*We sit or kneel.*

## The Lord's Prayer

*President* Lord Jesus, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

*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.**

## The Giving of Communion

*President* Jesus is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

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

*All* **Most merciful Lord,  
your love compels us to come in.  
Our hands were unclean,  
our hearts were unprepared;  
we were not fit  
even to eat the crumbs from under your table.  
But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,  
and share your bread with sinners.  
So cleanse and feed us  
with the precious body and blood of your Son,  
that he may live in us and we in him;  
and that we, with the whole company of Christ,  
may sit and eat in your kingdom.  
Amen.**

*The president will give instructions on how to come forward for communion and on returning to our seats. All are welcome to come to front for the bread or a blessing. If you would like a blessing please keep your arms folded across your chest at you approach the front. Sanitising stations are available at the front of church to use before receiving.*

*During the distribution music may be played.*

## **The Prayer after Communion**

*President* Let us pray.

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

*All* **Amen.**

*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.**

*We stand.*



## The Blessing

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

*All* **Amen.**

*President* 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.**

*President* 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.**

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

*All* **Amen.**

*We sit to sing a hymn, please remain masked.*

## The Dismissal

*Minister* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*All* **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*Beginning with the back rows of pews and chairs, please leave using the church porch and move away as quickly as possible to help others to leave too. If you use the ramp, please use the hall door as usual, and move away as quickly as you can.*

***Coffee and tea are back! If you would like to stay for coffee and a chat, please move to the hall, find a place at a table and sit down. You will be served at your table.***

*Please be mindful of those who prefer to keep their distance from others at the moment.*

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## **Holy Week Services:**

### ***Maundy Thursday - 14<sup>th</sup> April at 7:30pm***

Maundy Thursday Eucharist of the Last Supper and Watch of the Passion.

### ***Good Friday - 15<sup>th</sup> April at 12:00-2:00pm***

Church open for private prayer and self-guided Stations of the Cross.

### ***Good Friday - 15<sup>th</sup> April at 2:00pm***

Good Friday service at the foot of the Cross.

### ***Easter Eve - 16<sup>th</sup> April at 7:30pm***

Easter Vigil and Service of Light.

### ***Easter Day - 17<sup>th</sup> April at 10:30am***

Easter Day Eucharist with Renewal of Baptismal vows.