

# St Mary's Church, Walkley



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

## **Palm Sunday Eucharist**

**29<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

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

**President: The Revd Canon Dr Alan Billings  
Team Warden: Janet**

## 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 friends 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: Matthew 21. 1 - 11

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

*Minister* 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 fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

'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.'

*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 hymn number 11 as we process into the church, please follow the server and cross.*

## **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: Philippians 2. 5 - 11**

A reading from the Letter to the Philippians.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,  
who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

*Reader* This is the word of the Lord.  
*All* **Thanks be to God.**

## **The Gradual Hymn**

*We stand and we sing.*

*We sit as we read the narrative of Christ's passion together. Please join in with the text in bold, the parts of the Disciples, Priests, Soldiers, Bystanders, Passers-by, Witnesses and Crowd.*

## **The Gospel Reading: Matthew 26. 14 - 27. 66**

*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.**

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

One of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said,

*Judas* What will you give me if I betray him to you?

*Evangelist* They paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus.

*Disciples* **Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?**

*Jesus* Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.'

*Evangelist* So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal.

When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; and while they were eating, he said,

*Jesus* Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.

*Evangelist* And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another,

*Disciples* **Surely not I, Lord?**

*Jesus* The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.

*Evangelist* Judas, who betrayed him, said,

*Judas* Surely not I, Rabbi?

*Jesus* You have said so.

*Evangelist* While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said,

*Jesus* Take, eat; this is my body.

*Evangelist* Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying,

*Jesus* Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.

*Evangelist* When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Then Jesus said to them,

*Jesus* You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee.

*Evangelist* Peter said to him,

*Peter* Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you.

*Jesus* Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.

*Peter* Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.

*Evangelist* And so said all the disciples.

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples,

*Jesus* Sit here while I go over there and pray.

*Evangelist* He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them,

*Jesus* I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.

*Evangelist* And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed,

*Jesus* My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want.

*Evangelist* Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter,

*Jesus* So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

*Evangelist* Again he went away for the second time and prayed,

*Jesus* My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.

*Evangelist* Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them,

*Jesus* Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.

*Evangelist* While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign:

*Judas* The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him.

*Evangelist* At once he came up to Jesus and said,,

*Judas* Greetings, Rabbi!

*Evangelist* and kissed him.

*Jesus* Friend, do what you are here to do.

*Evangelist* Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear.

*Jesus* Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?

*Evangelist* At that hour Jesus said to the crowds,

*Jesus* Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled.

*Evangelist* Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered. But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward.

*Witnesses* **This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.'**

*Evangelist* The high priest stood up and said,

*Caiaphas* Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?

*Evangelist* But Jesus was silent.

*Caiaphas* I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God.

*Jesus* You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.

*Evangelist* Then the high priest tore his clothes and said,

*Caiaphas* He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses?

You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your verdict?

*Priests* **He deserves death.**

*Evangelist* Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him.

*Priests* **Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?**

*Evangelist* Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said,

*Servant-girl 1* You also were with Jesus the Galilean.

*Evangelist* But he denied it before all of them,

*Peter* I do not know what you are talking about.

*Evangelist* When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders,

*Servant-girl 2* This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.

*Evangelist* Again he denied it with an oath,

*Peter* I do not know the man.

*Evangelist* After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter,

*Bystanders* **Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you.**

*Evangelist* Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath,

*Peter* I do not know the man!

*Evangelist* At that moment the cock crowed. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: 'Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.' And he went out and wept bitterly.

When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor.

When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders.

*Judas* I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.

*Priests* **What is that to us? See to it yourself.**

*Evangelist* Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself. But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said,

*Priests* **It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money.**

*Evangelist* After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter's field as a place to bury foreigners. For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah, 'And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price, and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me.'

*Evangelist* Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him,

*Pilate* Are you the King of the Jews?

*Jesus* You say so.

*Evangelist* But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him,

*Pilate* Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?

*Evangelist* But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them,

*Pilate* Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?

*Evangelist* For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgement seat, his wife sent word to him,

*Pilate's wife* Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.

*Evangelist* Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them,

*Pilate* Which of the two do you want me to release for you?

*Crowd* **Barabbas.**

*Pilate* Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?

*Crowd* **Let him be crucified!**

*Pilate* Why, what evil has he done?

*Crowd* (louder) **Let him be crucified!**

*Evangelist* So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd.

*Pilate* I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.

*Crowd* **His blood be on us and on our children!**

*Evangelist* So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him.

*Soldiers* **Hail, King of the Jews!**

*Evangelist* They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.'

Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads.

*Passers-by* **You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.**

*Evangelist* In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him.

*Priests* **He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.'**

*Evangelist* The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice,

*Jesus* Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?

*Evangelist* That is, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?'

When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

*Bystanders* **This man is calling for Elijah.**

*Evangelist* At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said,

*Bystanders* **Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.**

*Evangelist* Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.

At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said,

*Centurion* Truly this man was God's Son!

*Evangelist* Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him. Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock.

He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said,

*Priests* **Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise again.' Therefore command that the tomb be made secure until the third day; otherwise his disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people, 'He has been raised from the dead', and the last deception would be worse than the first.**

*Pilate* You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can.

*Evangelist* So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

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 exchange the peace through smiles, waves and handshakes  
with those around us, as you feel comfortable.*

### The Offertory Hymn

*We stand and we sing as the altar is prepared. If you would like to  
support St Mary's, donations can be made after the service at the  
back of church using the collection plate or contactless card giving  
station. If you would like to give regularly to St Mary's please speak  
to the Treasurer, or one of the Team Wardens.*

## 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 Agnus Dei may be said as the bread is broken.*

*All* **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 peace.**

## 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 and wine or a blessing. If you would like a blessing please keep your arms folded across your chest at you approach the front.*

*The president will dip the wafer in the wine before giving it to you. Gluten free wafers are available, please ask at the altar. During the distribution we sing and music is played.*

*Tune: Slane – Be thou my vision*

**Come, wounded Healer, your suff'rings reveal -  
the scars you accepted, our anguish to heal.  
Your wounds bring such comfort in body and soul  
to all who bear torment and yearn to be whole.**

**Come, hated Lover, and gather us near,  
your welcome, your teaching, your challenge to hear:  
where scorn and abuse cause rejection and pain,  
your loving acceptance makes hope live again!**

**Come, broken Victor, condemned to a cross -  
how great are the treasures we gain from your loss!  
Your willing agreement to share in our strife  
transforms our despair into fullness of life.**

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## **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.**

## **The Notices**

*We stand.*

## **The Blessing**

*President* May the Father,  
who so loved the world that he gave his only Son,  
bring us 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 us steadfast as we 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 our minds on life and peace.

*All* **Amen.**

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

*All* **Amen.**

## **The Closing Hymn**

*We remain standing and we sing during which we turn to face the back of church as the robed ministers process.*

## **The Dismissal**

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

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

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If you would like to provide feedback on this service please speak a member of the Worship Group, Kath, Catherine, Janet or David. You can also email us

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## **Holy Week Services:**

***Maundy Thursday – 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 7:30pm***

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

***Good Friday – 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 12:00-2:00pm***

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

***Good Friday – 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 2:00pm***

Good Friday service at the foot of the Cross.

***Easter Eve – 4<sup>th</sup> April at 7:30pm***

Easter Vigil and Service of Light.

***Easter Day – 5<sup>th</sup> April at 10:30am***

Easter Day Eucharist with Renewal of Baptismal vows.