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# St Michael and all Angels Church Cottingley

“Church without walls”

Palm Sunday

Sunday Lite Service

# Time to gather

***Leader***: we usually go to church to worship god with god’s people, but today we are being church here in this place.

***Everyone***: god is with us.

*Place the cross in the middle of your gathering.*

***Everyone***: god is with us.

*Place the bible in the middle of your gathering.*

***Everyone***: god is with us.

*Light the candle and place it in the middle of your gathering.*

***Everyone***: god is with us – father, son and holy spirit.

***Hymn.***

*Hosanna in the highest words on the screen. If you are watching the Facebook service this hymn may change.*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d7u0grU-cwI>

***A time to say sorry***

**Leader**: let us think about the times we forgot we are followers of jesus. The times we were unkind or hurtful, the times we did not care for the world or other people. When we say sorry to god, god promises to forgive us.

## **Sorry bins**

***You will need*** paper, pens and a bin

Write or draw something you are sorry for on a piece of paper. If you don't want to write it down, just hold the paper and imagine it. Say sorry to god and ask god to forgive you. Screw the paper up and put it in the bin to show that god has forgiven you and taken your sin away.

***Absolution***

# The Lord brings light to those in darkness, forgiveness to those who truly confess, and pardon to all who seek to follow Jesus. Rejoice that the steadfast love of the Lord endures forever and ever. In the name of Jesus the Christ, receive the love that never dies and never fails.

# Amen

# Bible reading

*Matthew 21:1-11*

***Leader***: for the word of the lord,

***Everyone***: thanks be to god.

# Responding to god’s word

PALM SUNDAY By John Fernley

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In the Spring of 1944 the whole of Paris turned out to welcome, cheer and applaud French President Petain and Prime Minister Pierre Laval. Six months later the same crowd welcomed the liberation from Nazi rule and the appearance of the Free French leader General de Gaulle. Shortly after, both Petain and Laval were sentenced to death.

On Palm Sunday Jesus was welcomed into Jerusalem with cheering crowds. Less than a week later they were calling for his death and pouring scorn on The Messiah, The King of the Jews.

How fickle the mob can be.

Jesus rode in triumph as the crowds laid palm branches before him to symbolise goodness and victory.

He rode a donkey to signify he was a King of Peace not War.

Jesus knew his suffering was nigh and wept for the city of Jerusalem and its inhabitants.

Palm Sunday signifies the beginning of Holy Week and the end of Lent.

Christ’s triumphal entry into Jerusalem is significant because it symbolises the beginning of the greatest triumph the world had ever experienced; the ultimate defeat of sin and death.

As it was foretold in Zechariah:- REJOICE GREATLY, O DAUGHTER ZION, SHOUT ALOUD, O DAUGHTER JERUSALEM. LO, YOUR KING COMES TO YOU; TRIUMPHANT & VICTORIOUS AND HUMBLE, RIDING ON A DONKEY.

*How might you think about what you have just read? You could:* Think what was your favourite part of that passage/story? I wonder which part surprised or

puzzled you? I wonder what it tells us about god. I wonder how it helps us to live as christians.

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# Time to pray By Judy Steel

**Intercessions 5 April 2020**

As we think about the events of the events of that first ‘Palm Sunday’ when the crowds greeted Jesus riding on a donkey, waving their palm branches and crying out ‘Hosanna, Hosanna, Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord, Hosanna,’ let us imagine we are walking up our streets in Cottingley (think about the street you live on and the surrounding area) waving our palm branches and singing our praises to Jesus--

Let us Pray

Gracious God, we know life is sometimes hard, sometimes very hard. But if we look around us, wonder is everywhere. Look at the birds, soaring in carefree flight, or jumping from branch to branch as they search for food; look at all the spring flowers nodding praise in the breeze and decorating our landscape with colour. See the lambs racing round the meadow, the trees waving green silk scarves, rolling tides and hanging skies – all creation praising You

* Help us to see happiness and joy as Your gift; to be uplifted by the signs of new life; to be smiling and glad in our Praise. Make worship our everyday habit, especially now, and our Praise an inspiration to those around us.
* As we go out on our walks for fresh air and see folk from a distance let’s infect them with our Smile and see how it lifts the spirits of them and ourselves
* Let’s pray for all those affected by the coronavirus, whether it be by the disease itself, or by the need for self isolation due to risks or loved ones being ill. During this time of Lockdown, we pray that no-one will feel all alone as none of us really are- take time to connect either online of via telephone. ‘Lord, pour out Your blessings of healing and hope and gives all the strength we need as we wait on You.’
* Let’s pray especially for our wonderful **NHS**- all the medical doctors, consultants, nurses, caregivers and all support staff who are working tirelessly, day and night to combat this disease. Lets support them anyway we can
* Let’s pray for everyone who has a loved one in residential or nursing care facility, who is unable to visit but needs to care from afar via telephone- give them an abundant portion of our grace. We especially pray for Ann and Steve, who are separated from Ann’s dad by many many miles.
* Let’s pray for William, Ann’s dad, who is in a nursing home in Devon, quite ill and in a lot of pain- we pray Lord that You would give him comfort and freedom from severe pain- give him rest and peace we pray
* Let us give thanks for our homes, safe havens in the midst of all that is happening around us. As we sit in them more than ever before, let’s pray for those that don’t have that simple luxury- like the people of India trying to get back to their villages and their families, for all refugees throughout the world, including Sudan, Royhinga and many many more. Give wisdom to governments, the UN and local partners as they support people with clean water, safe sanitation and trauma counselling
* Pray too for those who are persecuted for their faith, who will feel even more isolated than before. May they know an extra portion of the Grace that sustains us in all circumstances
* Let’s also pray for those whose livelihoods have been so affected by the closure of shops and businesses, who have lost their jobs- pray that the government’s help will get to those who need it the most very quickly.

Cast all your care upon Christ our Redeemer,

and trust in His promise to be by your side.

His love will uphold you, His arms will enfold you,

Let Him be your Saviour, your Shepherd and Guide.

Fret not nor fear, for whatever befalls you,

Remember for love of you Jesus was slain.

In dying for us, He shared all human sorrow

And bore on His shoulders the weight of your pain

Though life be fraught with all manners of sorrows

The stresses and strains that beset us each day.

Be firm in your faith for the Lord will be with you,

And be by your side as your strength and your stay

(*taken from Mothers Union prayer book ‘Dear Lord’ & written by Rev Dr John Davey)*

Blessed are those who.. walked and talked with Jesus; to whom He appeared, who heard and believed Him; whose hearts were opened; who spread the Gospel

What we see, we believe

**But when we have faith!**

**We rejoice even where we do not see.**



Hymn

Blessed be your name *words on the screen.*

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***Peace***

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**And also with you**

***Communion prayer***

Preparation of the Table

Blessed be God, who feeds the hungry, who raises the poor, who fills our praise.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

The Lord be with you

**and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Why is it right to give thanks and praise?

**Because God is love and does wonderful things.**

Lord of all life, you created the universe, where all living things reflect your glory. You give us this great and beautiful earth, to discover and to cherish. You give us happy times and things to celebrate. In these we taste your kingdom, a feast for all to share.

You made us all, each wonderfully different, to join with the angels and sing your praise:

**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.**

We thank you, loving Father, because you sent Jesus, your Son. He gave his life for us on the cross and shows us the way to live. Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

Why do we share this bread and wine?

**Because Jesus makes them signs of his love.**

On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen, Jesus took bread. He gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his disciples.

'This is my body', he said, given for you. Do this to remember me.

After they had eaten, he took the cup, gave thanks, and shared wine with his disciples. This is my blood, he said, poured out for you and for all people, to save them from their sins. Do this to remember me.

Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life. As you feed us with these gifts send your Holy Spirit,

and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Why do we follow Jesus Christ?

**Because he is God's saving love.**

Help us to love one another, and to work together for that day

when the whole world is fed, suffering is ended, and all creation is gathered in your loving arms. With all your saints we give you glory,

through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

**Lords Prayer**

**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 forever. Amen.**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many we are one body,**

**because we all share in one bread.**

**Prayer after Communion**

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.

# Blessing

***Leader***: may god keep us, may Christ shield us, may the spirit bring us healing and peace. May god the trinity keep us in light and grace today and forever.

***Everyone***: amen.

*You might sing a song or hymn to finish.*

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