

Palm Sunday and Holy Week Reflection

Jesus came into Jerusalem to the adulation of the crowds as their long-expected Messiah, and only a few days later was betrayed, put on trial, tortured and executed. We observe this quick switch from joy to sorrow, from happiness to pain, and sometimes it is our own.

During the Triduum this year (the 3 days of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday), I am going to try and address briefly how these liturgies speak into our current anxieties and uncertainties, how the themes of the Christian Gospel during this season enable us to live better in the contemporary world.

You are therefore invited to walk with Jesus in the process of Holy Week, and especially during the last days of his life, and thereby to reflect on our own lives individually and corporately.

Fr David



Holy Week will be via Zoom. The codes are given below.

Meeting ID: : 865 4011 2848 Passcode: 715747

Or dial by your location using the same codes as above.
0203 481 5240 0131 460 1196 0203 481 5237

NEXT SUNDAY 20.04.25 *Easter Day*

10.30am in the Church

READINGS: OT Acts 10: 34-43



NT 1 Corinthians 15: 19-26

GOSPEL Luke 24: 1-12

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St Thomas, Exeter

13th April 2025

Palm Sunday

10.30am in the Hall and then into the Church

Today

Sung Eucharist

Hymn Numbers

11 All glory, laud and honour

346 My song is love unknown

549 When I survey the wondrous cross

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

10am Mass and talk in Church

7pm Evening worship by Zoom

Tuesday 15th April

7.30pm House Group. 'The Best Evidence'
Acts 10: 39-43

Maundy Thursday 17th April

No St Thomas Tots

10.30-12noon Knit & Natter. 19 Maple Rd
Details from Jenny. 01392 498725

10.30am Chrism Mass at the Cathedral

7pm Holy Eucharist of the Last Supper.
Watch of the Passion

Good Friday 18th April

9.30am Morning Prayer

10.30am Stations of the Cross

2pm Good Friday Liturgy (Hot Cross Buns
in the Hall.

Holy Saturday 19th April

6pm Easter Rites. Followed by a bring and
share parish supper

Liturgy of the Palms

Luke 19: 28-40

After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he 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.

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. **Amen**

Isaiah 50: 4-9a

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teach-

er, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he awakens— awakens 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?

Philippians 2: 5-11

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.

Luke's Passion Gospel 22: 14-23: 56

Post 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. **Amen**

NOTICES

Holy Week Speaker We are very pleased to welcome Revd Katy Gough one of Exeter Prison's Chaplains as our speaker for the evenings of Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday for our Zoom service. Orders of service have been sent out by email and hard copies will be available on Sunday. Revd Katy is also coming on Tuesday morning so that you can meet her and hear her in person. Please consider these services as part of your Holy Week devotions.

We are going to start revising the **Year's Mind list** as it has become rather lengthy. We recognise that it is a sensitive matter and all those currently on this list from the year 2000 will be retained automatically. If you would like an older St Thomas name kept on this list please contact Ian or Fr David. Please note that if your relative or friend was a worshipper at Emmanuel or St Andrews, there are no dates with these names. So please speak to Ian or Fr David even if the date is 2000 onwards.

Electoral roll revision Every 6 years we are required to complete a full revision of the church electoral roll and this is due to take place at least 2 months before our APCM on 25 May. This is also a great time for any new members to be added. New and existing members will need to complete and return an application form to Carolyn Bryant, Ian Totterdell or a member of the clergy by 10 May at the latest. The new roll will be displayed on the noticeboard for 14 days prior to the APCM. Carolyn and Ian have copies of the application form available and if you need help or have any questions please speak to Carolyn after the service or on 07780 707183.

Cleaning the Church Volunteers are needed. Areas can be cleaned whenever it suits as long as there are at least two people. Speak to Ian.

Easter Flowers. If you would like to contribute towards the flowers in memory of a loved one, please speak to Mary Naish.

Spring edition of Noticing Nature Walk. Saturday 3rd May at 11.-1200. Meet at the Church Hall entrance. This will be a seasonal slow, mindful walk in our local green spaces. Will travel to Princes Gardens if Wisteria is in bloom.