



Service Sheet

24th March 2024 10.30am, St Mary's
Palm Sunday
A Long Obedience: Faith

Welcome to St Mary's Church! We are so glad you are here – whether you are in the church building or watching online. If you are here for the first time or visiting, please say hello (in the chat feature online, or to the service leader or a member of the welcome team in church). You can find out more about our church on our website (www.denhamparish.church) or Facebook page (facebook.com/denhamparish.church).
Christoph Lindner, Rector

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER *(From Psalm 118)*

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

His steadfast love endures forever!

This is the day that the LORD has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Blessed is the one who comes

in the name of the LORD.

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

his steadfast love endures forever!

HYMN

*All glory, laud, and honour
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.*

Thou art the King of Israel
thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest,
the King and Blessed One.

The people of the Hebrews
with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before thee we present.

To you before thy passion
they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted,
our melody we raise

Thou didst accept their praises,
accept the prayers we bring,
who all in good delightest,
thou good and gracious King!

SONG

Praise is rising, eyes are turning to You

We turn to You.

Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for You

We long for You.

'Cause when we see You

We find strength to face the day

In Your presence

All our fears are washed away,

washed away

Hosanna hosanna

You are the God who saves us

Worthy of all our praises

Hosanna hosanna

Come have Your way among us

We welcome You here Lord Jesus

Hear the sound of hearts returning to You

We turn to You.

In Your Kingdom broken lives are made new

You make us new

'Cause when we see You...

SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: The first commandment is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

CONFESSION

God of mercy, we acknowledge that we are all sinners. We turn from the wrong that we have thought and said and done, and are mindful of all that we have failed to do. For the sake of Jesus, who died for us, forgive us for all that is past, and help us to live each day in the light of Christ our Lord. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COLLECT

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. **Amen**

SONG

Faith as small as a mustard seed
will move mountains
Faith as small as a mustard seed will move
mountains by the power of God

Believe what Jesus said was true
Believe He meant it just for you
Wait and see what God will do
As you pray as you pray

Do da do da do da do da
Do da do da mountains
Do da do da do da do da
Do da do da mustard

(Children leave for Sunday Club)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST READING: Psalm 132

¹O Lord, remember in David's favour all the hardships he endured; ² how he swore to the Lord and vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob, ³ 'I will not enter my house or get into my bed; ⁴ I will not give sleep to my eyes or slumber to my eyelids, ⁵ until I find a place for the Lord, a dwelling-place for the Mighty One of Jacob.' ⁶ We heard of it in Ephrathah; we found it in the fields of Jaar. ⁷ 'Let us go to his dwelling-place; let us worship at his footstool.' ⁸ Rise up, O

Lord, and go to your resting-place, you and the ark of your might. ⁹ Let your priests be clothed with righteousness, and let your faithful shout for joy. ¹⁰ For your servant David's sake do not turn away the face of your anointed one. ¹¹ The Lord swore to David a sure oath from which he will not turn back: 'One of the sons of your body I will set on your throne. ¹² If your sons keep my covenant and my decrees that I shall teach them, their sons also, for evermore, shall sit on your throne.' ¹³ For the Lord has chosen Zion; he has desired it for his habitation: ¹⁴ 'This is my resting-place for ever; here I will reside, for I have desired it. ¹⁵ I will abundantly bless its provisions; I will satisfy its poor with bread. ¹⁶ Its priests I will clothe with salvation, and its faithful will shout for joy. ¹⁷ There I will cause a horn to sprout up for David; I have prepared a lamp for my anointed one. ¹⁸ His enemies I will clothe with disgrace, but on him, his crown will gleam.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING: Mark 11. 1-11

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

All: Glory to you, O Lord

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples ² and said to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³ If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" just say this, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately." ⁴ They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵ some of the bystanders said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' ⁶ They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷ Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸ Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹ Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

'Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! ¹⁰ Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!' ¹¹ Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

THE CREED

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.

PRAYERS

Merciful Father, **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you

OFFERTORY HYMN

Come and see, come and see
Come and see the King of love
See the purple robe
and crown of thorns He wears
Soldiers mock, rulers sneer
As He lifts the cruel cross:
Lone and friendless now,
He climbs towards the hill

*We worship at your feet
Where wrath and mercy meet
And a guilty world is washed
by love's pure stream.
For us He was made sin
Oh help me take it in
Deep wounds of love cry out 'Father forgive'
I worship I worship the Lamb who was slain*

Come and weep, come and mourn
For your sin that pierced Him there;
So much deeper than
the wounds of thorn and nail.
All our pride, all our greed,
All our fallenness and shame;
And the Lord has laid
the punishment on Him.

Man of heav'n, born to earth
To restore us to Your heav'n;
Here we bow in awe
beneath Your searching eyes.
From Your tears comes our joy,
From Your death our life shall spring;
By Your resurrection power
we shall rise.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Yours, Lord, is the greatness,
the power, the glory,
the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven
and on earth is yours.

**All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

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.

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy,
at all times and in all places
to give you thanks and praise,
holy Father, heavenly King,
almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

For he is your living Word; through him
you have created all things from the
beginning, and formed us in your own
image.

Through him you have freed us from the
slavery of sin, giving him to be born of a
woman and to die upon the cross; you
raised him from the dead and exalted him to
your right hand on high.

Through him you have sent upon us
your holy and life-giving Spirit,
and made us a people for your own
possession. Therefore with angels and
archangels, and with all the company of
heaven, we proclaim your great and
glorious name, for ever praising you and
saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and
might, heaven and earth are full of your
glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

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.

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.

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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

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. 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:

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

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. 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.**

GIVING OF COMMUNION

Please follow the directions of our sidesteam.

*Please return to your seat through the middle
aisle.*

*We take communion in both bread and wine.
Please feel under no compulsion to receive the
wine, though. If you require a gluten-free
wafer, please make this known to the minister
distributing communion.*

*If you'd like to receive a blessing, please keep
you hands at your sides as you come forward.*

*If you'd like to receive Holy Communion seated
in the pew, please let a member of our
sidesteam know.*

DURING HOLY COMMUNION:

An upper room did our Lord prepare
For those He loved until the end
And His disciple still gather there
To celebrate their risen friend

A lasting gift Jesus gave His own
To share His bread His loving cup
Whatever burdens may bow us down
He by His cross shall lift us up

And after supper He washed their feet
For service, too, is sacrament
In Him our joy shall be made complete
Sent out to serve as He was sent

No end there is! We depart in peace
He loves beyond our uttermost
In every room in our Father's house
He will be there as Lord and host

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding
us with the body and blood of your Son
Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you
our souls and bodies to be a living
sacrifice. Send us out in the power of
your Spirit to live and work to your
praise and glory. Amen.**

HYMN

Ride on, ride on in majesty!

Hark, all the tribes hosanna cry;
thy humble beast pursues his road
with palms and scattered garments strowed.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!

In lowly pomp ride on to die;

O Christ, thy triumphs now begin
o'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!

Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;
the Father, on his sapphire throne,
awaits his own anointed Son.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!

In lowly pomp ride on to die;
bow thy meek head to mortal pain,
then take, O God, thy pow'r and reign.

BLESSING

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

DIARY

TUES 26 MAR

11.45am Funeral of Joy Evans St Mary's

WEDS 27 MAR

4pm The Haven Bereavement drop-in.
St Mark's House.

THURS 28 MAR

7.30pm Maundy Thursday Service
St Mary's

FRI 29 MAR

10.30am An Hour at the Cross. St Mary's
2.30-3.30pm St Mary's open for quiet prayer.

SUN 31st MAR

9am Holy Communion
10am Big Easter Egg Hunt
10.30am Family Service



for teddy tombola. Please bring tombola items to church where we will collect them.

We need help on the day in various areas: set up and take down, sandwich makers, grand raffle stall, bottle tombola stall, children's activities and vestry teas. Please sign up at the back of church.

Please call or email the church office on 01895 832771 or office@denhamparish.church

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SUN 28 April, 10.30am: Sunday Worship

with *Annual Church Meeting (APCM)*

Please note: There will be no 9am

service so we can all come together.

MON 27 May: *Denham Village May Fayre*

SUN 8 September: *St Mary's Festival*

Let's pray together....

- For those suffering the consequences of war, natural disasters and oppression. We pray especially for the conflict in Israel and Gaza, and in Ukraine.
- For those who have lost loved ones especially the families and friends of Bishop Alan Wilson and of Joy Evans, Stella Sherer and Ronald Arbon.

Denham Fayre is back

Save the date:

Mon 27th May 2024.

We need help in the following areas before the Fayre: Cake bakers, donations for bottle tombola, unused gifts for tombola stall and teddies

Hosanna!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

RIDE ON, RIDE ON IN MAJESTY (see service sheet)



Glory, glory
Glory to the King of kings
Lord, we lift up Your name
With hearts full of praise
Be exalted oh Lord, my God
Glory to the King of kings

Glory, glory
Glory to the King of kings
Lord, we lift up Your name
With hearts full of praise
Be exalted oh Lord, my God
Hosanna in the highest

Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna, hosanna
Hosanna in the highest
HOSANNA, HOSANNA

Hosanna!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

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Palm Sunday Procession, page 1

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna!

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ - today we come together to begin the celebration of our Lord's death and resurrection. We celebrate the beginning of Holy Week together 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 in his risen life.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna!

READING FROM MARK 11 (see service sheet)

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
HOSANNA!

ALL GLORY, LAUD AND HONOUR (see service sheet)

MAKE WAY, MAKE WAY

For Christ the King in splendour arrives.
Fling wide the gates and welcome him into your lives.
Make way! Make way! For the King of kings!
Make way! Make way! And let his kingdom in!

He comes the broken hearts to heal, the prisoners to free.
The deaf shall hear, the lame shall dance, the blind shall see.

And those who mourn with heavy hearts, who weep and sigh;
With laughter, joy and royal crown he'll beautify.

We call you now to worship him as Lord of all.
To have no other gods but him: their thrones must fall!