

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption. As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray. **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.**

All 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.
All **Jesus, Lamb of God have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us. Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.**

Draw near with faith, receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

We receive communion or a blessing

After communion we pray:

All **Almighty God, 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.**

Notices

Hymn: 583 Ride on, ride on in majesty

Blessing

Lord Jesus, we tell your story
We follow in your footsteps.
Lead us into Holy Week

St Paul's Egham Hythe

Palm Sunday 2026

Greeting

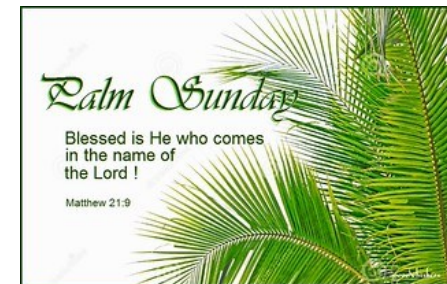
Min Hosanna to the Son of David
All **Hosanna! Hosanna!**
Min Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
All **Hosanna in the highest.**

Today we come together to begin this solemn celebration of our Lord's death and resurrection 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.

The people hold up palm crosses.

Almighty God, we pray you bless these branches and make them holy. Today we joyfully acclaim Jesus our Messiah and King. As we follow in his steps on this Palm Sunday, may we sense the joy, yet prepare ourselves to share the tears. Make us strong to follow Jesus, so that, within ourselves, we may know the peace that passes all understanding and the love that knows no limits. In the name of Jesus, our Saviour. **Amen.**



Reading: Matthew 21: 1-11

Let us go forth, praising our Messiah.

Hymn (we wave our palm crosses)

There's a man riding in on a donkey,
there's a man, and they say he's king!
And the palm leaves are waving a welcome
and the voices of the people sing:

*Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!
Sing hosanna to the King of kings!
Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!
Sing hosanna to the King!*

Why a king riding in on a donkey?
Why a king wearing no fine crown?
Where the drums? Where the
high-sounding cymbals
if a king is riding into town?

Sing hosanna . . .

Hear the voice of the King on a donkey!
Hear the joy of the news he brings!
He is Jesus, the Son of the Highest.
He is Jesus and the King of kings!

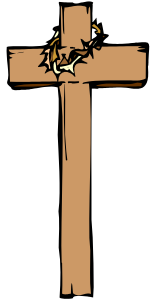
Sing hosanna . . .

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent you 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 forever. **Amen.**

The Passion Drama

*according to Matthew
(we sit)*



*Including these hymns
(we remain seated):*

*82 Bread of heaven on thee we feed
109 Come and see
463 My song is love unknown (verses
1,2,3,6)*

Confession

We lay before our king
all that we are
and all that we bring;
the good and the bad,
the riches and the poverty,
our strengths
and our weaknesses.

All: **We confess our sins in penitence and faith, for we are not a forsaken people. God will hear the cry of our hearts, and will have mercy upon us.**

Silence

God's face shines upon us.
God has given us light.

All: **We trust God to save us. Hosanna. God, our God, hear the cry of our hearts and save us. Amen.**

Absolution

May the Father forgive you by the death of his Son and strengthen you to live in the power of the Spirit all your days. **Amen.**

Prayers/Intercessions



The Peace

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.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Hymn: 87 Broken for me

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

All **His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Father, we give you thanks and praise through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word, through whom you have created all things; who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh; as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin, he lived on earth and went about among us; he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;

he put an end to death by dying for us; and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life; so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

And now we give you thanks because for our salvation he was obedient even to death on the cross. The tree of shame was made the tree of glory; and where life was lost, there life has been restored.

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:

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.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

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