



**Order of Service
for Palm Sunday
29 March 2026
10:00am**



**St Lawrence
with St Paul
Longridge**

**COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S
ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM**

At the school and in the church

*When the people are assembled a
Minister says*

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.

Clergy The Lord be with you
All **and also with you.**

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.

*The people hold up their palm crosses
while this prayer is said*

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 lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The GOSPEL READING

Matthew 21:1-11

Hear the Gospel of our lord Jesus
Christ according to Matthew

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹ As they approached Jerusalem and
came to Bethphage on the Mount of
Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying
to them, "Go to the village ahead of you,
and at once you will find a donkey tied
there, with her colt by her. Untie them
and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says
anything to you, say that the Lord needs
them, and he will send them right away."

⁴ This took place to fulfill what was
spoken through the prophet:

⁵ "Say to Daughter Zion,
'See, your king comes to you,
gentle and riding on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'"

⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. ⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on.

⁸ A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!”

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

“Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹⁰ When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?”

¹¹ The crowds answered,

“This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

At the end of the gospel reading

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

In The School

The Minister invites the people to proceed to the church.

Let us go in the name of the Lord praising Jesus our Messiah.

The processions proceeds to the church singing the hymn All Glory, Laud and Honour (see words on right).

In The Church

Music will play until the procession arrives and the hymn is announced

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.

All glory, ...

The company of angels
Are praising thee on high,
And mortal men and all things
Created make reply

All glory, ...

The people of the Hebrews
With palms before thee went:
Our praise and prayer and anthems
Before thee we present.

All glory,

To thee before thy Passion
They sang their hymns of praise:
To thee now high exalted
Our melody we raise.

All glory,

Thou didst accept their praises,
Accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest,
Thou good and gracious King.

All glory,

*When all are in their places in the church
the Minister continues the service says*

Children of God rejoice!
Sing out in celebration, God's people!
Your King is coming to you,
Humble, riding on a donkey,
On a donkey's foal.

Hosanna! Hosanna in the Highest!
Blessed is the one who comes in the
Lord's name
Glory to God! Hosanna in the Highest.

Members of the School Choir sing:

The Servant King

From heav'n you came, helpless babe,
Entered our world, your glory veiled;
Not to be served but to serve,
And give your life that we might live.

*This is our God, the Servant King,
He calls us now to follow him,
To bring our lives as a daily offering
Of worship to the Servant King.*

There in the garden of tears,
My heavy load he chose to bear;
His heart with sorrow was torn,
'Yet not my will but yours,' he said.

This is our God, the Servant King...

Come see his hands and his feet,
The scars that speak of sacrifice,
Hands that flung stars into space
To cruel nails surrendered.

This is our God, the Servant King...

So let us learn how to serve,
And in our lives enthrone him;
Each other's needs to prefer,
For it is Christ we're serving.

This is our God, the Servant King...

CONFESSION

Lord Jesus Christ, we recognise that your
life among us was one of sacrifice,
That you came to confront the hatred,
fear, violence and evil in us all.
That you seek to throw over the tables
of greed and injustice in us.

Forgive us when we resist your coming,
When we reject You and seek to silence
Your transforming and challenging
influence.

**Have mercy on us O God,
Do not cease to come to us and call us
to life.**

**Help us to embrace the way of the cross
And to live in the power of Your death-
defying love.**

For Jesus' sake.

Amen.

The COLLECT for PALM SUNDAY

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.**

God draws near to us through the
scriptures.

**We open our ears to hear,
We open our hearts to receive
the Word of Life. Amen**

Sit for

The BIBLE READING

Psalm 118.1-2,19-29

¹ Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his love endures forever.

² Let Israel say:

“His love endures forever.”

¹⁹ Open for me the gates of the righteous;
I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.

²⁰ This is the gate of the Lord
through which the righteous may enter.

²¹ I will give you thanks, for you answered me;
you have become my salvation.

²² The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;

²³ the Lord has done this,
and it is marvellous in our eyes.

²⁴ The Lord has done it this very day;
let us rejoice today and be glad.

²⁵ Lord, save us!

Lord, grant us success!

²⁶ Blessed is he who comes in the name of
the Lord.

From the house of the Lord we bless you.

²⁷ The Lord is God, and he has made his
light shine on us. With boughs in
hand, join in the festal procession up to
the horns of the altar.

²⁸ You are my God, and I will praise you;
you are my God, and I will exalt you.

²⁹ Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his love endures forever.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN

Ride on! ride on in majesty!

Hark! all the tribes Hosanna cry!
O Saviour meek, pursue thy road
With palms and scattered garments
stowed.

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!

The winged squadrons of the sky
Look down with sad and wondering eyes
To see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on! ride on in majesty!

The 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 power and reign.

H. H. Milman (1799 - 1868)

Please sit for a talk

The INTERCESSIONS

O Lord our God,
We bring to you the needs of our world,
Broken by division and suspicion,
by hatred and war.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We bring before you the needs of our
land and nation,
The hungry and homeless,
The wounded and the despairing

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We pray for those who are sick and suffering,
Those in our church
Those in our hearts.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We bring you our own needs and the needs of family
Seeking your peace and healing,
Your wisdom and protection.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We pray for those who have recently died and all who mourn,
That Your love will welcome the departed and comfort those who grieve.

**Merciful Father,
Accept these prayers in the name of your son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and King. Amen.**

Stand for The PEACE

The Prince of Peace fill you with God's peace, his presence and his power.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
and also with you

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory HYMN

It is a thing most wonderful

Almost too wonderful to be,
That God's own Son should come from heaven,
And die to save a child like me.

And yet I know that it is true:
He chose a poor and humble lot,
And wept and toiled and mourned and died
For love of those who loved him not.

I cannot tell how he could love
A child so weak and full of sin;
His love must be most wonderful,
If he could die my love to win.

I sometimes think about the Cross,
And shut my eyes, and try to see
The cruel nails and crown of thorns,
And Jesus crucified for me.

But even could I see him die,
I could but see a little part
Of that great love which, like a fire,
Is always burning in his heart.

It is most wonderful to know
His love for me so free and sure;
But 'tis more wonderful to see
My love for him so faint and poor.

And yet I want to love thee, Lord!
O light the flame within my heart,
And I will love thee more and more,
Until I see thee as thou art.

Bishop W Walsham How

The EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you
All and also with you.

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.

Let us open the gates of our hearts
That the Sovereign King of Glory may come in.

Let us lift our voices
**God deserves all honour and blessing.
It is our privilege and joy to exalt the Lord in every place and every moment.**

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 your love,
even when things go wrong.
Jesus knew hurt and pain.
Through him you wipe away our tears,
and fill us with your peace.

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

**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.**

The Lord Jesus, on the eve of his death,
Shared a meal with His followers.
Taking the bread, He gave thanks,
blessed and broke it
He offered it to them with these words.
This is my body, broken for you
Remember me whenever you eat it.

After the meal, taking the cup of wine,
He gave thanks, blessed and offered
it to them with these words.
This is my blood, poured out for you
Remember me whenever you drink it.

And so now O Lord,
We eat and drink in memory of Jesus
and his great love,
And in this simple meal of bread and
wine,
We proclaim his death and resurrection
giving life to God's people.

Please sit or kneel

As our Saviour taught us,
we are bold to 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.**

Every time we eat this bread
and drink this cup:
**we proclaim the Lord's death
until he comes**

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away
the sins of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his
supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be
healed.**

*The Choir sing the Agnus Dei after which
the choir then the congregation receive
the Holy Communion.*

*The Choir sing during
Holy Communion*

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.

**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 Children share what they've been
doing and then we stand to sing the
Final HYMN*

When I survey the wondrous Cross

On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
Save in the Cross of Christ my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his Blood.

See from his head, his hands, his feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

His dying crimson, like a robe,
Spreads o'er his body on the tree;
Then am I dead to all the globe,
And all the globe is dead to me.

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

Isaac Watts (1674 - 1748)

The BLESSING

May God, whose arms were spread on
the cross to embrace the whole world,
help us this week to take up the cross
and follow him. And may the Blessing of
God almighty. **Amen.**

Deacon

Hosanna to the Son of David
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
**Blessed are the ones who come and go
in the name of Christ. Amen**

Organ Voluntary:

Fantasia super: Valet will ich dir geben
BWV 735 by J.S. Bach

GOOD FRIDAY WALK — The walk starts from St. Paul's Church at 1.45pm.

For those wishing to have the meal in
the Centenary Room after the walk you
are asked to put your name on the list
which is at the back of both churches. If
you are not intending walking but would
like to come for tea, (at approximately
3.45pm) you would be most welcome
but again please sign the form so that
we know the numbers to cater for.

Cost of refreshments – Adults £6.

Children £3 payable on the day.

**Easter Services at
St. Lawrence with St. Paul's**

29th March, 4.30pm (St Paul's Church)
Messy Church Palm Sunday Service

29th March, 6.3pm (St Lawrence Church)
Palm Sunday Evensong Service.

30th March, 7.30pm (St Paul's Church)
Monday Compline

31st March, 7.30pm (St Paul's Church)
Tuesday Compline

*1st April, 7.30pm (St. Wilfrid's Church,
Ribchester).*

**Eucharist with Passiontide hymns
Bishop Rowan Williams (former Arch
Bishop of Canterbury) will preach.**

2nd April, 7.30pm (St Paul's Church)
Maundy Thursday Service followed
by 'The Watch'. Compline then follows
Afterwards.

3rd April, 10am (St Paul's Church)
All Together Good Friday Service.

3rd April, 1.45pm
Good Friday Walk. Leaving from
St Paul's Church.

5th April, 8am (St Lawrence Church)
Easter Morning Holy Communion

5th April, 10am (St Paul's Church)
**All Together Easter Day Holy
Communion with Baptisms Service**

5th April, 6.30pm (St Lawrence Church)
Easter Songs of Praise.

Those Departed - Rest In Peace

Elsie Simpson
Peter Kilgariff



Organ Experience:

Join us at St. Paul's Church, Longridge,
PR3 3WA on 22nd March 1pm - 3pm, or
19th April 1pm - 2pm
(recital at 2.30pm) to try the
'King of Instruments'
and see inside the organ.
Although this is a free event, please
RSVP with kauorganist@gmail.com
to register your interest

New Foundation Governor Required

For Longridge Church of England
Primary School.

See Rev. Mike Barton for more details

There are baskets in
both churches for donations
towards the cost of Easter Flowers

"Crafty Cafe"

The next meeting is
tomorrow

Monday 30th March

1:30 - 3.30pm in
St. Pauls Church Centenary room



St Lawrence
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See Above Left for details of
ALL next week's Holy Week Services
at both St. Lawrence and St. Paul's Churches